

What's On January - April 2025



The Spring



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A note from the Directors...

Thank you for picking up our Spring 2025 brochure.

We are delighted to share with you a new season of work, brought to you by companies and artists from across the country. We have some familiar faces returning with their fantastic events alongside plenty of new things to try.

As we reflect on 2024, we are very proud of all the teams, communities and partners that have come together to respond to the needs of the ever-changing world around us and continue to make the Spring a dynamic home of creativity and learning. A place for meaningful connections.

As we look ahead, we are excited to continue to build resiliency and look to what the future may bring. The organisation holds a special place in our community and wider sector, and we hope to hold that for many years into the future.

Thank you to all our members whose support makes a big difference to The Spring. If you are not already a member, please do consider it, not only are you contributing to the sustainability of the organisation but you get early insights into the programme and exclusive invites to events. We look forward to welcoming you into The Spring family.

Fiona and Laura

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A warm welcome at The Spring

There is so much more to The Spring other than all of the great live events, film screenings, workshops and exhibitions that you'll find in this brochure...

Café & Bar

Our welcoming café is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 3pm. Hot food is available until 2:30pm. Be sure to pop in to check our specials board for seasonal options.



The Spring Shop

Explore a wonderful assortment of gifts and greeting cards in The Spring's shop. From handcrafted jewellery from local brands to handbags and scarves, there's always something to indulge yourself or a loved one.



Family Friendly

Our space is a welcoming and relaxing spot for families. Our children's play area features role-play and wooden toys. We have a children's menu and selection of drinks. We are breast-feeding friendly.



The Spring Museum

Explore local heritage with the Havant Museum housed within our venue. Uncover artefacts spanning the ages and objects from beloved local brands like Scalextric, Tampax, and Kenwood. Delight in this hidden gem.



Music Bites

Music Bites are free gigs that take place in our gallery on selected Saturdays. Enjoy the music over a drink or a delicious lunch. Music Bites are performed from 12:30pm - 2pm. Stay tuned to our website to find out which exciting music acts will be performing soon!



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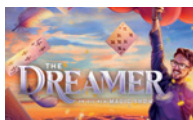
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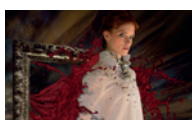
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Membership at The Spring

Get exclusive booking opportunities to selected shows throughout the year by becoming a member!

Whether it's our popular returning music and comedy acts, award-winning theatre shows, or blockbuster films, get the chance to book your tickets before anyone else.

The benefits you can enjoy as a member:

- Invitations to exclusive events, including season briefings with the Directors.
- Regular e-newsletters about our work.
- Advanced exclusive booking window on selected events.
- Play a key role in the governance of The Spring through participation at the AGM.

*These rates are applicable from Jan 2025 onwards

£20*
for an
individual
per year

£32*
for a joint
household
per year

Become a member today by asking at the box office, giving us a call on 023 9247 2700 or scanning the QR code to purchase online:

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If you missed it or loved it the first time, don't miss the second screening of **Van Gogh: Poets & Lovers** this January!

Thursday 16th January, 7:30pm
Head to page 17 for more information.



Book Group

Once a month, 7:15pm
Tickets: £7

Our monthly book group welcomes anyone passionate about literature and who enjoys engaging in discussions about its themes with others who share their enthusiasm. Each session is hosted by one of the original members of the Havant Literary Festival Committee.

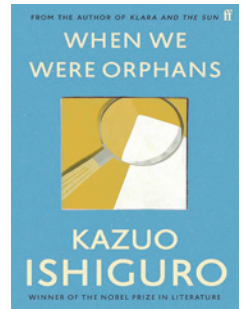
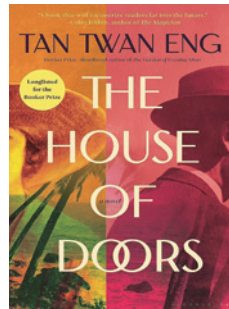
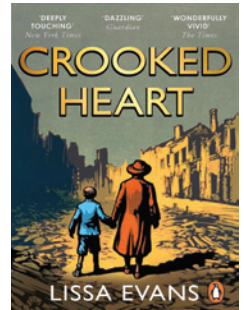
This means a more detailed introduction to the author or background to the book is given, as well as someone to lead the group, making sure that everyone has a chance to speak.

Thursday 16th January -
Go, Went, Gone by **Jenny Erpenbeck**
The discussion will be led by Peter Hammond.

Thursday 13th February -
Crooked Heart by **Lissa Evans**
The discussion will be led by Valerie Bird.

Thursday 13th March -
The House Of Doors by **Tan Twan Eng**
The discussion will be led by Glad West.

Thursday 17th April -
When We Were Orphans by **Kazuo Ishiguro**
The discussion will be led by Caroline Hammond.



The Life and Times of Jelly Roll Morton by Big House Band

Friday 17th January, 8pm
Tickets: £22

The legendary Ferdinand "Jelly Roll" Lamothe, a New Orleans pianist and self-proclaimed inventor of jazz, lived a life of triumphs and turmoil. His fascinating journey is brought to life in this performance, narrated by Jelly Roll (Patrick Robinson), his muse Anita Gonzalez (Emily Swain), and biographer Alan Lomax (Richard Laing).

Accompanied by the electrifying Big House Band, who return to our venue with special guests, they perform Jelly Roll's iconic music, blending storytelling and live jazz for an unforgettable night celebrating this jazz pioneer.



Wonder Gigs by Filskit Theatre

Saturday 18th January, Saturday 8th February,
Saturday 29th March, Saturday 12th April,
10am & 11:15am. Tickets: £5

Wonder Gigs is a series of family friendly live events for music-loving grown-ups and little ones aged 0-4. Each of our themed sessions includes toe-tapping, acoustic covers of well-known pop, rock and folk tunes from a live, professional musician.

These sessions offer you a chance to unwind and play with your little one in a welcoming and relaxed space. Dancing, moving and singing along is fully encouraged.



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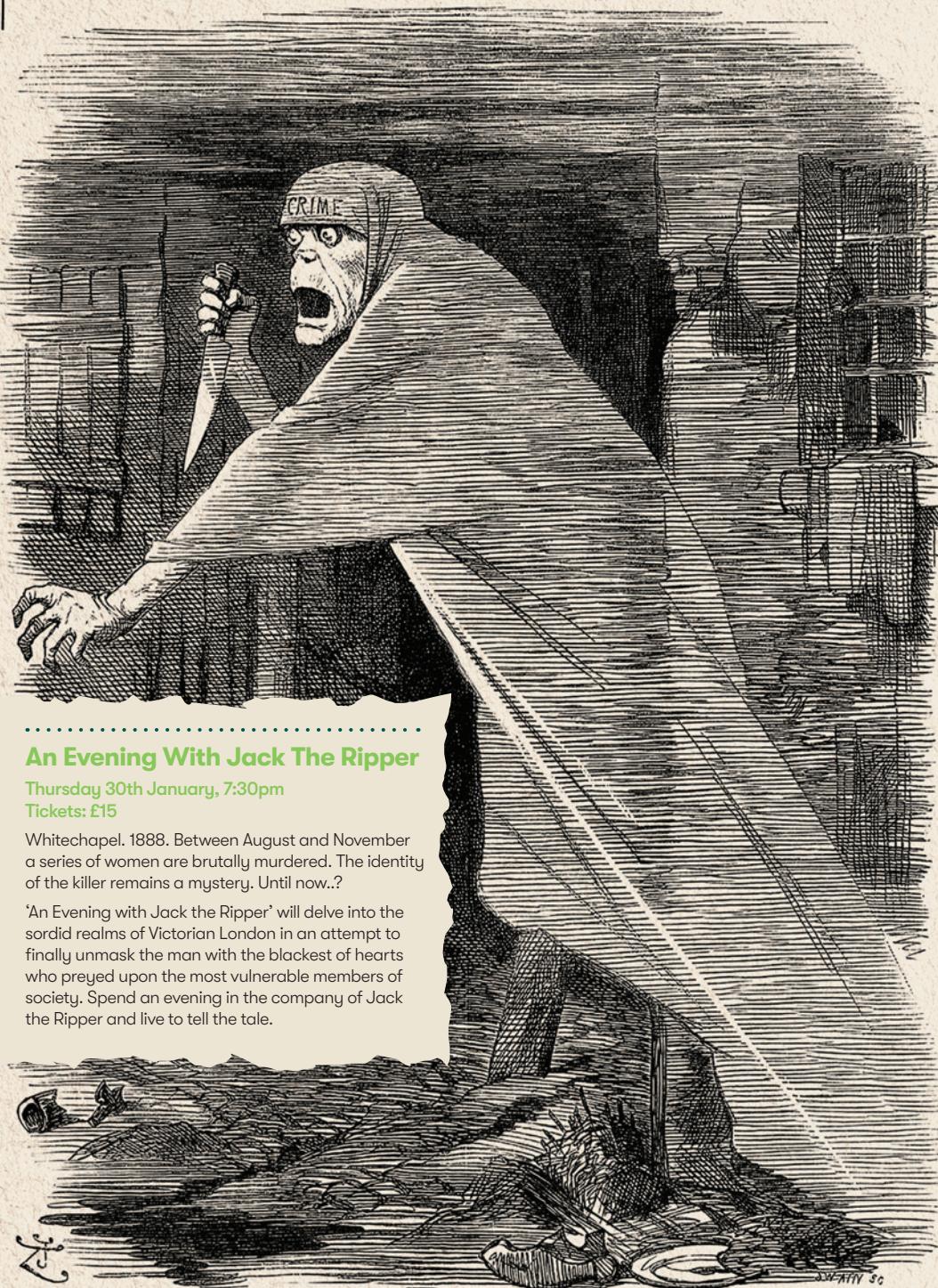
The Alter Eagles

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th January, 8pm
Tickets: £22

The Alter Eagles return to The Spring for a two-night showcase of the Eagles' greatest hits. Now in their 22nd year, the band performs classics like Hotel California, Desperado, Tequila Sunrise, and One of These Nights, along with new solo numbers from Don Henley and Glenn Frey and select deep cuts.

Expect rocking twin guitar breaks, rich four-part harmonies, and meticulous attention to detail in every song—a true tribute to the Eagles' legendary sound.





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An Evening With Jack The Ripper

Thursday 30th January, 7:30pm

Tickets: £15

Whitechapel. 1888. Between August and November a series of women are brutally murdered. The identity of the killer remains a mystery. Until now..?

'An Evening with Jack the Ripper' will delve into the sordid realms of Victorian London in an attempt to finally unmask the man with the blackest of hearts who preyed upon the most vulnerable members of society. Spend an evening in the company of Jack the Ripper and live to tell the tale.

THE WEST END ENSEMBLE

*A celebration of all your favourite musicals
performed by stars of the West End*

Back in Business: The West End Ensemble

Friday 31st January, 7:30pm

Tickets: £20

The West End Ensemble present Back in Business! After three sell out cabarets at The Spring, James Hume returns with the West End Ensemble to kick off the new year in style with an evening of favourite songs from the musicals! Appearing alongside him will be some of the finest voices from the West End and award winning Musical Director Jordan Paul Clarke. With wit, charm and big vocals, this will be an evening not to be missed. Get your tickets while you can!

La Bouche Manouche Feat. Irene Serra present "Got A Little Rhythm!"

Saturday 1st February, 7:30pm

Tickets: £20

La Bouche Manouche Feat. Irene Serra are a London based vintage jazz quintet influenced by the chic and sophisticated era of the jazz age and beyond. Join them in an upbeat evening of foot tapping gypsy jazz where they showcase tunes from their second studio album "Got A Little Rhythm!".





Jack Rutter

Thursday 6th February, 7:30pm

Tickets: £15

Yorkshire folk singer Jack Rutter has established himself as one of the standout voices of the folk, roots and acoustic music scene in recent years.

A hugely engaging stage presence, his soaring vocal, powerhouse guitar and bou-zouki playing and masterful arrangements of traditional songs and contemporary covers have enthralled audiences from the largest festival main stages to the most intimate folk clubs.

“An outstanding performer.” *The Independent*



Sherlock Holmes The Last Act by Fringe Events

Friday 7th February, 7:30pm

Tickets: £15

The year is 1916. Drawn from two years of Sussex retirement for the funeral of his friend, Dr Watson, Holmes returns to Baker Street to resolve ‘the last act’ of his epic career.

A theatrical evening then unfolds, with fourteen characters, all played by Nigel Miles-Thomas in a tour de force performance. Cross-examinations, heated arguments between Holmes and Watson, and all manner of comic and serious interactions, between many famous Conan Doyle characters. As the play concludes the great detective reveals a shocking secret.

Patrick Monahan: The Talkinator

Saturday 8th February, 7:30pm

Tickets: £16

There’s a lot of talk about AI taking over humans. Only one man can out-talk the chat-bots and robots. Edinburgh Fringe favourite Patrick Monahan is back on tour!

Patrick is a comedian with an established career that blends TV appearances with solo stand up tours alongside festivals and circuit sets. Everybody’s favourite comedian, Patrick Monahan’s high energy style combines with hilarious, engaging, topical and observational material to make a fun evening out!



James Phelan - The Dreamer! Live

Thursday 13th February, 7:30pm

Tickets: £28, £39 VIP to include post-show close up magic, merchandise and meet and greet.

Star of The Greatest Magician™, and the BBC's most broadcast magician of the last decade - the award-winning James Phelan - debuts this breath-taking new magic show. Most infamous for jamming the BBC switchboard after correctly predicting the lottery and described as 'Joel Dommett meets Derren Brown' - The Dreamer is a celebration of the impossible becoming possible.

With 'heartwarming storytelling' (The Standard) and unparalleled 'mind-blowing magic' (Herald) - you'll find yourself swept into a wonderful world of amazement, laughter and mystery.

The Dreamer is an astonishing, enigmatic, five star rated spectacle that will leave you aching with laughter and dizzy in disbelief. You can't afford to miss it.

★★★★★ **"Magic is in his bones. Disbelief, flabbergasted, stunned."** *Henley Herald*

VIP package available!

Includes post-show close up magic, merchandise and meet and greet.

THE DREAMER

AN ALL NEW MAGIC SHOW

80s Hi-Fi

Friday 14th February, 7:30pm

Tickets: £17.50 in advance, £22.50 on the door

Imagine stepping in a time capsule back to the dance halls of the 1980's, the sounds of Duran Duran, Tears for Fears, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Kate Bush and many more across the airwaves...

80s HiFi are a full live band dedicated to faithfully recreating your favourite 1980's classics. Searing guitar sounds, reverb drenched drums, nu-romantic vocals, and wall-wobbling bass; all presented in a high energy show featuring the greatest hits of the decade.



The Croupiers: Northern Soul Live

Saturday 15th February, 8pm

Tickets: £18

The Croupiers are a Brighton based 10 piece LIVE Northern Soul Powerhouse. With a loving and carefully curated repertoire, including many favourites of the genre, plus some choice rarities and a sprinkling of soul classics, the band features the cream of soul and funk musicians and performers from the south of England, with decades of experience playing on international stages at prestigious events, festivals and venues.



The Possibilities by Bench Theatre

Wednesday 19th - Saturday 22nd February, 7:30pm.

Matinee: Saturday 22nd February, 2:30pm

Tickets: £13, £11 concessions

19th February - buy one get one half price ticket offer

An Emperor on the edge of madness; a beautiful assassin; a woman trapped in a dystopian interrogation; a family of weavers sheltering from war; and the guardian of the one remaining library. What do these disparate characters have in common? Each must navigate a treacherous path of survival, while clinging to what humanity they have left. Howard Barker offers us ten short plays, each with their own story to tell. Come. Be amazed. Be disturbed.



Whipped Up!

Saturday 1st March, 10:30am, 12noon, 2pm
Tickets: £12 Adult and 1 Baby, £16 Adult and 2 Babies, £5 for additional Adult

Whipped Up! follows Dottie, an eager-to-please 50's-style diner server, on their first day on the job - where the baby is the customer, and caregivers are along for the ride.

As the server waits on their "demanding" clientele (imagine babies doing what babies do best - creating adorable chaos!) the server grows increasingly frazzled - and more and more entertaining! Stimulating for tiny audience members with sensory play served up throughout the show, and hilarious for parents/adults watching their loved ones take on roles in an unfolding comedy.

Created by Jill Rogatti. Produced by Watford Palace Theatre. Stay and Play after the show!

Shaparak Khorsandi: Scatterbrain

Saturday 1st March, 7:30pm
Tickets: £19

Having reassessed her life through the prism of an ADHD diagnosis in last year's funny and moving memoir, one of Britain's most beloved and most scatterbrained stand-ups lets you back into her mind (warning: it's cluttered in there).

Among other things, this show will be a love-letter to letter-writing, a trip back through her early years as a comic and woman-about-town, and a whirlwind tour of a chaotic, hilarious brain.



Film Programme at The Spring

From the newest blockbusters to on-screen exhibitions and stage performances, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're seeking an exciting afternoon getaway or a captivating evening out, we've got you covered. Check out our website or reach out to our box office for details and tickets.

Film
Tickets
£6.50

Touch (15)

Wednesday 22nd January,
1:45pm & 7:30pm

Touch is a romantic thriller spanning decades and continents, following one man's race against time to find his first love who vanished 50 years ago.

Running Time: 121 minutes.

Back To Black (15)

Thursday 23rd January,
1:45pm & 7:30pm

The life and music of Amy Winehouse, through the journey of adolescence to adulthood and the creation of one of the best-selling albums of our time.

Running Time: 122 minutes.

Mrs Harris Goes To Paris (PG)

Tuesday 28th January,
1:45pm & 7:30pm

In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady's obsession with a Dior dress leads her on a life-changing adventure to Paris that impacts both her life and the future of the House of Dior.

Running Time: 115 minutes.

Rosalie (15)

Wednesday 29th January,
1:45pm & 7:30pm

In 1870 France, young Rosalie, born with a beard and covered in hair, shaves daily to avoid attention but longs to be accepted as her true self.

Running Time: 115 minutes.

All Of Us Strangers (15)

Wednesday 12th February,
1:45pm & 7:30pm

A screenwriter returning to his childhood home navigates a budding romance with his downstairs neighbour while uncovering a mysterious way to heal from his parents' long-ago loss.

Running Time: 105 minutes.

Conclave (12A)

Tuesday 11th March,
1:45pm & 7:30pm

Cardinal Lawrence, tasked with leading the secretive and ancient process of selecting a new Pope, becomes entangled in a conspiracy that threatens to shake the foundation of the Catholic Church.

Running Time: 120 minutes.

The Outrun (15)

Wednesday 26th March,
1:45pm & 7:30pm

After a tumultuous life in London, Rona returns to Scotland's wild Orkney Islands to confront her troubled past and seek healing.

Running Time: 118 minutes.



Inside Out 2 (U)

Tuesday 8th April,
11am

A sequel that features Riley entering puberty and experiencing brand new, more complex emotions as a result. As Riley tries to adapt to her teenage years, her old emotions try to adapt to the possibility of being replaced.

Running Time: 96 minutes.

Freud's Last Session (12A)

Tuesday 8th April,
1:45pm & 7:30pm

Psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud debates God, family, and relationships with professor C.S. Lewis.

Running Time: 110 minutes.

IF (U)

Tuesday 15th April,
11am

A young girl who goes through a difficult experience begins to see everyone's imaginary friends who have been left behind as their real-life friends have grown up.

Running Time: 104 minutes.

Bob Marley: One Love (12A)

Tuesday 15th April,
1:45pm & 7:30pm

The story of how reggae icon Bob Marley overcame adversity, and the journey behind his revolutionary music.

Running Time: 107 minutes.



The World's Greatest Stage Musicals!

Join us for a fabulous season of lovingly curated musical theatre showcasing the very best of the West End, Broadway, and other big stages from across the world.

Musical
Tickets
£10



Les Misérables - The Staged Concert

Tuesday 4th February, 2pm & 7:30pm

Running time: 187 minutes including two intervals.



Jesus Christ Superstar Live

Wednesday 12th March, 2pm & 7:30pm

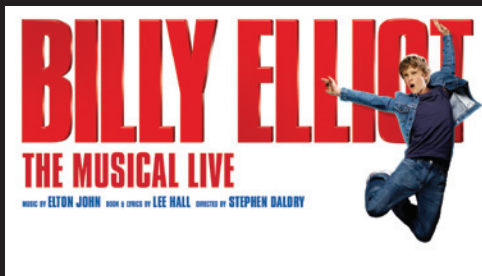
Running time: 187 minutes including two intervals.



A Night With Janis Joplin The Musical

Wednesday 19th March, 2pm & 7:30pm

Running time: 187 minutes including two intervals.



Billy Elliot The Musical

Wednesday 9th April, 2pm & 7:30pm

Running time: 187 minutes including two intervals.

Event Cinema

Enjoy the world's greatest performances brought to you live via satellite or recorded in front of live audiences and presented direct to our cinema screen.

ROYAL BALLET & OPERA

Opera: The Tales Of Hoffman

Tuesday 21st January, 6:30pm

Running time: 245 minutes including two intervals



Opera: Turandot

Tuesday 1st April, 7:15pm

Running time: 205 minutes including two intervals



Macbeth: David Tennant & Cush Jumbo

Wednesday 5th February, 1.45pm & 7:30pm

Running time: 115 minutes



Ballet: Swan Lake

Thursday 27th February, 7:15pm

Running time: 210 minutes including two intervals



Ballet: Romeo And Juliet

Tuesday 25th March, 7:15pm

Running time: 210 minutes including two intervals



The Importance Of Being Earnest

Tuesday 25th February, 7:30pm

Running time: 180 minutes



Tickets
£15

National
Theatre
Live

Van Gogh: Poets & Lovers

Thursday 16th January, 7:30pm

Running time: 90 minutes

"Van Gogh: Poets & Lovers" explores his revolutionary years in southern France, revealing his creative process, storytelling obsession, and its impact on his masterpieces and breakdown. A pivotal art moment, in close collaboration with the National Gallery.



Dawn Of Impressionism: Paris 1874

Tuesday 18th March, 7:30pm

Running time: 90 minutes

The Impressionists, once scorned and penniless outsiders, revolutionized art in 1874 by hosting their own independent exhibition, marking the birth of Impressionism and transforming the art world forever.



Go Back For Murder by HumDrum Theatre

Wednesday 5th - Saturday 8th March, 7:30pm

Matinee: Saturday 8th March, 2:30pm

Tickets: £14

In 1926, Caroline Crale is convicted of her husband's murder, her sentence commuted to life before her death in prison three years later. In 1942, her daughter Carla receives a letter from Caroline claiming innocence. Believing her mother, Carla enlists a solicitor's son to prove it.

If Caroline didn't kill her husband, someone in the house that day did. HumDrum returns to The Spring with their fifth Agatha Christie adaptation, *Five Little Pigs*, diving into the beloved world of whodunnits.



Macready! Dickens' Theatrical Friend

Thursday 13th March, 8pm

Tickets: £16

This compelling show tells the story of the great Victorian actor-manager, Macready - the man to whom Charles Dickens dedicated "Nicholas Nickleby". A must for drama fans, this remarkable true tale captures the sheer joy, graft and tribulations of a life lived in theatre.



★★★★★
"A fascinating
play..."
Theatre & Arts
Reviews

ADVENTURES IN SCIENCE

Best known as one half of magic duo 'Morgan & West', 'The Magical Mr West' presents his most amazing show yet!



Crafty Fools: Adventures In Science

Saturday 15th March, 1pm

Tickets: £10

Join 'The Magical Mr West' on an incredible adventure into the world of science! Aided by his cartoon companion Crowbert and a collection of curious contraptions, Mr West demonstrates the fundamental principles of scientific enquiry.

Expect skills, silliness and the studious application of logic as you embark upon 'Adventures in Science'!

For
ages
6+



★★★★
"a MUST-see
band..."
NME

The Dunwells presented by Midnight Mango

Thursday 20th March, 8pm

Tickets: £16.50

The Dunwells are a successful Leeds based Indie-folk / Americana band with strong vocals, powerful melodies and heartfelt lyrics. Their debut album "Blind Sighted Faith" was released in 2012 following which they have released a further 6 albums/EP's.

The Dunwells have found favour with audiences across the world having toured extensively in USA, Europe and the UK as well as having supported artists including Mumford and Sons, Tom Jones, Scouting for Girls, Brian Adams and Elbow on UK tours.

Take a listen!

Scan the QR code to hear The Dunwells latest tunes and let the music do the talking.



The Alice Project by Platform 4

Friday 21st March, 7:30pm

Tickets: £16

Acclaimed performance company Platform 4 take you on a sonic journey through the Wonderland of Alice, weaving together original music, interviews with inhabitants of the New Forest, Lewis Carroll's text and voices from 40 contemporary Alices!

This is a riff, a homage and a fascinating audio adventure down the rabbit hole, with a four-piece band of multi-instrumental performers. Expect twisting melodies, smiling cats, percussive teacups and surreal storytelling...

Aimed at adults and young people, it's not the normal Alice family show!

★★★★
"An exceptional
company"
The Guardian





★★★★
"They are wonderful."
The Times



★★★★
"Time and space hold no bounds for Box Tale Soup."
The Scotsman

Frog And The Princess and other stories

Saturday 22nd March, 1:30pm

Tickets: £10

What if wishes were granted? What if magic was real? When a Storyteller appears everyone is enchanted... Beasts and breadcrumbs, wolves and witches, but all Froggy really wants is to hear a story starring someone like him. Head into the woods with Hansel & Gretel, help little elves make beautiful shoes, meet the princess who's champion of hide-and-seek, and see if Froggy finally gets his wish!

Box Tale Soup present a stunning adaptation of Grimm's most magical tales, featuring wonderful puppets and spellbinding original music... Now let's have a story about a Frog!

The Picture Of Dorian Gray

Saturday 22nd March, 8pm

Tickets: £15

From the award winning creators of Casting the Runes.

"What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Box Tale Soup present a remarkable adaptation of Wilde's classic in their inimitable style, featuring unique puppetry and a powerful original soundtrack.

Dorian Gray, young and beautiful, sinks into a frivolous lifestyle of selfish abandon, seemingly unchanged by corruption and untouched by age.

But behind a locked door, Dorian's portrait tells a very different story...

Commissioned by the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, UCLA.

Back by popular demand!

Join Box Tale Soup [Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Casting the Runes] as they return to The Spring with two new shows that you won't want to miss!

In Other Words

Thursday 27th March, 8pm

Tickets: £14

They call it 'the incident' now. What happened when they first met. He always said it was part of his 'romantic plan' but they both know that's rubbish.

Matthew Seager's ★★★★★ 4X Moliere Award winning drama, seen by over 300,000 people in multiple languages across the globe, examines the power of music, memory, and the nature of enduring love.

Brought by house theatre in association with TBC Productions.



The Class of '55

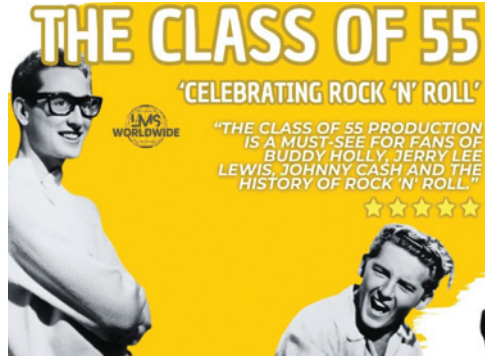
Saturday 29th March, 7:30pm

Tickets: £30

Join us for 'The Class of '55', a captivating tribute to rock 'n' roll legends Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Cash.

Experience their unforgettable hits brought to life by a talented live band, accompanied by stunning visuals on a big screen.

Celebrate the magic of classic music in style!



Alex Hart presented by Midnight Mango

Friday 4th April, 8pm

Tickets: £14

Described by BBC Radio 2 presenter Mark Radcliffe as "the Stevie Nicks of Folk". The south-west based singer/songwriter Alex Hart has recently released 'Visions' her most exciting and anticipated album to date.

Following the success of Alex's debut album, she caught the eye of legendary Jethro Tull guitarist Martin Barre, who asked Alex to be a part of his band for their European and international tour dates. Alex also collaborates and performs alongside the critically acclaimed Devon born folk singer Seth Lakeman.



IT'S THE ECONOMY STUPID!

It's The Economy, Stupid
by Worklight Theatre

Saturday 5th April, 8pm

Tickets: £15

Based on a true story of a family caught up in the 90s recession, It's the Economy, Stupid! reveals the humanity behind economics. Armed with bags, boxes and an old board game, Joe Sellman-Leava and Dylan Howells embark on a quest to uncover how the economy wins elections, and why the force that dominates our lives is so bloody complicated!

★★★★
"This show
achieves the
impossible"
Playbill



Family fun at The Spring!

Ages
2 - 24
months

Wonder Gigs by Filskit Theatre

Saturday 18th January, Saturday 8th February,
Saturday 29th March, Saturday 12th April,
10am & 11:15am

Tickets: £5

Wonder Gigs offers family-friendly live music events with acoustic covers of popular songs, inviting parents and kids aged 0-4 to dance, sing, and relax together in a welcoming space.

Ages
0-4
years



Whipped Up!

Saturday 1st March, 10:30am, 12noon, 2pm
Tickets: £12 Adult and 1 Baby, £16 Adult and 2
Babies, £5 for additional Adult

A playful, sensory-rich show following Dottie, a diner server on her chaotic first day serving adorable, demanding babies, offering laughs for adults and engaging sensory play for little ones. Optional stay and play after the show!



Story Time: A Big Egg by The People's Theatre Company

Thursday 10th April, 2:30pm

Tickets: £9

By Steven Lee. From the new "Story Time" series of family musicals by the creators of There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly.

For Jack and his little sister Molly Easter is all about eggs. But how big can an egg get. And what wonderful surprises might there be inside?

Based on the picture book by Steven Lee and performed with a magical mixture of live action, animation and puppetry, this scrumptious family musical is guaranteed to make your little ones love Easter (and each other) more than ever before.

Ages
2+



Make it a whole day's worth of fun under our roof!

Explore our engaging children's play area, free to use during our usual opening times. Located next to our cosy cafe, it's the perfect spot for kids to play while parents unwind.

Make sure your kids are fueled for their day with our lunch boxes, packed with a tasty sandwich, veggie snacks, and a juice carton.



Crafty Fools: Adventures In Science

Saturday 15th March, 1pm
Tickets: £10

Join 'The Magical Mr West' on an incredible adventure into the world of science! Expect skills, silliness, and the studious application of logic as you embark upon 'Adventures in Science'! Find out more on page 19.



Ages
5+

Inside Out 2 (U)

Tuesday 8th April,
11am

A sequel that features Riley entering puberty and experiencing brand new, more complex emotions as a result. As Riley tries to adapt to her teenage years, her old emotions try to adapt to the possibility of being replaced. **Running Time:** 96 minutes.



Frog And The Princess and other stories

Saturday 22nd March, 1:30pm
Tickets: £10

A stunning adaptation of Grimm's tales, featuring wonderful puppets and spellbinding music. For more information, head to page 21



Ages
6+

IF (U)

Tuesday 15th April, 11am

A young girl who goes through a difficult experience begins to see everyone's imaginary friends who have been left behind as their real-life friends have grown up.

Running Time: 104 minutes.



Meet and
greet the
animals after
the show

The Zoo That Comes To You by Scarlet Oak Theatre

Wednesday 16th April, 11am & 2pm
Tickets: £14

Come join the zoo keepers who give animals in need a safe, loving home. They have everything they need - but no visitors! So everybody - animals and humans alike - have decided it is time to get out, see the world, and bring the zoo, to you.

Featuring puppetry, live music and playful characters, come and join the conversation about animal conservation!

Ages
5-11



Viva Neil Diamond - Unplugged

Friday 11th April, 7:30pm

Tickets: £18

Described in Las Vegas as “one of the world’s finest vocal tributes to Neil Diamond” Bob Drury is now back touring the UK with his incredible acoustic show celebrating the legendary Neil Diamond and his five decades of hit songs.

This award-winning one-man show is an absolute ‘must-see’ for any Diamond fans. Prepare to be blown away by his vocal likeness which has been delighting audiences around the world combined with his stunning prowess on the guitar.



James Alderson and Friends

Thursday 17th April, 8pm

Tickets: £13

Join award-winning comedian James Alderson and his comedy pals for another evening of hilarity on your doorstep.

Over the years some household names have appeared on the line ups, but whether it's someone off the telly or a rising star, you'll always leave with aching sides and laughter-jaw - and that's a promise!



Supersonic Queen

Friday 18th April, 8pm

Tickets: £28

Supersonic Queen have been touring for over a decade and are known for their uniquely dynamic recreation of Queen's iconic live performances. With an unparalleled energy and charisma this totally live 5-piece band deliver the best Queen tribute you'll see today.

Take a trip back in time to experience the magic and excitement of a live Queen concert with Supersonic Queen: an action-packed show that is truly 'guaranteed to blow your mind'!



George Boomsma

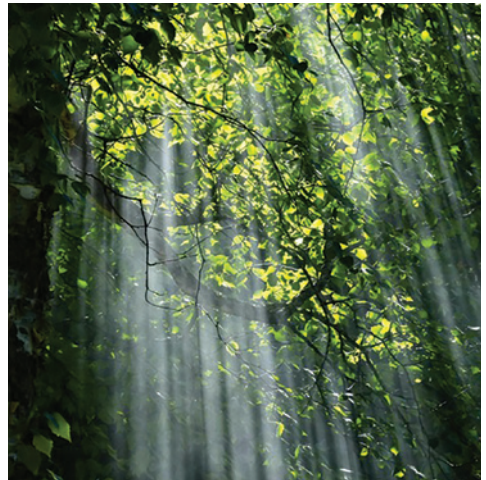
Saturday 19th April, 8pm

Tickets: £14

George Boomsma is a singer songwriter from Northallerton, North Yorkshire. His pure voice and tumbling guitar make for a bewitching combination, with a maturity and poetic lyricism that have left audiences around the country entranced.

His songs reflect on themes from navigating relationships, family, self-acceptance, grief and finding a path forward despite uncertainties.

He has been invited to support and perform alongside many established artists such as Richard Thompson, Scott Matthews and Katherine Priddy. His music been featured by BBC Radio 2's Mark Radcliffe and BBC Radio 6 Music's Cerys Matthews.



As You Like It by Bench Theatre

Thursday 24th - Friday 27th & Wednesday 30th

April - Saturday 3rd May, 7:30pm.

Matinee: Saturday 26th April & Saturday 3rd May, 2:30pm

Tickets: £13, £11 concessions

24th April - buy one get one free ticket offer

By William Shakespeare. Featuring original music by Archie Mac, directed by Di Wallsgrove.

This spring, Bench Theatre brings you *As You Like It*, Shakespeare's beloved comedy, filled with love, wit, and whimsy. Join Rosalind and her cousin Celia as they escape the intrigue of the court for the enchanting Forest of Arden, encountering philosophers, shepherds, and unexpected romance. In disguise, Rosalind playfully engages Orlando, setting off a lively series of romantic encounters. With Archie Mac's original score, this fresh take on a timeless tale promises laughter and charm for the whole family.

Exhibitions

Our exhibitions are open during our standard opening times. Entry is always free, and no tickets are required. We offer interactive installations throughout the year, keep an eye on our website and socials to see upcoming opportunities.

Get ready for our Open Exhibition 2025!

Mark your calendars! Keep an eye out for the announcement of the theme and key dates for our 2025 Open Exhibition.

Each year, The Spring hosts an Open Exhibition, inviting participation from professionals, amateurs, and hobbyists alike. A panel of artists, curators, and industry experts carefully selects the pieces that will feature in the final exhibition, which takes pride of place in our Foyer Gallery.

This annual event is about more than just showcasing art; it's about sparking conversations. We're delighted to once again open entries for young artists aged 17 or below to have the chance to have their work showcased.

Stay tuned for updates on the 2025 theme, submission details, and deadlines. We look forward to seeing your creative contributions!

Winner of our Open Exhibition 2024:
Community - Nic Cowper with
'I just want us to be together'.



Celebrating local heritage stories

Our museum and heritage facilities celebrate the history of Havant Borough, its people and stories. Our museum galleries are open during The Spring's standard opening times and before evening performances.



Featuring:

- Our activity trail for families.
- Our Museum gallery with a collection telling the social history of Havant.
- Stories behind the artefacts – with an interactive screen to explore!
- A 1950s kitchen featuring our exclusive documentary film about Havant's connection with Kenwood.
- Our local history research room with internet access and a huge selection of resources and maps.
- Free genealogy support from local historians and genealogists available to book by contacting info@thespring.co.uk or the Box Office.

www.thespring.co.uk/heritage



We are home to Havant Local History Group who meet on the first Saturday of the month, 10am - 11.15am. These sessions are free, and you can join them in the Harrison Room for their open meetings:

Saturday 1st February: Mysteries of St Marys Church, Portchester - Tony Billings.

Saturday 1st March: Nelson's Return - Nigel Linger.

Saturday 5th April: Hamledon: Keeping our Legacy Alive - Murray Mahon.

Saturday 3rd May: Old Idsworth - Mark Seaman.

Heritage Walks

Uncover local history with heritage walks with Nigel Brown. For more information head to our website.

Scenes from Emsworth Life

Tuesday 15th & Saturday 19th April

Fishbourne Roman Palace

Saturday 26th April

Regime Change

Tuesday 29th April

Workshops

Discover something new or sharpen your skills - our workshops offer an exciting opportunity for all ages to learn, create, and grow!

Term Time Workshops for Adults

Explore a variety of creative workshops throughout term time, from Latin American dance to oil painting and life drawing. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, our friendly tutors offer guidance and support. Our term-time sessions include:

- Mondays - Drawing (Essentials)
- Mondays - Portraits (Essentials)
- Tuesdays - Pastels (Essentials)
- Tuesdays - Latin American Dance
- Wednesdays - Watercolours (Essentials and Explorers)
- Thursdays - Introduction to Acrylics
- Fridays - Oils (Essentials)
- Fridays - Life Drawing (Essentials)

For additional information and materials lists, head to our website!



The Art Space

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
10am – 12noon

Our free Art Space offers a welcoming, relaxing environment for all to explore creativity and enhance wellbeing. Led by expert tutor Jemma Corbin, enjoy cultural activities, bring your own project, or get ideas and materials in a friendly atmosphere.



Creative Memory Café

A gentle creative and remembrance session for people living with dementia and their carers. **Tickets: FREE**

Our monthly Memory Cafes are a chance for people living with dementia and their carers to relax, enjoy a cup of tea and take part in some gentle creative activities. Led by facilitator and puppet maker Polly Beestone, these sessions are a way to explore, communicate and connect through themed sessions that use colours, sounds and materials.

The session runs from 11am - 12:30pm.

Wednesday 15th January

Wednesday 12th February

Wednesday 12th March

Wednesday 9th April



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Breastfeeding Network

Mondays, 10am - 11.30am
Every Monday during term time.
Keep up to date on Facebook for dates in the school holidays.



The Breastfeeding Network Peer Support volunteers meet in our café. Come along for support, help with feeding out and about, or just to see a smiling face and enjoy some friendly chat. For further details of the support offered please scan the QR code.



Havant and Portsmouth Area MS Social



First Tuesday of the month
7th January, 4th February, 4th March, 1st April

This is a social event for those with MS, their friends and families, in the Garden Room at The Spring. Please advise of your attendance in advance to organiser John Bishop by email to johnnybish@hotmail.com or on 07586 596099.

Serendipity

Twice a month on Thursdays

The free community groups are a safe place for autistic people to meet other autistic adults, receive peer support, learn new skills, and share their interests. They are open to any autistic adult over the age of 18, even if they are still waiting a diagnosis or have chosen not to receive a formal diagnosis.

Please contact Autism Hampshire for exact times and to sign up for free. Email serendipity@avenuesgroup.org.uk or contact 01489 880881 (ext. 225). Or visit autismhampshire.org.uk to find out more.

Body Control Pilates led by Gillian Burn and John Spencer

Wednesdays, Beginners: 2:15pm
Intermediates: 11:30am and 1pm
Term 1: 8th January - 12th February (6 weeks)
Pay on the day: £13. Pay in full: £75.00
Term 2: 26th February - 9th April (7 weeks)
Pay on the day: £13. Pay in full: £87.50

Relax and strengthen your body with Pilates, focusing on core muscles for improved tone, posture, flexibility, and balance. Gillian and John, trained with Body Control Pilates Academy, have over 20 years of teaching experience.

Please bring your own mat. Intermediate classes offer a challenge for those with experience, while beginner sessions are gentler.

To book email gillianburn@healthcircles.co.uk or call 07831 526 531.

www.healthcircles.co.uk/pilates-exercise



Chair Based Ballet

Fridays, 1:30pm - 2:30pm term time

Using gentle movements based on ballet steps the class is suitable for all ages, sexes, shapes and sizes. You will improve strength, flexibility, posture and balance through combinations and routines set to gorgeous music. We use the chairs to both sit on and as a barre with variations given when needed.

To book your free trial please contact Caroline on 07783962700 or c_twitchen@hotmail.com.

How to make your experience one to remember

We are delighted to welcome everyone into our building, and we will always do our best to help make your visit enjoyable. Our venue is open Monday – Saturday from 10am – 4pm, as well as one hour before evening performances. Selected Sundays and Bank Holidays also have opening hours around scheduled performances – please check ahead.

Booking and Accessibility

- Tickets can be purchased 24 hours a day via our website: thespring.co.uk
- Our box office is open during our opening hours for in-person and phone bookings at 023 9247 2700.
- Concession tickets are available on selected events and complimentary tickets are offered for essential companions.
- Accessible seating and wheelchair spaces are available in our theatre. An induction loop for hearing assistance, and accommodations for Registered Assistance Dogs are available.

For our full list of booking terms and accessibility access, please contact our box office or head to our website.

How to get to us

We have a rail station less than 10-minute walk away, bus stops outside and bike racks by the door. If you need to come by car, we are next to a council owned Pay and Display car park with two others less than 5 minutes away. Blue badge holders can park for free.

For more information, head to our website.

Our Partner Groups

We're proud to be the home of our resident company: **Music Fusion**.

We continue to work closely with the following groups:

- Bench Theatre
- HumDrum Theatre
- Havant Light Opera
- Havant Dynamo Youth Theatre

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To bring enriching cultural experiences to our community, The Spring depends on generous support through funding, grants, and donations. If you'd like to join us on this mission, there are many ways you can get involved and support our work:

Membership: £20 individual - £32 joint per year

Receive exclusive benefits for helping to support high-quality arts and heritage activities. For full list of benefits head to page 5.

Patrons: £500 individual - £700 joint per year

Our Patrons make a vital contribution, helping us offer a high-quality programme, and grow diverse audiences.

Thank you to our Patrons: Gladys West, Rachel and Matthew Bowns.

Find out more about becoming a Member or Patron on The Spring website or ask at the box office.

Room Hire at The Spring

- Our theatre, café, museum, meeting rooms and other inspiring spaces are all available for hire.
- Find out more at www.thespring.co.uk.



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