

Theatres

There's nothing like seeing a live show: the anticipation, the atmosphere, the connection with the performer. The Central and Brook theatres provide an exciting programme of performances this season.



Thu, 2 Feb, 7.30pm

The Soldiers

The Soldiers created history by being the first group of serving soldiers to hit the British pop charts. Their two top 10 albums, *Coming Home* and *Letters Home*, have helped raise more than £500,000 for army charities.

Tickets: Band – A: £21.50, Band – B: £20

The Central Theatre



FOLK at The Brook

Sun, 5 Feb, 8pm

Jackie Oates with Karen Tweed

Jackie Oates is winner of two BBC Folk Awards and was shortlisted for the fRoots Critics Poll Album 2009. Karen Tweed's playing is known for being mercurial, subtle, lyrical and expressive. 'Oates has a clear voice that is at once traditional and modern' Q Tickets: £10, folk mailing list members £9

The Brook Theatre



Medway Comedy Club

Mon, 6 Feb, 8pm

Terry Alderton

As seen on BBC3's *Edinburgh Gala*, *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow*, and more. Terry is back with a brand new show - his popularity grows day by day. Tickets: £12, comedy club members £11

The Brook Theatre



JAZZ at The Brook

Tue, 7 Feb, 8pm

Janette Mason Trio

Inspiring keyboard player and improviser Janette Mason and her Trio perform original pieces and re-invented standards. Janette's wild imagination and polished piano skills at their best. Tickets: £11, jazz mailing list £10

The Brook Theatre



February break family films

Fri, 10 to Thu, 16 Feb, (except Sun, 12)

Please visit www.medwayticketslive.co.uk for details.

The Central Theatre





Sun, 12 Feb, 7.30pm

Omid Djalili — Tour of Duty

Multi award winning stand-up, television and movie star, Omid Djalili is back on tour with his brand new comedy show.

Tickets: Band – A: £19, Band – B: £18

The Central Theatre



Thu, 16 – Sat, 18 Feb, 7pm (2pm matinee showing on 17 and 18)

Treasure Island

The Gillingham Dramatic Society is proud to present its February break pantomime, *Treasure Island*. Written by Alan Frayne, this swash-buckling production has something for all of the family to enjoy. Tickets: £7

The Brook Theatre

Community hire



Thu, 23 Feb, 8pm

The Singing Loins

Snarling, caustic wit and heart-rending acoustic ballads to mesmerising effect. Expect performances from their next album and old songs done with a twist. Tickets: £10, folk mailing list members £9

The Brook Theatre

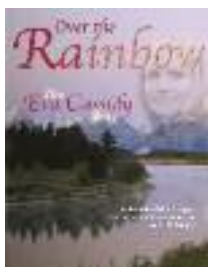


Fri, 24 Feb, 7.30pm

Joe Brown in concert

Packed with timeless classics, rockabilly, gospel, country, folk, and rock 'n' roll, all interwoven with Joe's effervescent delivery and humorous reminiscences. Tickets: Band – A: £22, Band – B: £20

The Central Theatre



Sat, 25 Feb, 7.30pm

Over the Rainbow – The Eva Cassidy Story

Starring: Sarah Jane Buckley (*Hollyoaks*), Maureen Nolan, and Rob McVeigh (BBC's *Any Dream Will Do*)

A compelling award-winning musical, which tells the life story of this legendary artist through dramatic scenes and stunning live renditions of her music. Tickets: Band – A: £19, Band – B: £17.50

The Central Theatre



Sun, 26 Feb, 7pm

Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra

Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra present an evening of funky big band jazz with added sax appeal from Dash Nash, front line sax with Jools Holland Rhythm and Blues Orchestra. Tickets: £12, senior citizen £10, students £5

The Brook Theatre

Community hire

Thu, 1 Mar, 7.30pm

Chris Addison – The Time is Now, Again

Fresh from *The Thick of It*, *Mock The Week*, *Have I Got News For You* and his sell-out 2010 tour, Chris Addison, the man who put the 'Chris Addison' into, "I see Chris Addison is touring again," is touring again. He's written a brand new show, *The Time Is Now, Again*, specifically for The Central Theatre. And about 40 others, but the point still stands. Top class stand-up from one of the classiest, toppest stand-ups around. "Exquisite, super-smart solo show...gloriously funny" **Time Out**
Tickets: £20



The Central Theatre



Sat, 3 Mar, 7.30pm

City of Rochester Sinfonia Orchestra

Tasmin Waley Cohen will conjure up nostalgia for peaceful English countryside and blue skies, and Elgar's musical enigma finishes the evening splendidly with heart-warming grandeur and panache. Also featuring pieces from Vaughan Williams, Tippett, Delius and Finzi.

Tickets: Band – A: £15, Band – B: £12. Concessions available

The Central Theatre

Community hire

SCREEN CLASSICS
Must-see cinema
at the Central



Mon, 5 Mar, 7.30pm

The Philadelphia Story (1940, U)

Socialite Tracy Lord (Katharine Hepburn) divorces husband C K Dexter Haven (Carey Grant) and is about to marry new flame George Kittredge (John Howard). Will the wedding happen? Tickets: £6, or £5 if you book online. Students £3.50

The Central Theatre



Medway Comedy Club



Mon, 5 Mar, 8pm

Lee Hurst – Man v Woman

Lee Hurst (best known as one of the stars of BBC 1's *They Think It's All Over*) is back on tour for the first time in over 10 years with his new stand up show - *Man v Woman*. The men and women in the audience get the chance to write down the questions that they've always wanted to ask about each other, then Lee will work through these questions giving everyone the opportunity to finally find out what makes the other side tick.

Warning – adult content, not suitable for under 18s

Tickets: £13.50, comedy club members £12.50

The Brook Theatre



Jazz at The Brook



Tue, 6 Mar, 8pm

Paul Malsom Trio

Guitarist Paul Malsom's earliest influences were Brazilian - the sound of the bossa nova and jazz samba, by names such as Antonio Carlos Jobim and Sergio Mendes. Paul's trio with bass and drums, have taken these Latin American roots and injected them into new fresh arrangements of a wide variety of popular and contemporary tunes, such as the classic *Sunny*, *Brazilian Love Affair* and Peter Gabriel's *Mercy Street*.

Tickets: £10, jazz mailing list members £9

The Brook Theatre



FOLK at The Brook



Wed, 7 Mar, 8pm

Tom McConville and David Newey

— support by **Skinner's Rats**

BBC award winning fiddle player and singer Tom McConville appears alongside unique guitarist David Newey. Together since 2008, the two have formed a sound that is in huge demand both in the UK and worldwide, having played all the major UK festivals and concert halls.

Tickets: £18, folk mailing list £7

The Brook Theatre



Thu, 8 Mar, 7.30pm

Blake

Superstar vocalists Blake (as seen on *BBC Breakfast*, *Daybreak* and *Loose Women*) return with their spectacular 2012 show. Famous for creating unique harmony versions of pop, classical and West End anthems, the four charismatic British singers take audiences on a two-hour musical rollercoaster. Featuring the most uplifting and romantic love songs of all time, plus exclusive new material from their hugely anticipated fourth album.

Tickets: Band – A: £21, Band – B: £19.50

The Central Theatre





Fri, 9 – Sat, 10 Mar, 7pm and Sun, 11 March, 3pm

Wonderland

Bluebell School of Dance present a magical evening of dance and song inspired by Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*.

Tickets: £10, concessions £8

The Brook Theatre

Community hire



Sat, 10 Mar, 7.30pm

Royal Marines Band

The Chatham Royal Marines Cadet Unit is proud to present The Band of HM Royal Marines with a selection of military, classical, big band and popular music.

Tickets: £15

The Central Theatre

Community hire



Thu, 15 Mar, 8pm

St Patrick's Night Party

A fantastic night of Irish dancing from an academy that has been recognised at European and world championships.

Tickets: £8, folk mailing list £7

The Brook Theatre



Fri, 16 Mar, 8pm

Cabaret of Curiosities

Spanning enthralling indoor circus, dancing, cheeky burlesque, music and much more. These events are packed with colour and the unexpected. **Warning** – adult content, not suitable for under 16s.

Ticket: £11, cabaret mailing list members £10

The Brook Theatre



Sat, 17 Mar, 7.30pm

An Evening of Blues

Three very excellent, but very different artists, all united in their love of the blues. Featuring a virtuoso electric guitar style honed over many years from Stan Webb's Chicken Shack, a great young blues artist full of energy and power, Virgil & The Accelerators, and a power trio fusing old with new in the form of The Geoff Everett Band.

Tickets: Band – A: £14, Band – B: £12

The Central Theatre





Sat, 17 Mar, 7.30pm

Great Expectations

by Charles Dickens adapted by Adrian Preater

Hotbuckle explode onto the stage with this new, innovative adaptation of one of Dickens' greatest novels. With all the comedy, mystery, violent melodrama, suspense and poignancy of the original, it tells of Pip's journey to discover who he is and find his place in an inhospitable world.

Tickets: £10, senior citizens, students and children £8

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Sun, 18 Mar, 1pm and 3pm

Kids' Cabaret of Curiosities

Dazzling cabaret acts, from magnificent magicians to cracking circus artists, will take to the stage to leave young eyes-wide with wonder. Suitable for the whole family and a fun way to celebrate Mothering Sunday, with mums receiving a special gift.

Ticket: £6, four for £20

The Brook Theatre



Wed, 21 Mar, 7.30pm

Fascinating Aida: The 'Cheap Flights' Tour

Continuing their sell-out 2011 tour, global internet sensation, Fascinating Aida are still Britain's best comedy cabaret trio. This brand-new show will include several numbers hot off the press, plus a few old favourites including their infamous anthem to budget travel, *Cheap Flights*. "The glamour is magnetic, the satire razor-sharp, the lyrics brilliant... intensely poignant" **The Guardian**
Tickets: Band – A: £19.50, Band – B: £18

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Thu, 22 – Fri, 23 Mar, 7.30pm

Roald Dahl's The Witches

– adapted for the stage by David Wood

The Brook Youth Theatre presents a spellbinding production of Roald Dahl's popular children's classic. A thrilling story of how one little boy and his granny manage to outsmart the witches. A cracking night of family entertainment.

Tickets: £5, senior citizens and under 16s £3.50

The Brook Theatre

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Wed, 28 Mar, 7.30pm

The Hollies

The Hollies will bring their talents to The Central Theatre, Chatham on their 50th year celebration of all things Hollies. No support act is needed as they perform their classics – *The Air That I Breathe*, *Bus Stop*, *Carrie Anne*, *Just One Look*, *He Ain't Heavy*, *He's My Brother* and much more. Still the tight, clean vocal harmonies, meticulously honed and precisely melded, it's a very special event not to be missed.

Tickets: Band – A: £25.50, Band – B: £23.50

The Central Theatre



Wed 28 – Sat, 31 Mar, 7.30pm (Sat 31, 2.30pm matinee)

Three Towns Theatre Company present

Annie

Set in New York in the 30s, Annie lives in an orphanage and dreams of how her real parents will come to get her one day. Will Miss Hannigan, with her brother Rooster, hatch her evil plan to pretend to be Annie's long lost parents and get the reward? Come along to find out what happens.

Tickets: £12, concessions £10, family of four £40

The Brook Theatre

Community hire



Fri, 30 Mar, 7.30pm

A Classic Rock Night

One night of great rock from two great bands. Martin Turner's Wishbone Ash performs a wide variety of material from the band's classic album releases. Considered as one of the most dramatically accomplished progressive rock bands, Curved Air were originally formed in 1970 by musicians from mixed artistic backgrounds, including classic folk and electronic sound.

Tickets: Band – A: £14, Band – B: £12

The Central Theatre



Sun, 1 Apr, 7.30pm

Stars of Strictly Come Dancing

Witness an evening of exhibition dance routines featuring the Rumba, Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Jive and many more with Katya Virshilas and Pasha Kovalev. As well as this there will be a chance for you to put your questions to Katya and find out what really goes on behind the scenes of the hit BBC TV show.

Tickets: Band - A: £22, Band - B: £20, Children £12

The Central Theatre

Medway Comedy Club



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Mon, 2 Apr, 8pm

Carey Marx

Since Carey's first appearance at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2003, his unique style of dark humour and mischievous, gleeful delivery has continued to win over the critics and audiences. Carey has a natural ability to find joy in the most unexpected places and his shows have always differed from the last, highlighting his aptitude for originality.

Warning – adult content, not suitable for under 18s

Tickets: £12, comedy club members £11

The Brook Theatre



Tue, 3 and Wed, 4 Apr, 7.30pm

Toni Moss presents Pick Up The Pace

An evening of song and dance showing the versatility of the pupils ranging from 3 to 18-years-old.

Tickets: £10.50 and £9.50

The Central Theatre

Community hire

Jazz at The Brook



Tue, 3 Apr, 8pm

King Pleasure & the Biscuit Boys

One of the world's greatest swing bands are back at The Brook Theatre for a night of high-energy fun and fantastic musicianship. *"Behind the fun and rollicking good times lies an outfit skilled enough for the horns to come on with the bite and precision of the Basie Band."* **The Guardian**

Tickets: £13, jazz mailing list £12

The Brook Theatre



Sat, 7 April, 7.30pm

Jimmy Carr – Gagging Order

Brand new show, brand new jokes, same old Jimmy. Gagging Order promises to be an hilarious night out...let's see shall we. The show will be packed with one-liners, stories and jokes. Some clever, some rude and a few totally unacceptable. Just leave your conscience, sense of common decency and moral compass at home and come on out for a laugh. **Warning** – adult content, not suitable for under 18s

Tickets: £25

The Central Theatre





Sun, 15 Apr, 7.30pm

Feast of Fiddles

Six of the UK's finest fiddle players in a band of 11, which includes Dave Mattacks the grandfather of folk rock drumming, Peter Knight (Steeleye Span), Chris Leslie (Fairport Convention), Brian McNeill, Ian Cutler, Tom Leary and Garry Blakeley bring their own individual styles together in a show that will have you dancing in the aisles and perhaps even shedding a tear.

"Absolutely awesome!" Sue Marchant, BBC East

Tickets: £16.50

The Brook Theatre

Professional hire



Mon, 16 Apr, 7.30pm

Brigadoon (1954, U)

Tommy Albright (Gene Kelly) and Jeff Douglas (Van Johnson) are in Scotland when they encounter a small village, not on the map, called Brigadoon. It appears once every hundred years and disappears again. Find out just what's going on.

Tickets: £6, or £5 if you book online. Students £3.50

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Wed, 18 Apr, 1.30pm and 7.30pm

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Join Brompton Academy for the sixth consecutive year in collaboration with the Brook Theatre for their latest production of the enchanting story of Beauty and the Beast.

Ticket: £8.50, concessions £5.50

The Brook Theatre

Community hire

Sat, 21 Apr, 3pm and 7.30pm

Solid Silver 60s

Relive the 60s with original artists singing their greatest hits. Now in its 27th year, the show features the talents of Peter Noone, Chris Montez, Brian Hyland with Brian Poole and all backed by Vanity Fare. Hear the classic hits performed by the original hit makers.

Tickets: Band – A: £22, Band – B: £21 (3pm) L
Band – A: £24, Band – B: £23 (7.30pm)

The Central Theatre





Wed, 25 – Thu, 26 Apr, 7.30pm

Cirque Du Ciel's 'ShangHi'

This marvellous extravaganza, combines acrobatics, modern dance, martial arts, original music and many other traditional and modern Chinese elements in an amazing fantasy adventure, the next generation of *Cirque du Soleil*.

Tickets: Band – A: £22, Band – B: £19.50

The Central Theatre

Fri, 27 Apr, 7.30pm

Rich Hall

Rich Hall's renowned grouchy, deadpan style has established him as a master of absurdist irony and king of rapid-fire wit. Fans can see the comic genius from Montana discuss a variety of topics all delivered in his own hilarious unique way.

Tickets: Band – A: £17, Band – B: £16

The Central Theatre



Fri, 27 Apr, 7pm

Medway Young Musicians Awards

Produced by the local rotary clubs, the event gives the best young musical talent in Medway a chance to perform on stage.

Tickets: Adult £8, students £4

The Brook Theatre

Community hire



Sat, 28 Apr, 7.30pm

Magical Extravaganza on Ice

International ice skaters, award winning magicians and contortionists, take you on a glamorous, exciting and magical journey suitable for all the family.

Tickets: £17.50, children £12

The Central Theatre

Theatre information

More details at www.medwayticketslive.co.uk

- The box office is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm or until 15 minutes after curtain up on performance nights. Doors open 30 minutes before curtain up.
- Tickets must be paid for in person, by phone, credit card or by post within three days of reservation or 30 minutes before curtain up.
- Tickets should be considered non-exchangeable and non-refundable and we advise customers to check their tickets upon receipt.
- The Central and Brook Theatre reserve the right to introduce, remove or alter special offers and discounts without notice. Discounts can't be applied retrospectively.
- Become a member of the Assisted Access Scheme and buy an additional ticket for your assistant at half price.
- Wheelchair access and spaces are available at both theatres. Please advise staff of your requirements when booking. Access at The Brook Theatre by the electronic platform on the front steps or via the ramped entrance at Whiffens Avenue.
- A Minicom system is available at the box office on **01634 880969**.
- An infra-red loop hearing system is fitted in the main theatre at the Brook and you should collect a hearing device from box office.
- There's also an infra-red system suitable for use either through earphones, or via the T setting on your hearing aid at The Central Theatre.
- Management reserves the right to refuse admission.

