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A note from the Directors...

Thank you for picking up our Summer 2025 brochure. And what an exciting summer season we have in store! From local companies telling local stories to brilliant comedians previewing their sets before Edinburgh festival, we have a lot on offer. We hope we find something you love and maybe a few new things to try.

We are particularly excited for the additional exhibitions this season, from photography inspired by local climate and biodiversity to Dunkirk 85 in partnership with Pompey Pals, to our annual Open exhibition celebrating arts, crafts and textiles, to a brand-new interactive summer installation inspired by this year's summer reading The Story Garden. All free and open to all.

We are also delighted to share that new items will be landing in our shop very soon. We are always interested in supporting and working with artists to showcase and sell their work. If you or someone you know would be interested in selling their work via The Spring shop, then please get in touch via info@thespring.co.uk.

We thank you for your continued support of The Spring and all that we do. We hope you have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you this season.

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 artists 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.









Calling all book lovers and avid readers! The wait is over. The Spring's summer book sale is back

Get involved in supporting The Spring by donating your books and puzzles, then enjoy the thrill of discovering hidden gems at a bargain price. Stay tuned to our newsletter and social media channels for the latest updates on when we'll begin accepting donations. Every purchase you make enables us to bring more enriching cultural experiences to our beloved community. So mark your calendars and help us to spread the word!

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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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.

£20 for an individual per year

for a joint membership 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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Book Group

Once a month, 7:15pm Tickets: £7

Our monthly book group welcomes anyone who is passionate about literature and enjoys engaging in discussions about its themes with like-minded readers.

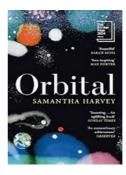
Each session is led by a founding member of the Havant Literary Festival Committee, providing a deeper introduction to the author and background of the book. The host also facilitates the discussion, ensuring that everyone has a chance to share their thoughts.

Thursday 15th May – **Orbital by Samantha Harvey**The discussion will be led by Valerie Bird.

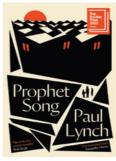
Thursday 12th June –
Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers
The discussion will be led by Gladys West.

Thursday 10th July – **Prophet Song by Paul Lynch**The discussion will be led by Caroline Hammond.

Thursday 14th August –
Slow Horses by Mick Herron
The discussion will be led by Peter Hammond.











Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical

Tuesday 13th May, 2pm & 7:30pm Tickets: £10

Bonnie & Clyde The Musical is the story of two small-town kids from the middle of nowhere who became the biggest folk heroes in all America.

Starring Tony-Nominee Jeremy Jordan and Olivier-Nominee Frances Mayli McCann, this award-winning production (including Best New Musical - What's On Stage Awards 2023) re-tells the unbelievable true story of America's most infamous couple, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. Recorded live at London's Theatre Royal Drury Lane, discover the electrifying story of love, adventure and crime that captured the attention of an entire nation.





Duck

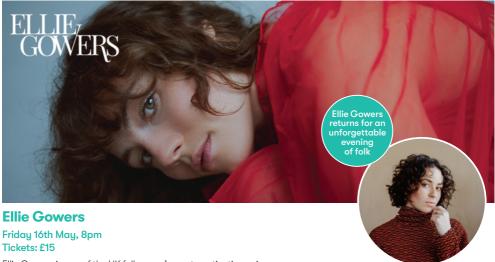
Thursday 15th May, 7:30pm Tickets: £14

It's the summer of 2005, England prepare to win the Ashes and Ismail (Smiley to his friends), a British Indian schoolboy, is about to become the youngest-ever player in his elite public school's First XI cricket team

He sets his sights on immortality, breaking the school batting record and getting his name into Wisden. But things are about to heat up.

From award-winning playwright maatin, Duck is about adolescence, the pressures of sporting competition and finding your identity in an environment that doesn't cater for difference.

"It could not feel more topical." The Guardian



Ellie Gowers is one of the UK folk scene's most captivating voices.

Dubbed "an all-singing, all-dancing folk polymath" (Jon Wilks, TradFolk), her debut album Dwelling by the Weir (2022) explored Warwickshire folklore, earning acclaim. Following her debut gig at The Spring, Ellie returns after a standout year, including the release of You, The Passenger (Nov 2024) and a tour with Gemma Hayes. Supporting Ellie will be Canadian singer-songwriter Mia Kelly. Performing in both French and English, the 2x Canadian Folk Music Award winner enthrals listeners with a distinctive blend of Folk, Rock, and Blues, while swiftly gaining recognition for her rich, poetic lyricism.



The Sounds Of Simon

Saturday 17th May, 7:30pm Tickets: £20

A beloved favourite at The Spring, The Sounds Of Simon return with their acclaimed tribute to Simon and Garfunkel. Highly recommended by fans, the show captures Paul and Art's stunning harmonies and their famously complex relationship. Enjoy classics like Mrs. Robinson, The Boxer, The Sound of Silence, and Bridge Over Troubled Water, along with other timeless hits that showcase Paul Simon's brilliance. This unforgettable show is filled with outstanding music, heartfelt nostalgia, and a deep appreciation for two legendary musicians.

Exhibition On Screen - Michelangelo: Love & Death

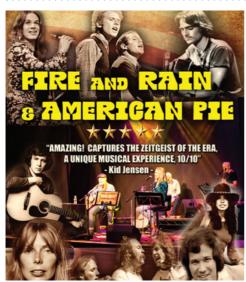
Thursday 22nd May, 7:30pm Tickets: £10

Michelangelo - Love & Death explores the life and legacy of the Renaissance master and poet who remains one of history's greatest artists.

Directed by David Bickerstaff - Produced by Phil Grabsky







Fire And Rain & American Pie

Saturday 24th May, 7:30pm Tickets: £21

Returning to The Spring after a sell-out show in 2024, Fire And Rain & American Pie are back with a heartwarming, musical homage to the great American singersongwriters of the late 60's and early 70's. Featuring beautiful timeless songs from James Taylor, Carole King, Simon & Garfunkel, Joni Mitchell, Don McLean, Bread, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, America, Mamas and Papas, Carly Simon and more!

Discover the sounds of Summer!

Scan the QR code to explore our exclusive Summer Lineup Playlist on Spotify

Get a taste of the incredible artists coming your way.



Royal Ballet: Ballet To Broadway

Tuesday 27th May, 2pm & 7:30pm

Sensuous contemporary ballet meets the energy of musical theatre in four distinctive short works. Fool's Paradise, The Two of Us, Us, An American in Paris: four works showing the remarkable choreographic range of The Royal Ballet's Artistic Associate, Christopher Wheeldon.



The Oyster House

by People And Stories

Wednesday 28th May, 8pm

Tickets: £20, £14 for friends of People And Stories, £10 for groups of 10+

Langstone Harbour. 1913.

On a lonely island sits the Oyster House, looking out over polluted waters and throbbing tides. When an artist arrives by boat, to take up residency on the island, a series of events unfolds, against a backdrop of rising tensions and the prospect of war.

Based on the real Oyster House of Langstone Harbour, which withstood winds and tides for over 130 years, this new in-the-round thriller will tour the communities of Portsmouth and Langstone Harbours for 14 performances only, across May-June 2025.



With post-show Q&A with the director!

OYSTER HOUSE

Stau and **The Mushroom Show** play session after the show There's a secret kingdom full of mysteries... A whole world of strange, smelly and surprising life... And they're all around us! Welcome to...THE MUSHROOM SHOW! Augustine Fogwoode might be the world's MOST enthusiastic mushroom enthusiast! She is on a quest to make sure everyone knows about the brilliance of fungi: their scientific superpowers and amazing abilities. But it's just her and her puppet friend Goldie. She might just need a few more fun-guys to make it happen. Join the party and discover how fungi grow, connect and help the natural world, including us humans. Packed full of interactive games, playful music and lots of laughs for all the family, The Mushroom Show is one person's mission to build a community... and maybe it'll become your

Adam Beattie and Fiona Bevan

Friday 30th May, 8pm. Tickets: £15

mission too?

Acclaimed Scottish singer-songwriter Adam Beattie 'Uplifting Reveries Of Love' (Mojo Magazine) and multi-platinum singer-songwriter Fiona Bevan 'Startling Odysseys' (The Guardian) embark on a double headline tour of the UK this summer in celebration of their new music releases.

Adam and Fiona make their electrifying debut at The Spring with brandnew music! Adam's first single from Home Fires Burning introduces a heartfelt, homespun epic inspired by traditional fiddle tunes, woven into intricate fingerpicked guitar. Fiona's debut from First Woman On The Moon unveils a bold and emotive journey through hope, love, and female desire, set against a powerful political backdrop, with otherworldly piano melodies and unique guitar tunings. Don't miss these rising artists as they launch their most exciting work yet!



WiFi Wars

Saturday 31st May, 3pm & 7pm Tickets: £13 child, £15 adult

The live comedy game show where you play along!

Log in with your smartphone or tablet and compete in a range of games, puzzles and quizzes to win the show, and prizes!

Hosted by comedian Steve McNeil (team captain on UK TV's hit comedy/gaming show "Dara O'Briain's Go 8 Bit") and aided by Guinness World-Record-Breaking tech whizz, the award-winning Rob Sedgebeer!

Recommended ages: 6+ for matinee, 12+ for evening.

"Top Ten London Geek Nights Out" Metro

"Not to be missed." The Guardian



Yi-Yang Chen

Wednesday 4th June, 7:30pm Tickets: £18, £16 concessions

Prepare to be captivated as International Steinway Artist Yi-Yang Chen takes the stage with a spellbinding solo piano performance—an evening of power, beauty, and pure musical magic.

This unforgettable programme features Beethoven's thrilling 'Waldstein' Sonata (an electrifying experience live!), a Chopin Scherzo, shimmering Debussy, and the soulful charm of Gershwin's 'Embraceable You'. Plus, discover must-hear contemporary gems, including 'In Foreign Lands' (Germany) and 'Ocean Surface' (Iceland).

Stay after the performance for a special Q&A session with Yi-Yang Chen. Get a rare, behind-the-scenes look at his artistry as he shares insights, stories, and his infectious passion for music.

An unforgettable piano performance, followed by an exclusive Q&A!

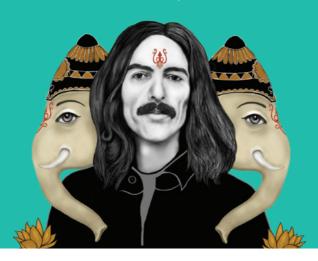
All Things Must Pass Orchestra

Thursday 5th June, 7:30pm Tickets: £21, £19 concessions

Back by popular demand, The All Things Must Pass Orchestra returns to The Spring, bringing the timeless music of George Harrison to life in all its kaleidoscopic brilliance!

This exceptional 10-piece band has been captivating audiences nationwide with sell-out performances since 2013, and now they're set to do it again with their highly anticipated 2025 tour.

Led by the talented singer and multi-instrumentalist Alex Eberhard, this Brighton-based ensemble has crafted a stunning setlist featuring gems from Harrison's legendary catalogue. While the show is focussed on All Things Must Pass, fans can also expect to hear iconic classics like Something, While My Guitar Gently Weeps, Here Comes The Sun, and the anthemic My Sweet Lord.



Frankenstein (On a Budget)

by Lamp House Theatre

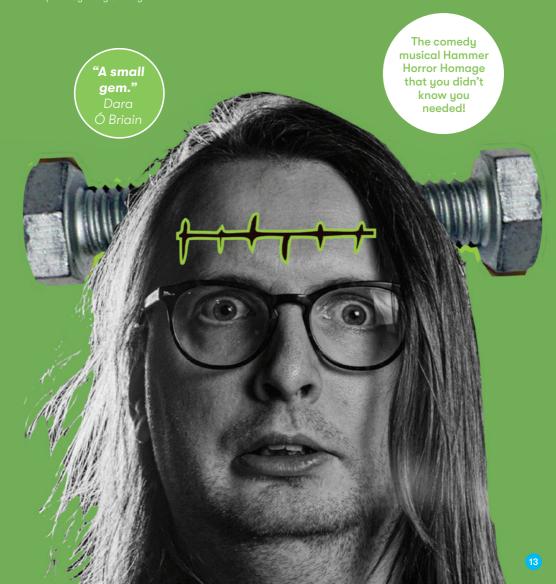
Friday 6th June, 8pm

Tickets: £15

One man, one monster, one glorious dream to singlehandedly tell the most famous cult horror story of all time, and absolutely no budget whatsoever. What could possibly go wrong?

Featuring one actor, some decidedly dodgy backdrops, lots of weather based puns, plenty of cardboard props and more hats than you can throw a stick at. Can our ill-fated doctor build his monstrous creation, play 25 characters, sing a lot of songs, attempt accents from across the world, perform a dance routine, and ultimately save the day in just 60 minutes?

Featuring a full soundtrack of brand-new music, with incredible cardboard creations and characters inspired by Mary Shelley and Boris Karloff.



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

Maria (12A)

Tuesday 6th May, 1:45pm & 7:30pm

Maria Callas, the world's greatest opera singer, lives the last days of her life in 1970s Paris, as she confronts her identity.

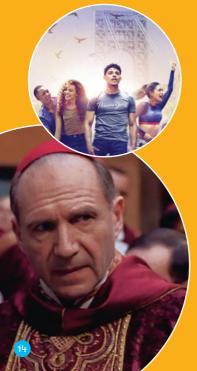
Running Time: 121 minutes.

Juror #2 (12A)

Wednesday 7th May, 1:45pm & 7:30pm

While serving as a juror in a high-profile murder trial, a family man finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma, one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict or free the wrong killer.

Running Time: 114 minutes.



We Live In Time (15)

Wednesday 14th May, 1:45pm & 7:30pm

After an unusual encounter, a talented chef and a recent divorcée fall in love and build the home and family they've always dreamed of, until a painful truth puts their love story to the test.

Running Time: 108 minutes.

The Critic (15)

Tuesday 17th June, 1:45pm & 7:30pm

A powerful London theatre critic becomes entangled in a web of deceit and murder.

Running Time: 101 minutes.

Anora (18)

Wednesday 2nd July, 1:45pm & 7:30pm

A young escort from Brooklyn meets and impulsively marries the son of a Russian oligarch.

Once the news reaches Russia, her fairy tale is threatened as his parents set out for New York to get the marriage annulled.

Running Time: 139 minutes.

Conclave (Encore) (12A)

Tuesday 22nd July, 1.45pm

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the centre of a web of conspiracies and intrigue that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church.

Running Time: 120 minutes.

Small Things Like These (12A)

1:45pm & 7:30pm In 1985 devoted father Bill Furlona discovers disturbi

Furlong discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent and uncovers shocking truths of his own.

Running Time: 98 minutes.

Wicked Sing-a-long (PG) Wednesday 6th August, 2pm & 7pm

Elphaba, a young woman ridiculed for her green skin, and Galinda, a popular girl, become friends at Shiz University in the Land of Oz. After an encounter with the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads.

Running Time: 160 minutes.

The Wild Robot (U)

After a shipwreck, an intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an uninhabited island. To survive the harsh environment, Roz bonds with the island's animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose.

Running Time: 102 minutes.

In The Heights (PG) Wednesday 13th August, 1:45pm & 7:30pm

In Washington Heights, a sympathetic New York bodega owner saves every penny every day as he imagines and sings about a better life.

Running Time: 143 minutes.

The World's Greatest Stage Musicals!

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

Musical Tickets £10



Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical Tuesday 13th May, 2pm & 7:30pm

Bonnie & Clyde The Musical tells the true story of Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, two small-town kids who became America's most infamous couple.

Starring Jeremy Jordan and Frances Mayli McCann, this award-winning production was recorded live at London's Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

Running time: 150 minutes including an interval.



An American In Paris

Wednesday 18th June, 1:45pm & 7:30pm

An American in Paris is a Tony Award-winning Broadway musical inspired by the Oscar-winning MGM film. It follows Jerry Mulligan, an American GI striving to become a painter in post-war Paris, where hope and possibility fill the air.

After a chance encounter with the beautiful dancer Lise, their love story unfolds against the romantic backdrop of Paris. Featuring George and Ira Gershwin's timeless music, stunning designs, and breathtaking choreography, this acclaimed production received 28 five-star reviews.

Running time: 174 minutes including an interval.



42nd Street The Musical

Wednesday 30th July, 1:45pm & 7:30pm

42nd Street is a legendary Broadway musical following Peggy Sawyer, a young performer who gets her big break.

Filmed live at London's Theatre Royal, this dazzling production stars Bonnie Langford as Dorothy Brock and features iconic songs like 42nd Street, We're In The Money, and Lullaby of Broadway.

Running time: 155 minutes including an interval.

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



Ballet: Ballet To Broadway Tuesday 27th May, 2pm & 7:30pm Running time: 180 minutes including one interval



Opera: Il Barbiere di Siviglia Tuesday 3rd June, 7pm Running time: 125 minutes including one interval





EOS EXHIBITION ON SCREEN.



Michelangelo: Love & Death Thursday 22nd May, 7:30pm Running time: 90 minutes

Michelangelo - Love & Death delves into the life and legacy of the Renaissance master, exploring his genius through masterpieces like David, Pietà, and Sistine Chapel.

This cinematic journey features expert insights and Michelangelo's words, celebrating his brilliance and enduring influence. Returning to cinemas in 2025 for his 550th birthday.

Frida Kahlo Tuesday 5th August, 7:30pm Running time: 90 minutes

Discover the real Frida Kahlo in this intimate and vivid film, shot at her iconic Blue House in Mexico City. Through expert interviews, personal letters, and in-depth analysis of her work uncover the secrets, symbolism, and emotions behind her art.

Exhibition on Screen brings Kahlo's resilience, creativity, and passion to life, offering unparalleled access to her masterpieces and the woman behind the legend.









Creation: The Bubble Show with the Highland Joker

Saturday 7th June, 11:30am & 2pm. Tickets: £13

Journey through the awe-inspiring story of the origins of Bubbleland, as it's brought to life in a dazzling display of soap and water.

Immerse yourself in this spectacular adventure as the master of bubbles breathes life into light, water, plants, animals, stars, and the essence of human nature itself.

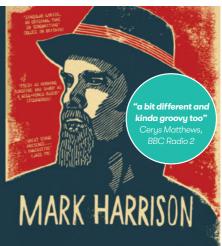
Creation is a feast for the senses, with fire effects, poetic puppetry, light-displays, captivating music and brandnew bubble masterpieces never seen before. Step into a new world where magic sparkles, colours dance, and imagination knows no bounds.

Mark Harrison

Saturday 7th June, 8pm Tickets: £15

A multi-award-nominated artist with a well-earned reputation for originality, Mark's music is unlike anything else out there - combining stunning guitar playing, striking rhythms, and wry, thought-provoking lyrics. Frequently heard on BBC Radio 2, including its Pick of the Week show alongside top international artists, Mark has built a dedicated following with his charismatic live performances that blend memorable songs with his signature dry humour and insightful storytelling.

With eight critically acclaimed albums and a style that's been described as uplifting, fresh, and deeply engaging, Mark takes audiences on a journey through life's realities in a way that is both inspirational and entertaining.



Dancing At Lughnasa

by HumDrum Theatre

Wednesday 11th – Saturday 14th June, 7:30pm Matinee: Saturday 14th June, 2:30pm Tickets: £14

Donegal, the summer of 1936. Sisters Kate, Maggie, Agnes, Rose, and Chris live as best they can outside the village of Ballybeg. Chris has a son, Michael, who lives with the sisters, as does their elder brother, Jack, a priest recently returned from 25 years of missionary work in Uganda. But Jack has been profoundly changed by the culture he encountered - and seemingly embraced - during his time away. When Gerry, Michael's father, reappears, the winds of change begin to stir the sisters' lives.

Exploring love, family, poverty, relationships, and survival, Brian Friel's multi-award-winning Dancing At Lughnasa was first staged at Dublin's Abbey Theatre in 1990. Now, HumDrum Theatre brings this powerfudrama to life once more







Patience by Havant Light Opera

Wednesday 25th - Saturday 28th June, 7:30pm Saturday Matinee: 2pm. Tickets: £14, £7 under 18s

Havant Light Opera presents Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience", a tale of faddish fandom and fickle fancy.

The comic opera follows Patience, a milkmaid and two poets, Bunthorne and Grosvenor, who compete for her affection. Although originally written as a satire on the aesthetic movement of the 1880s, it is still relevant today as a social commentary of the 21st century.

A mix of rural simplicity, military bluster and poetic romance, the witty dialogue and memorable tunes combine to charm and delight audiences of all ages.



Stepping Out by Bench Theatre

Thursday 10th - Saturday 19th July, for times and ticket prices, please see our website

'Stepping Out' is a moving comedy about a group of eight ladies (and one man) at a beginner's tap-dancing class in a run-down church hall. When they learn they are to perform in a local charity showcase, the pressure is on! As they pull together and prepare for the big day, we follow the characters on a heartwarming journey that celebrates friendship, courage, and of course... dancing! Will they be ready in time?

Join Bench Theatre for this feel-good show that will leave your heart glowing and your feet tapping!

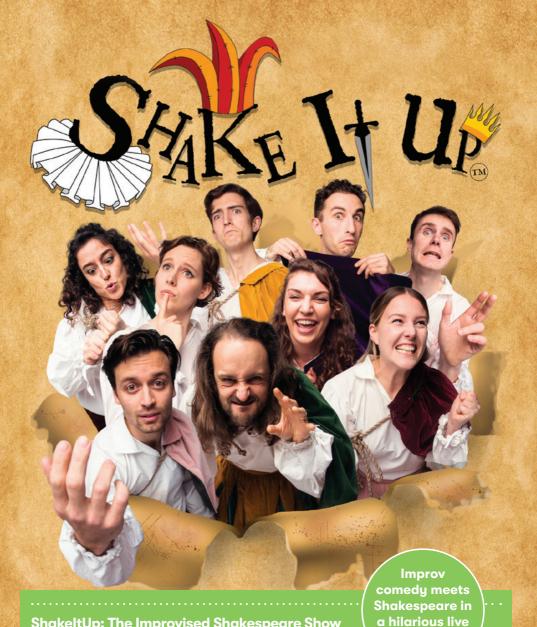
Fault Lines by Lila Dance

Friday 4th July, 8pm Tickets: £16, £10 for students

Fault Lines delves into the growing disconnect between humanity and nature, driven by our relentless pursuit of progress. Set in a post-apocalyptic world, survivors emerge from the ruins to navigate a new and uncertain future.

Lîla Dance's family-friendly production, featuring an original score by Dougie Evans, digital imagery by Zach Walker, and illustrations by Courtney McCarthy, explores environmental destruction while questioning what happens when we come together with hope. With new writing by award-winning Nick Walker, this performance immerses audiences in a sensory journey inspired by the natural world.





ShakeltUp: The Improvised Shakespeare Show

by Shakeitup Theatre

Saturday 5th July, 7:30pm

********Quick witted, inexhaustible and absolutely hysterical." London Theatre Reviews

performance!

Comedy Previews at The Spring

Experience an evening (or three!) of top-tier comedy with our Edinburgh Previews!

These special shows give you an exclusive first look at stand-up acts as they fine-tune their material ahead of the world-famous Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Catch both rising stars and seasoned comedians as they test out their latest routines before taking them to the big stage.

See all 3 previews for £30

Bilal Zafar and Sophie Duker

Tuesday 22nd July, 8pm Tickets: £12 or see all 3 previews for £30

Your acts for this evening:

Bilal Zafar

Bilal Zafar was nominated for the lastminute.com Best Newcomer Award at the Edinburgh Fringe for his debut show, CAKES, and won the New Act of the Year award, joining past winners like Stewart Lee and Ardal O'Hanlon.

A runner-up at the Leicester Square Theatre New Comedian of the Year competition, he has appeared on BBC3, BBC iPlayer, and BBC Radio, and written for The Independent. He also runs a popular Twitch channel with over 12.3K followers, where he streams an interactive, improvised comedy show as a scandal-ridden football manager, attracting attention from radio and newspapers.

Sophie Duker

Sophie Duker, the self-proclaimed "hot comedy weirdo," is back with a fiery new hour for 2025.

Winner of Taskmaster, Celebrity
Pointless, and Celebrity Mastermind,
she's also the host of the Wacky
Racists Comedy Club and a familiar
face from Obsessed with... I May
Destroy You and Everything I Know
About Love. Armed with sharp wit,
boundary-pushing humour, and a
tequila-based cocktail, Sophie delivers
the kind of stand-up that has critics
calling her "incomparable" (Voice Magazine)
and "laugh-out-loud funny" (The Telegraph).



Pierre Novellie and Bella Hull

Wednesday 23rd July, 8pm Tickets: £12 or see all 3 previews for £30

Your acts for this evening:

Pierre Novellie

Pierre Novellie is a stand-up comedian, writer, and podcaster, known as the co-host of The Frank Skinner Show on Absolute Radio. His TV appearances include World's Most Dangerous Roads (Dave), The Mash Report (BBC2), and Stand Up Central (Comedy Central). On radio, he's performed on The Now Show (Radio 4) and hosts Obsessed With... SAS: Roque Heroes for BBC Sounds.



As a writer, he's contributed to Spitting Image, Mock the Week, and The News Quiz, and he co-hosts the hit podcast Budpod alongside Phil Wang.

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Bella Hull

Bella Hull is a London-based stand-up and writer, hailed as one of the UK's most exciting young comedians. Her debut hour,

Babycakes, was a hit at the Edinburgh Fringe and Soho Theatre, and she regularly performs to sell-out crowds. She's appeared on Stand Up for Live Comedy (BBC), The Stand Up Sketch Show (ITV), and Comedy Central Live, and co-hosts the Last Night Ever podcast with Jacob Hawley.

As a writer, she has a BBC script commission, has contributed to Newsjack (Radio 4) and Flux Magazine, and is the advice columnist for Quadra Magazine.

Marise Gaughan and Tom Rosenthal

Friday 25th July, 8pm Tickets: £12 or see all 3 previews for £30

Your acts for this evening:

Marise Gaughan

Marise Gaughan is a bold and darkly funny stand-up comedian who began her career in Los Angeles, performing at The Comedy Store and The Hollywood Improv. Her debut show, Drowning, tackled mental health with raw honesty, earning award nominations at the Dublin Fringe. Since returning to the UK, she has supported acts like Rob Delaney and Jim Norton, and her sharp, unflinching comedy has been praised for its biting humour and emotional depth (Irish Independent).



Tom Rosenthal is an award-winning comedian, actor, and writer, best known for starring in Friday Night Dinner (C4) and Plebs (ITV), two of the most successful comedies on their respective channels. His screen credits also include Broadchurch, Bridget Jones' Baby, and Operation Fortune (2023). As a stand-up, his sharp observational comedy has earned critical acclaim, with his show Manhood receiving rave reviews on tour and at the Edinburgh Fringe.





Family fun at The Spring!





Creation: The Bubble Show

Saturday 7th June, 11:30am & 2pm. Tickets: £13

Journey through the awe-inspiring story of the origins of Bubbleland, as it's brought to life in a dazzling display of soap and water. Immerse yourself in this spectacular adventure as the master of bubbles breathes life into light, water, plants, animals, stars, and the essence of human nature itself.

Creation is a feast for the senses, with fire effects, poetic puppetry, light-displays, captivating music and brand-new bubble masterpieces never seen before.



The Mushroom Show

Thursday 29th May, 11am & 2pm. Tickets: £12

Augustine Fogwoode might be the world's MOST enthusiastic mushroom enthusiast! She is on a quest to make sure everyone knows about the brilliance of fungi. But it's just her and her puppet friend Goldie. She might just need a few more fun-guys to make it happen. Join the party and discover how fungi grow, connect and help the natural world, including us humans. Packed full of interactive games, playful music and lots of laughs for all the family.

Splat!

Saturday 9th August, 11:30am & 2pm Tickets: £11.50

Splat is a physical comedy about Art and Creativity for ages 3-6. Set in an artists' studio the show follows two aspiring artists - one dedicated and serious the other erratic and messy. The two characters attempt to complete their masterpieces whilst antagonising each other in the process.

They take a journey through the history of visual art, experiencing the techniques of the great masters and movements before eventually realising that to achieve anything they must embrace their opposites and work together. The show explores themes of collaboration, play, dedication, spontaneity and letting go. The show features no language and is accessible for deaf audiences.





Film: The Wild Robot (U)

Tuesday 12th August, 11am Tickets: £6.50

After a shipwreck, an intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an uninhabited island. To survive the harsh environment, Roz bonds with the island's animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose.



Film: Wicked Sing-a-long (PG)

Wednesday 6th August, 2pm & 7pm Tickets: £6.50

Elphaba, a young woman ridiculed for her green skin, and Galinda, a popular girl, become friends at Shiz University in the Land of Oz. After an encounter with the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads.



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.

Keep an eye out for details about our summer installation!

Inspired by this year's Summer Reading Challenge, The Story Garden, we will be transforming the Mezzanine gallery into an interactive space for children to explore.





Things Found In Books

Saturday 26th July, 7:30pm Tickets: £16

Boo Hewerdine and Yvonne Lyon return to The Spring with Things Found in Books, drawing from letters, notes, and photographs left between pages, they weave these ephemeral stories into heartfelt songs filled with nostalgia, beauty, and longing. Boo, known for writing Patience of Angels, and Yvonne, a celebrated artist with ten solo albums, have both been featured on BBC Radio 2, including live sessions with Bob Harris.



Thursday 31st July, 7:30pm. Tickets: £25

Heave ho and set sail with The Old Time Sailors on a wild journey through Irish Punk, Shanty Punk, Polka Rock, Romani Punk, and beyond! Join their 21-strong crew of rebellious musicians as they navigate uncharted waters of Heavy Metal and Hard Rock. Brace yourself for vigorous vocals, electrifying energy, mosh pits, and headbanging madness. They play it live, they play it loud, and as always - be prepared to expect the unexpected!

lago Banet, 'The Galician King of Acoustic Guitar'

Friday 1st August, 7:30pm Tickets: £15

As featured on BBC Radio 2's The Blues Show, lago Banet is a master of the guitar (BBC Radio 3) and a highly recommended artist (Celtic Connections).

Fusing gypsy jazz, blues, Americana, country, swing, pop, and folk, lago's performances are a mesmerising display of technique, passion, and innovation.

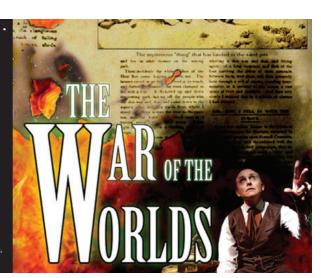


The War Of The Worlds

Thursday 7th August, 7:30pm Tickets: £15

The classic tale is restored to its authentic Victorian setting in this original one-man performance, scripted and performed by Jonathan Goodwin. The chances of anything coming from Mars are a million to one. And yet, mankind finds itself on the brink of extinction when aggressive creatures from that remote planet land on Earth.

Jonathan Goodwin is this year's winner of The Hamilton Deane Award from The Dracula Society (former winners include Mark Gatiss and Benedict Cumberbatch).





Jive Aces - Keeping The Show On The Road

Thursday 14th August, 7:30pm Tickets: £22

Get ready for an unforgettable night as The Jive Aces bring their high-energy swing to The Spring for the very first time! Renowned as the UK's No.1 Jive & Swing band, they've dazzled audiences in over 40 countries, played for The Queen, and even made history as the first band to reach the finals of Britain's Got Talent!

With their trademark yellow suits and infectious enthusiasm, The Jive Aces deliver a show packed with toe-tapping rhythms, sensational harmonies, and an irresistible mix of swing, jazz, and rock 'n' roll. Expect to hear their unique takes on classics from legends like Louis Prima, Bobby Darin, and Ella Fitzgerald, alongside their own feel-good originals.

Women In Rock

Saturday 16th August, 7:30pm Tickets: £25

Celebrating the sensationally strong female leaders of rock, including Blondie, Suzi Q, Janis Joplin, Heart, Joan Jett, Pink, Kiki Dee, Bonnie Tyler, Cher and so many more! With a cast of world-class musicians and vocalists that deliver a blistering 2-hour performance, you'll be singing, dancing and rocking out from the off with hit after hit.

A rock show unlike any other with electric costume changes, soaring vocals, impressive harmonies and audience interaction, you will not be disappointed.



Exhibitions

Our exhibitions are open during our standard opening times. Entry is always free, and no tickets are required.

Current exhibition

Climate & Biodiversity Photography exhibition

In partnership with Havant Borough Council Foyer gallery. On display until 24th May

Explore a stunning collection of photographs submitted by talented local residents in response to Havant Borough Council's Climate and Biodiversity strategies.

This exhibition celebrates the rich natural environment of our borough. Havant Borough Council, in partnership with The Spring, invited residents and visitors to share their unique perspectives through photography.



Upcoming exhibitions



Entries are now open! See website for details

FREE and open

Spring Open 2025

Supported by Portsmouth University Lecturers Showcased within The Spring. On display 7th July - 20th September

Each year, The Spring hosts a vibrant Open Exhibition that showcases and celebrates art, crafts and textiles in all their forms, from artists and makers in Havant, Hampshire and surrounding areas.

Whether a seasoned professional, an enthusiastic amateur, or just love to dabble, we welcome visual artists working in any medium to share their unique perspective with us.



The Story Garden

Inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge
Mezzanine gallery. On display from 4th July - 20th September

Following the success of The Magic Library: Magic Makers exhibition, join us this summer for a brand-new interactive installation inspired by the summer reading challenge theme of The Story Garden. As we bring the outside in, explore a new world and search out helpful tips to create your very own stories and characters. Accompanied by a free trail - can you find the letters to spell out the hidden word.

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

Dunkirk 85

In partnership with Pompey Pals Mezzanine gallery On display 19th May - 14th June

This year marks the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ
Day and the 85th of Dunkirk and the Battle of
Britain. In partnership with The Spring, Pompey
Pals Charity shares the story of HMS Havant
and Portsmouth's role in Dunkirk, honouring
local service members from 1914 to todau.



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 3rd May: Old Idsworth - Mark Seaman. Saturday 7th June: Mysteries of St Mary's Church, Portchester - Tony Billings.

Saturday 5th July: Annual Walk.

Saturday 2nd August: Annual visit to Petersfield Museum - Ann Brooks.

Heritage Walks

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

Tuesday 13th May & Saturday 17th May: Scenes from Havant Life.

Saturday 24th May:
Bosham and regime change.

Tuesday 3rd June: Portsmouth and the Navy.

Tuesday 17th June & Saturday 21st June: Butser Hill - The history of Prehistory.







Community



Breastfeeding Network

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



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



Havant and Portsmouth Area MS Social

please scan the QR code.



First Tuesday of the month 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August

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.



Body Control Pilates led by Gillian Burn and John Spencer

Wednesdays, Beginners: 2pm Intermediates: 11:30am and 12:45pm Term 1: 23rd April - 21st May (5 weeks) Pay on the day: £13 Pay in full: £62.50. Term 2: 4th June - 16th July (7 weeks) Pay on the day: £13 Pay in full: £87.50.

Relax and strengthen your body with Pilates, focussing 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

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.



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 for 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 Resident Company

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

Associate Community Theatre Companies

- Bench Theatre
- HumDrum Theatre
- Havant Light Opera

Associate Youth Theatre Company

- Havant Dynamo Youth Theatre

Thanks to our funders:





Support The Spring

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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