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JULY TO SEPT 2010



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Dear Patron,

Welcome to the July to Sept brochure.

The St Albans Festival opens shortly and the Arena starts off with the fantastic Blockheads! If you have never seen them live this is a MUST. We also include one of the few dates this summer for Julie Fowlis, an evening with guitar legend Gordon Giltrap and Sir Willard White makes his first appearance at the Arena. We finish off with Lee Mead, a real coup!

July sees a lot of local activity and also a great one man show, The Importance Of Being Oscar and we finish the month off with Fireman Sam for all the little ones. We close down for 3 weeks in August as we do our maintenance and all our statutory inspections in this period, though watch out for some good films at the beginning of August.

September brings a host of great shows including the welcome return of the Fun Lovin' Criminals after a 5 year absence, then we have Brian Conley, Peter Alliss, Jethro and direct from the USA, the Texas Tenors. We also have Shana Morrison (the very talented daughter of Van) making a rare appearance in the UK. Listen to her online, I am sure you will be impressed.

We have a new website up and running too. Bear with us as we iron out any initial problems and your comments will be welcomed.

Finally, these are difficult times for the theatre industry and your support for your local theatre is much appreciated and much needed. Save yourself the train fare to London and look online at www.alban-arena.co.uk for some great entertainment!

Frank Leclezio
General Manager



ADVANCE BOOKING AVAILABILITY SPRING into SUMMER 2010

Become a Priority Mailing List subscriber for only £3.50 and receive:

- Seasonal brochures four times a year.
- 5 day priority booking periods before the shows go on general sale.
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- Savings throughout the year.

Tickets on sale for:

Priority Mailing List subscribers

From Saturday 29 May 10.00am (Telephone bookings from 10.30am).

General Sale

From Friday 4 June 10.00am (Telephone bookings from 10.30am).

(Mailing list members are advised that some shows may occasionally be contracted after this brochure has gone to print. In such cases, priority booking is not always possible.)

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St Albans Festival

FRIDAY 11 – SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2010

Celebrating Rights & Freedoms



The Magna Carta Weekend

Friday 11 – Sunday 13 June

Albantide Festival Pilgrimage

Saturday 19 June

St Albans Folk at The Festival

Saturday 26 June

St Albans Alive Sunday 27 June

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www.stalbansfestival.co.uk

See website for more details.

.....plus much, much more to Do and Enjoy!



The Blockheads with special guests The Boomtown Rats Garry Roberts and Simon Crowe

Friday 11 June – 7.30pm • Tickets: £18.50, £17.50

Dury may no longer be with us but **The Blockheads** remain one of the hardest working groups to have emerged from the decade that gave us some of the most exciting and original music since the birth of rock and roll including *Clever Trevor* (sic), *Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick*, *Reasons To Be Cheerful Part 3*, *What A Waste* and the anthem for their generation, *Sex and Drugs and Rock and Roll!*

Original Rats **Garry Roberts** and **Simon Crowe** with **Peter Barton** on bass and vocals and **Darren Beale** on guitar, perform all the classic **Boomtown** hits along with 'live' favourites like 'Joey's On The Street Again' and 'Neon Heart'.

Julie Fowlis In Concert

Saturday 12 June – 7.30pm

Tickets: £19.50



Mark Radcliffe hailed her voice and songs as “enchanting, beguiling and as fascinating as songs by Kate Bush and Björk” and KT Tunstall described her voice as “formidable and amazingly rhythmic”. The elfin figure they are describing is **Julie Fowlis**, a talented singer and instrumentalist from Scotland. She was named BBC Radio 2 Folk Singer of the Year 2008 and in a few short years has taken the music scene by storm, gathering a small army of fans around the world including an impressive list of celebrities such as the aforementioned Mark Radcliffe, KT Tunstall plus Ricky Gervais and Phil Selway from Radiohead.



In The Flesh: The Pink Floyd Show

Thursday 17 June – 7.30pm • Tickets: £17.50

This is an authentic excursion into **Pink Floyd's** most creative period from the mid sixties to early eighties, with a hugely impressive sound complemented by saxophones and backing vocalists.

In The Flesh combine state of the art technology alongside traditional analogue equipment and original instruments, including valve amps and a Hammond organ (the same model that Richard Wright used no less) that defined the true **Pink Floyd** sound.

This is an amazing show for all Floyd fans and is not to be missed!

www.floydflesh.com



The Platters In Concert

Friday 18 June – 7.30pm

Tickets: £16.50, £15.00

Formed in Los Angeles in 1953, **The Platters** were one of the top vocal groups of their era, selling 53 million records worldwide and being among the first doo-wop groups to be inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. The groundbreaking song, *Only You* became the group's first Top Ten hit on the pop charts and the follow-up, *The Great Pretender*, exceeded their previous chart success and became the band's first national No.1 hit. **The Platters'** unique vocal style is unforgettable thanks to a string of hit singles including *I'm Sorry, He's Mine, Enchanted, The Magic Touch, Twilight Time, To Each His Own, If I Didn't Care* and *Jerome Kern's Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*.

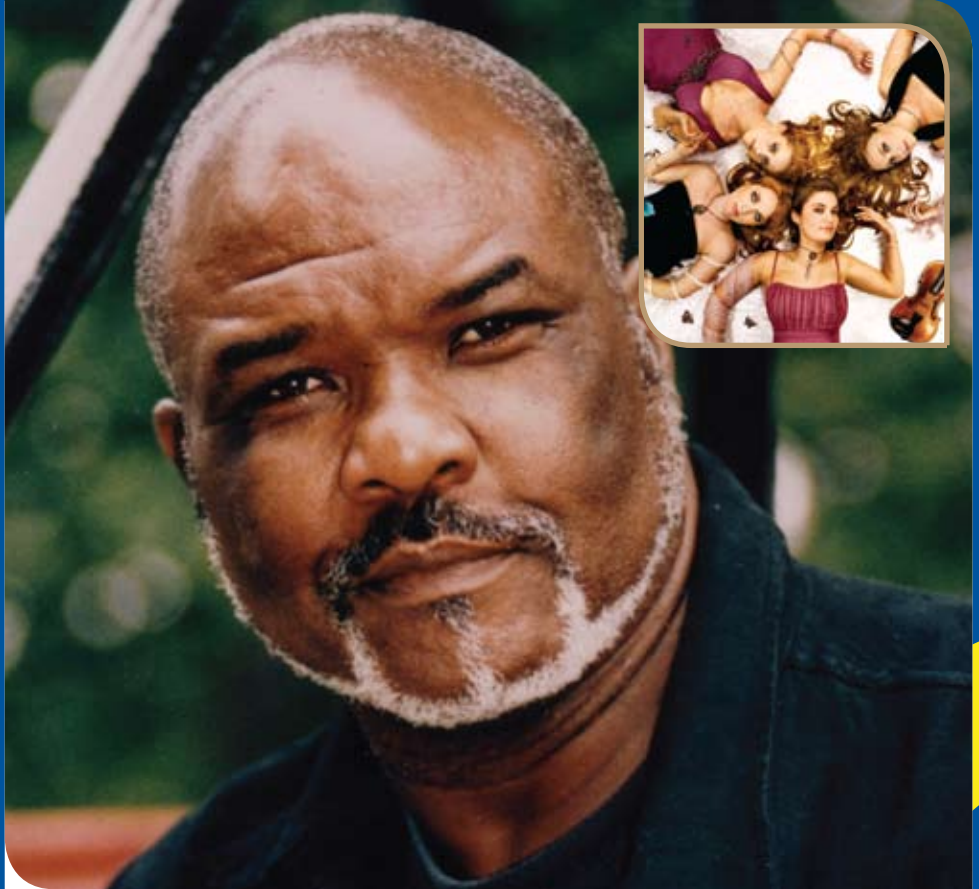
Come and enjoy a night of first class entertainment from a world class group.

An Evening With Willard White

Robeson Re-explored

Sunday 20 June – 7.30pm

Tickets: £22.50, £21.50



Sir Willard explores more of the repertoire and life story of this important icon of the last century. Paul Robeson epitomised the energy and integrity of the major figures who raised awareness of equality and human rights in the mid-twentieth century. The story of his example is moving and very relevant to today's world.

The programme includes Negro spirituals, British folk song, and classic early jazz songs. The concert concludes with his rendition of 'Ol' Man River'. Willard White takes on the mantle of the legendary Paul Robeson with the quality of a master craftsman.

'Simply entertainment at it's very best, this is definitely one show not to be missed'



The St Albans Review Retailer Of The Year Award 2010

Monday 21 June – 7.30pm • Tickets: £5.00

St Albans has always been proud of its city centre and the many traders that make it such a vibrant place.

The third annual Retailer of the Year Awards evening will celebrate with the best of what the city has to offer!



**HIGH
ENERGY,
ADRENALIN
DRIVEN**

Strictly Tap Dance Fever

Wednesday 23 June – 7.30pm

Tickets: £21.50, £19.50 (concessions £2.50 off)
Groups over 10+ please phone 01727 897997

Strictly Tap Dance Fever takes the audience on a whistle stop tour of the greatest tap dance moments in show business history. Starting in the era when Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were the stars of the day, the show tap dances its way through history, thrilling and exciting audiences with the vibrant tap dance styles that entertained generations. A visit to 42nd Street, a glimpse of White Tie and Tails and a peek at Chorus Line, this awesome, original show leaves audiences shouting for more.



Gordon Giltrap In Concert

The 'SHINING MORN' Tour

Thursday 24 June – 8.00pm

Tickets: £16.50

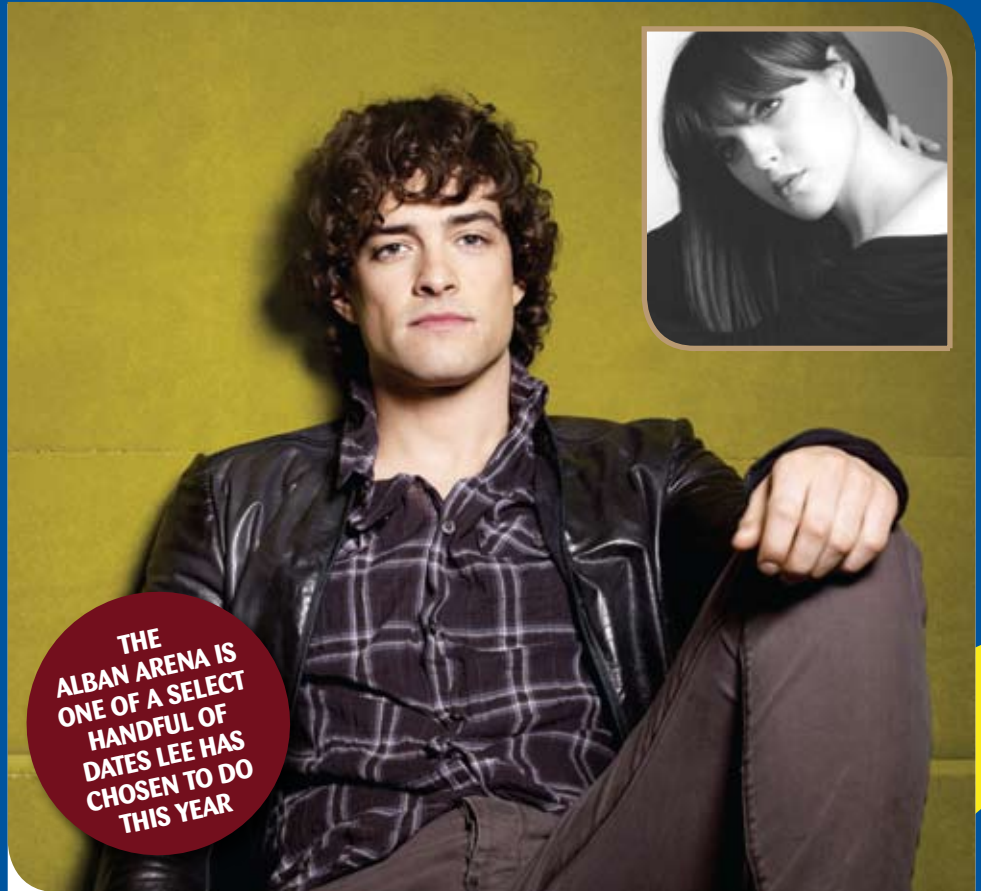
Join us for an evening celebrating four decades of extraordinary live music from one of the UK's greatest guitar legends. From pop in the sixties and seventies through to the iconic BBC Holiday theme 'Heartsong', to his many classic compositions, Gordon Giltrap is without doubt a musical national treasure. This will be a concert of superb music that combines rock, blues, folk and classical, played on 5 or 6 different guitars with some clever technology to enhance the show! In his performance of the renowned Dodo's Dream, he actually samples his live music onstage so no two performances are ever the same.

Lee Mead In Concert

Featuring Special Guest Niamh Perry

Sunday 27 June – 7.30pm

Tickets: £26.50, £24.50



THE
ALBAN ARENA IS
ONE OF A SELECT
HANDFUL OF
DATES LEE HAS
CHOSEN TO DO
THIS YEAR

The Alban Arena is delighted to announce the forthcoming concert performance of sensational West End singing star **Lee Mead**. **Lee's** singing and acting talents came to national prominence in 2007 as outright winner of **BBC One's 'Any Dream Will Do'** and since then he hasn't looked back. Taking on the role of Joseph in the West End he won critical acclaim which led to further acting/singing roles and will be performing in the West End smash hit '**Wicked**' in the role of **Fiyero** in 2010. Lee is now pursuing a solo singing career. In the show Lee will be accompanied on stage by his very own live band; the repertoire will be a range of popular genres, including West End numbers, modern pop rock classics, a few standards, 'some self-penned' songs and favourites from his album, '**Nothing Else Matters**'.



Colin Fry – Free Spirit Show

Friday 25 June – 7.30pm

Tickets: £19.50

Don't miss one of the most celebrated psychic mediums Colin Fry as he delivers messages of love and comfort in his brand new Free Spirit Show.

Be stunned by his breathtaking accuracy and compassion in this all new show as he conducts an evening of intimate communication with your loved ones.

Psychic phenomenon Colin Fry of Televisions 6th Sense, Psychic Private Eyes, The Three Mediums and Colin Fry Live!

Evenings of mediumship are not scientifically proven and are presented for education and entertainment purposes only.



Festival Ceilidh With Florida

Saturday 26 June – 7.30pm

Tickets: £10.00, Under 18s £8.00

A great night dancing to folk band **Florida** which somehow reconciles traditional English folk songs with its apparent antithesis: brassy, big-band arrangements that recall Sausalito or New Orleans ... with renowned caller Chris Pitt.

No experience needed. Families welcome.

2010 marks 20 years since **Florida** launched upon the unsuspecting English folk dance public the unique fusion of swing/jazz/trad folk/folk rock which now has fans the length and breadth of the country, and beyond.

Florida has become best known for its vibrant interpretations of dance music which have invigorated ceilidhs and barn dances throughout the country, but its distinctive arrangements of tunes and trad songs have also been in demand at concerts and folk clubs. **Florida** has appeared at most of England's major dance series and festivals, and has established a name in France with several successful visits to festivals in Brittany.

www.floridaproject.org.uk

Music Of The Night

starring Glyn Kerslake, Shona Lindsay, Tom Solomon and Jayne O'Mahony (subject to availability)

Saturday 24 July – 8.00pm

Tickets: £16.50 (concessions £1.00 off)



Music Of The Night is a whistle-stop tour of the West End and Broadway. The show features four West End principals backed by an orchestra of leading West End musicians. Originally based on the musical *The Phantom of the Opera*, the show has been described as “breathtaking” and “a must-see” by London critics and has now been expanded to include songs from many other shows, including:

Cats, Chess, Chicago, Evita, Jesus Christ Superstar, Les Miserables, Miss Saigon, West Side Story ...and many more, including Rodgers and Hammerstein classics.

Come along for a night with the stars, paying tribute to the greatest musicals of all time.



The Importance Of Being Oscar

Friday 2 July – 8.00pm

Tickets: £13.50, £12.50

We present Micheál Mac Liammóir's entertaining tribute to the theatrical luminary and flamboyant socialite, Mr. Oscar Wilde. Join us for a whistle-stop journey through the great man's life: his work, pleasures, triumphs and troubles. The one-man play toured the world in the sixties to critical exultation and popular adulation. Simply relax and enjoy excerpts from *An Ideal Husband*, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, as well as Oscar's delightful poetry and selections from his personal letters and diaries. It will be a magical evening and we eagerly anticipate the pleasure of your company.

'An explosion of incomparable richness' DAILY EXPRESS



Battle Of Britain

Saturday 3 July – 7.30pm

Tickets: £22.50, £20.00, £16.00

(concessions £2 off top 2 prices)

Adoramus will return to the Arena for a very special concert commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Their programme will include Goodwin's *Battle of Britain Suite*, Elgar's *Pomp & Circumstance March No.1*, Alford's *RAF March Past*, Wood's *Fantasia on British Sea Songs* and John William's *Hymn for the Fallen* from the film *Saving Private Ryan* with the Beaumont School Vocal Ensemble contributing some wartime favourites. Adoramus is privileged to be working with the Royal Air Force Chaplaincy with the concert being introduced by their Chaplain-in-Chief, the Venerable Ray Pentland QHC BA DipPS MTh, who will also be drawing parallels between aspects of the Battle of Britain and his faith.



Lost In Time

Sunday 4 July – 1.00pm & 6.00pm

Tickets: £11.50 (concessions £1.00 off)

Travel through time with pupils of the Victoria Jane School of Dance as they act and dance to the music from different time periods. An exciting and lively dance extravaganza following the story of the creation of time travel.

Disco, street, rock 'n' roll, hip hop, cheerleading and lyrical are just a few of the styles of dance that will showcase the talents of the pupils from the Victoria Jane School of Dance.

www.vjdance.co.uk

Fireman Sam – Pontypandy Rocks!

Saturday 31 July – 1.00pm & 3.30pm

Tickets: £12.00

Family Ticket: £42.00 (maximum 2 adults)



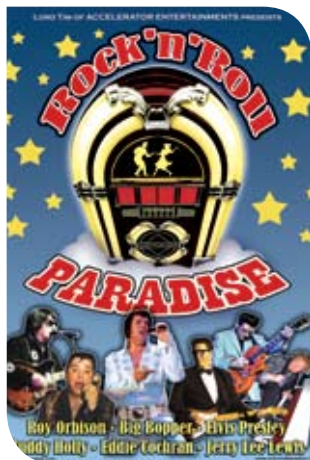
**'ROCK ON'
DOWN TO
PONTYPANDY
TO JOIN IN ALL
THE FUN.**

The hero next door is back in a brand new show live on stage – Pontypandy Rocks!

Join Fireman Sam and all his friends as Pontypandy hosts its first ever music festival! Station Officer Steel has booked a surprise guest star to perform at the festival, it's a big secret. With so much to plan and prepare, Norman Price and Mandy Flood are told to stay out of mischief, but Naughty Norman is determined to find out who the secret superstar guest will be... at any cost.

This day promises to be one of Fireman Sam's busiest yet as he's called on to save a festival that promises to rock Pontypandy.

Will Sam save the day? Will the show go on? Will Elvis finally get to perform? And will it all happen before Norman finds out who the guest star is and ruins the surprise for everyone?



Rock 'n' Roll Paradise

Friday 9 July – 7.30pm

Tickets: £16.50 (concessions £2 off)

Rock 'n' Roll Paradise brings to life the giants of the rock 'n' roll years. Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, Eddie Cochran and the Big Bopper, backed by a superb band, will have you up on your feet dancing in the aisles to the music we all know and love. Prepare to rock your socks off as the best rock 'n' roll show comes to your theatre! Treat yourself to a night you will never forget!!!



Stella Mann College Presents

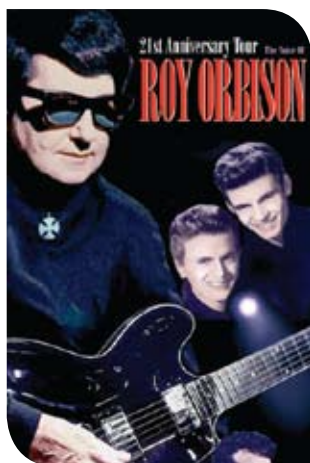
Raise The Pulse

Saturday 17 July – 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tickets: £15.00 (concessions £10.00)

Stella Mann College of Performing Arts is proud to present 'Raise the Pulse'. Join us for diverse dance, stunning singing and acting, and great entertainment from the students of this high profile Performing Arts Academy.

www.stellamanncollege.co.uk



The Voice Of Roy Orbison

Saturday 4 September – 7.30pm

Tickets: £16.50 (concessions £2 off)

2010 will mark the 21st anniversary of the death of one of the greatest pop/rock artists of all time; the man they called 'The Big O' – Mr Roy Orbison. To mark this occasion the 'In Dreams' producers will be presenting a new show focused on the repertoire of this great musician.

'The Voice Of Roy Orbison' has support from the UK's top Everly's tribute: **'The Everly's Experience'** who are a great complement to Roy and a big crowd pleaser in their own right. Tim Harwood, singer and warm up man is comper for the night.

Fun Lovin' Criminals

Plus Support

Wednesday 8 September – 7.30pm

Tickets: £22.50 Seated, £20.00 Standing



The multi-platinum funk soul brothers, with 4 Top 10 albums to their name, return for the first time in five years, with the first classic, fantastic party album of the decade, featuring collaborations with Roots Manuva and Paul Kaye.

Huey, Fast and Frank have been missing in action for 5 years caught up in an acrimonious legal battle with their first manager whom they fired in 2003. **'Classic Fantastic'** bursts out of that gloom like a glorious sunrise shooting infinite rays over a range of shadowy mountains, as spectacularly life-affirming as the last five years have been creatively death-defying.



Fitness Britain Natural Championships

Sunday 5 September

For ticket details please contact 08450 943 794
or visit www.fitnessbritain.co.uk/musclemania.co.uk

Fitness Britain™ is proud to present 5 action packed events with the most beautiful and talented fitness women and incredible natural bodybuilders from the UK and commonwealth countries. Contestants will showcase their athletic ability combined with a touch of glamour and runway style modelling as they compete for the national title. Musclemania competitors will be ready to put on a show as they 'pose down' for the World Championships in Las Vegas. We welcome you to join over 100 of Britain's hottest bodies in what may surely become one of the most memorable experiences of your life.



John Cooper Clarke

Thursday 9 September – 8.00pm

Tickets: £16.50

John Cooper Clarke is the Bard of Salford. The unique rapid fire delivery of his poems, alongside razor sharp gags and tales of the absurd or just hilarious have created a live career lasting over 30 years. He first toured with **Be-Bop Deluxe** on their 1977 UK tour and has never looked back. During the punk era he provided perfect show support for **Buzzcocks**, **Joy Division**, **The Fall** and many others. The **Artic Monkeys** recently devoting a whole TV programme to their love of JCC, with many others citing him as a major influence, earning him the mantle of the "Punk poet".

John is a legend – book early to avoid disappointment



The Best Of Brian Conley

Friday 10 September – 8.00pm

Tickets: £22.00, £20.00

Brian Conley will return to the stage this autumn when he embarks on his latest UK Tour.

Showcasing the best sketches from his magnificent television series **'The Brian Conley Show'** with a full supporting cast. **'The Best of Brian Conley'** will be a complete entertainment spectacle with some of Brian's best loved characters.

Combining a first-rate mix of comedy, dancing and singing the show allows Brian to share with his audience his roots in theatre.

This brand new UK tour will have all corners of the country laughing and promises to be a great show for all the family!

Shana Morrison – The Joyride Tour Plus Special Guest Graham Robins

Tuesday 21 September – 7.30pm

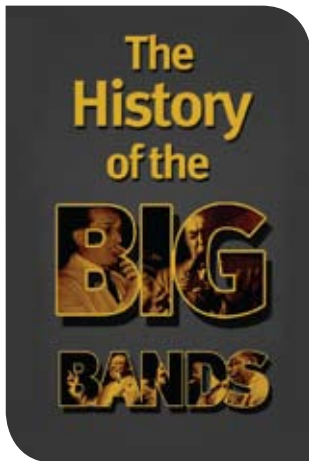
Tickets: £15.00, £12.50



This fabulous musical package and live show blends pop, rock, blues and country underpinned by a unique vocal quality highlighting **Shana Morrison's** brand new album, '*Joyride*' and includes special guest singer-songwriter, Graham Robins.

Shana's career has gathered momentum since the release of her 1998 debut album, '*Caledonia*', which received great reviews and resulted in tours across the country. With her second album, '*Seven Wishes*', came live collaborations with Bonnie Rait, John Lee Hooker and Dr John, plus opening shows for Lyle Lovett, Joe Cocker, Michael McDonald, Keb Mo and of course, performing with her father in the Van Morrison Rhythm and Soul Review.

This show is one of only a handful of UK dates and is definitely not to be missed!



The History Of The Big Bands

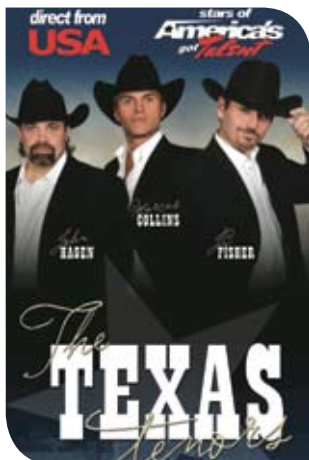
Saturday 11 September – 7.30pm

Tickets: £18.00 (concessions £2 off)

The History of the Big Bands takes the audience on a musical journey through the times of the Big Band and Swing Era in a high energy swing show, performed the way it should be!

Performing all the famous tunes from the world's greatest big band leaders Including **Harry James, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Woody Herman & Buddy Rich**

The World's Greatest Big Band and Swing Show spotlight a series of first class soloists from each instrumental section, covering the famous solos as played by the original bandleaders.



The Texas Tenors

First Ever UK Tour

Sunday 12 September – 7.30pm

Tickets: £19.50, £18.00 (concessions £2.00 off)

Over 100 million people from around the world tuned into 'America's Got Talent' last season to see **The Texas Tenors**, who were voted 2009's Vocal Group of the Year. Now, for the very first time ever, they are touring the UK!

The incredible voices of these classically trained tenors, J.C, Marcus and John, perform the most romantic songs of the last century and bring their unique blend of gospel, country, classical and Broadway to the stage with breathtaking vocals, humour and a hint of cowboy charm. Together they create harmonies as smooth as silk and a sound to satisfy the soul.



Peppa Pig's Party Live On Stage

Saturday 18 September – 1.00pm & 4.00pm

Sunday 19 September – 10.00am & 1.00pm

Tickets: £14.50, £12.50 • Family Ticket: £50 (max 2 adults)

Peppa is a playful little pig who lives with her little brother George, Mummy Pig and Daddy Pig. Through everyday adventures she plays games, makes new friends and enjoys her absolutely favourite activity – jumping up and down in muddy puddles! Today is a very special day. It's Peppa Pig's birthday. Peppa Pig's Party is a chance for all her young friends across the UK to join in the fun with Suzy Sheep, Danny Dog and Emily Elephant for her perfect party. This charming, original and imaginative show is full of brand new songs, muddy puddles, and oinks!

St Albans Beer Festival 2010

Wednesday 29th Sept 12.00pm – 11.00pm £2.50 (£2.00 before 4.00pm)

Thursday 30th Sept 11.00am – 11.00pm £2.50 (£2.00 before 4.00pm)

Friday 1st Oct 11.00am – 11.00pm £3.00 (£2.00 before 4.00pm)

Saturday 2nd Oct 11.00am – 11.00pm £5.00 (£3.00 before 4.00pm)

(Advance tickets available for all sessions except Saturday evening so be sure to arrive early)



Six bars and hundreds of brands to try – the premier event in the Hertfordshire drinkers calendar is back. Up to 300 different real ales, plus beer from around the globe, real ciders and perries.

Entertainment includes Runaway Boys (Thursday) and The Climax Blues Band (Saturday) plus pub games, charity tombola and breweriana auctions.

Hot and cold food all sessions.



Jethro – Too Late To Grow Up

Thursday 23 September – 7.30pm

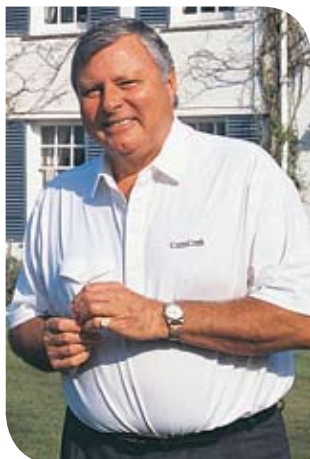
Tickets: £18.50

After 35 years in the business, **Jethro** still packs theatres up and down the country and is still as mischievous as he was as a child.

Jethro... Please don't ever grow up, the world would lose one of the most unique comedy legends ever.

If you want to laugh until it hurts, look no further than here, this is the show for you!

Recommended 18+



An Evening With Peter Alliss

Friday 24 September – 7.30pm

Tickets: £18.50

Peter is in constant demand for speaking and presentation engagements, he is noted for his depth of knowledge of the game of golf, his wit and 'off-the-cuff' humour. He's recognised around the world for his television commentaries for ABC in the United States and the BBC in Europe, as well as working for the Australian and Canadian Broadcasting Corporations.

Peter has written 20 books, the latest being *Golf – The Cure for a Grumpy Old Man*, and he also writes regularly for *Golf International* and *Fairway to Green* magazines.



Kate Rusby In Concert

Saturday 25 September – 7.30pm

Tickets: £19.00, £17.00 (concessions £2 off)

The defining voice of contemporary English Folk music, Kate Rusby's exquisite interpretations of traditional songs and finely wrought self-penned tunes have won her an audience that reaches beyond the genre.

On stage Rusby delivers every time. Her bands never cease to amaze, comprising the cream of Britain's folk instrumentalists, while her between-song stories and introductions are cut through with a highly engaging Yorkshire wit.

"Folk music doesn't get any cooler than Kate Rusby" Q magazine

Film Listings

July – September

Crazy Heart (15)

Thursday 1 July 7.30pm

It's A Wonderful (After)Life (12A)

Wednesday 7 July 1.30pm & 7.30pm

Thursday 8 July 7.30pm

The Ghost (15)

Tuesday 20 July 7.30pm

Wednesday 21 July 1.30pm & 7.30pm

Thursday 22 July 7.30pm

Centurion (15)

Tuesday 27 July 7.30pm

Thursday 29 July 7.30pm

Dear John (12A)

Wednesday 28 July 1.30pm & 7.30pm

Shrek Forever After: The Final Chapter (PG)

Tuesday 3 August 1.30pm

Wednesday 4 August 1.30pm

Thursday 5 August 1.30pm

Friday 6 August 1.30pm

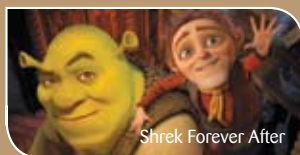
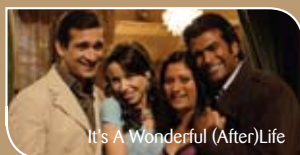
The Infidel (15)

Tuesday 3 August 7.30pm

Cemetery Junction (15)

Wednesday 4 August 7.30pm

Thursday 5 August 7.30pm



Film Listings

July – September

Four Lions (15)
 Friday 6 August 7.30pm



Crazy Heart

I Am Love (Io Sono L'Amore) (15)
 Tuesday 31 August 7.30pm
 Wednesday 1 September
 1.30pm & 7.30pm



Four Lions

Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call – New Orleans (18)
 Thursday 2 September 7.30pm
 Friday 3 September 7.30pm



I Am Love

Robin Hood (12A)
 Tuesday 14 September 7.30pm
 Wednesday 15 September
 1.30pm & 7.30pm
 Thursday 16 September 7.30pm



Bad Lieutenant

Knight And Day (tbc)
 Wednesday 22 September
 1.30pm & 7.30pm



Robin Hood



Knight And Day

TICKETS
 £6.00 (Concessions £2.00 off)
 Matinees: £4.00 (midweek matinee includes a cup of tea and biscuits before screening)

FILM DISCOUNT
 Book any 3 Films for £13.50 and save £4.50

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Joe Pasquale Live
Tuesday 7 October
8.00pm
 Tickets: £16.50

Level 42
In Concert 30th Anniversary Tour
Monday 11 October
7.30pm
 Tickets: £25.00

An Audience With Sally Morgan
Tuesday 12 October
7.30pm
 Tickets: £19.50

Paul Zerdin Plus Support
Wednesday 20 October
8.00pm
 Tickets: £15.00

Stewart Francis Tour De Francis
Great Comedians Come in Cycles
Thursday 21 October
8.00pm
 Tickets: £15.00

The Hollies
Tuesday 26 October
7.30pm
 Tickets: £24.50
 (concessions £2.50 off)

Ardal O'Hanlon Live
Wednesday 27 October
8.00pm
 Tickets: £18.00

The Grimethorpe Colliery Band
Sunday 31 October
3.00pm
 Tickets: £18.50, £16.50
 (concessions £1 off)

Tom Paxton In Concert
Friday 5 November
8.00pm
 Tickets: £20.00

60s Gold Tour 2010
Starring GERRY & THE PACEMAKERS, THE SEARCHERS, PJ PROBY AND CHIP HAWKES
Saturday 6 November
3.00pm & 8.00pm
 Tickets: £22.50, £19.50

Rhod Gilbert & The Cat That Looked Like Nicholas Lyndhurst
Monday 29 November
8.00pm
Tuesday 30 November
8.00pm
 Tickets: £20.00

Aled Jones
Sunday 21 November
7.30pm
 Tickets: £25.00, £23.50



Level 42



Ardal O'Hanlon



The Hollies



Stewart Francis

Coming Soon – Check Our Website For Details

Marty Wilde In Concert
Saturday 9 October

Maximum Rhythm & Blues
With The Manfreds and Special guest Alan Price & Cliff Bennett
Sunday 10 October

The Stylistics In Concert
Friday 22 October

One Night Of Queen
Sunday 24 October

High School Rocks
Thursday 4 November

The Anderson Wakeman Project
360 Jon Anderson & Rick Wakeman together again
Saturday 30 October

The Armstrong & Miller Show
Saturday 20 November

Larry Lamb

EastEnders, Gavin and Stacey

Katy Ashworth

CBeebies 'I Can Cook'

PANTOMIME

Tank Montana

Mercury FM



Ben Roddy

'Comedy Genius'

PETER PAN

Original Book - J. W. Barry, Adaptation - Paul Henny
By arrangement with
Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity
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10th December 2010 - 2nd January 2011

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Shows On Sale Now At Harpenden Public Halls



An Evening With
the Humour of
Bob Newhart and Tom Lehrer



Little Red
Riding Hood



Musicale



Flanders and Swann
Drop Another Hat

Thursday 8 July
7.30pm
Tickets: £15

Peter Gill and Andrew Meller present a fabulous, 90 minute show dedicated to the satirical humour of American comic legends Bob Newhart and Tom Lehrer

Saturday 17 July
2.30pm
Tickets: £5

A hungry Wolf, a dizzy Grannie, dancing butterflies, and a woodsman who lives next door all played by two actors. Who gets to play who? And what's this about Robin Hood?

Saturday 23 July
7.30pm
Tickets: £15

Start spreadin' the news! Britain's original rat pack tribute show is in town. The Rat Pack is here and they are doing it their way!

August 8 - August 14
Box Office 01727 713333

Once again the Harpenden Musical Festival joins us for a week of high class classical music. This year's program brings us internationally renowned Cellist Guy Johnson and Saxophonist Tyler Rix.

Tuesday September 21
7.30pm
Tickets: £15

Michael Flanders and Donald Swann were at the heart of the '50s and '60s revival of theatrical review. Their gentle, intelligent satire is lovingly recreated by Michael Bernstein and Colin Stevens.

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Would you like to receive offers on tickets?

If the answer is yes to any of the above then e-mail your details to aamarketing@leisureconnection.co.uk and we will send you our quarterly brochure in an e-mail rather than relying on the post.

Not only that but we will send you information on all upcoming shows, new bookings and offers. We'll also enter you into the prize draw to win a pair of tickets to this year's spectacular pantomime Peter Pan, starring 2010 Soap Villain Of The Year - Larry Lamb!

Booking Information

TELEPHONE BOOKINGS 01727 844488

Bookings may be made by telephone and tickets will be held for three days pending receipt of payment by post or in person. Telephone bookings may be paid for by credit card at the time of booking by quoting your card number; they will then be held by the Box Office for your collection. No telephone bookings will be accepted within three days of a performance unless paid for by credit card at the time of the call. The best seats available will be allocated, but seat numbers will not be given over the telephone. Phone bookings available from 10.30am until 6.00pm Monday – Saturday. (Telephone bookings can be taken up to half an hour before a show starts).

ONLINE BOOKING www.alban-arena.co.uk

(subject to booking fee of £1.25 per ticket)

To book online go to www.alban-arena.co.uk

Our new online booking service has been upgraded, so the vast majority of shows and all films are available to book online. Also seats will be available in ALL areas of the Auditorium. All seats will be allocated in your chosen area of the Auditorium automatically as 'Best Available'. Please note there is a reasonable booking fee of per ticket of £1.25 to cover the charges raised by the on-line provider and the secure banking provider. In the event of a show being cancelled please note the booking fee and transaction fee are non-refundable under any circumstances.

Please note **Ticketline**, our Ticket Agency partner will still offer online booking for selected shows and also telephone bookings for 'out of hours' callers.

www.ticketline.co.uk or Telephone 020 7434 2222

(Subject to booking fee).

CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

All major credit/debit cards accepted. There is a processing fee per transaction of £1.00 for telephone credit card bookings and 50p for telephone credit card bookings if you collect the tickets in person.

POSTAL BOOKINGS

If wishing to book by post, please write the details of the show including name, date and time of performance and post to The Alban Arena, Civic Centre, St. Albans, Herts, AL1 3LD, enclose an SAE and make postal orders or cheques payable to Alban Arena. Unless accompanied by a SAE, tickets will be held at the Box Office for collection. Postal bookings may be made in advance, but will only be processed just prior to booking opening.

FAX BOOKINGS

See Postal Bookings. Fax No. 01727 865755.

IN PERSON

Our Box Office is open Monday – Saturday from 10.00am until 6.00pm. Bookings may be paid for by cheque, P.O., cash or credit card.

EXCHANGE OR REFUND OF TICKETS

We will 'exchange' tickets for another performance to the same value or give a credit note to redeem against a show in the future. A handling fee of 10% of the ticket price per ticket will be charged for this service and tickets must be exchanged 7 days prior to the performance date. Please note, there will be no refund of booking fees. The 'no refunds policy' remains the same; patrons are requested to check their tickets at the time of purchase. Tickets for sell-out shows may be accepted by the Box Office for resale on behalf of the customer. There will be a handling fee of £1.00 per ticket. The balance will then be credited to the customer's account and held against purchase of tickets for future performances. We will not hold any cash for the re-sale of tickets and will not accept any responsibility nor guarantee sale. In the event of a show being cancelled please note the booking fee and transaction fee are non-refundable under any circumstances.

LOCAL EVENTS

Tickets for local events may be available from the Promoting Society before bookings open at the Theatre or in certain circumstances, all tickets may be sold by the Promoting Society in advance.

GROUP BOOKINGS

Certain performances offer party booking rates for 10 or more. Enquire when booking.

CONCESSIONS

Where reduced price is indicated, groups normally included are Senior Citizens; Children; Students; UB40s and Disabled, unless otherwise stated, or the category of show/film excludes specific user groups. (F.S.) indicates special offer for St. Albans Family Membership Card Holders only. We reserve the right to introduce offers, which cannot be applied to tickets already purchased. Reductions advertised are from the full standard price.

CHILDREN'S POLICY

Adults booking to see a children's show must be accompanied by a child*. Children under 5 will not be admitted to any show other than family shows.

A ticket must be purchased for children over 18 months old. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult to any show.

CARER POLICY

As with all concessionary tickets, proof of status will need to be shown by accompanying carers. Please see the Box Office for more information.

*Exceptions to this rule will be made at the discretion of the management at the time of booking.

Booking Information



HARD OF HEARING

Infra Red System in operation for most events. Check with Box Office when booking.



DISABLED FACILITIES

Wheelchair access throughout ground floor. A limited number of wheel chairs can be accommodated in the Auditorium, please enquire when booking. Disabled toilets situated on ground floor plus a conveniently placed seating plan.



REFRESHMENTS

Enjoy a drink before, during or after the show at our Main Foyer licensed bar, or visit our Prompt Corner Bar in the Lower Foyer. Soft drinks, confectionery and ice creams available from the kiosk in the Main Foyer.



NO SMOKING

The Alban Arena is a totally Non-Smoking venue.



FILM CERTIFICATION

- U Universal, suitable for all.
 - PG Parental Guidance, some scenes may be unsuitable for children.
 - 12 Passed only for persons of 12 years and over.
 - 12A May be unsuitable for children under 12. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.
 - 15 Passed only for persons of 15 years and over.
 - 18 Passed only for persons of 18 years and over.
- All films now shown with 'Dolby' stereo (when available).



MAILING LIST

Contact the Box Office and join our mailing list and receive Priority information plus special offers for only £3.50 per year!



PUBLICITY

We are always pleased to hear from clubs, societies and organisations willing to display our posters or take supplies of leaflets. Please call 01727 861078 for more information.



PARKING

Parking is available to the rear of The Alban Arena. The car park is free after 6.30pm every evening and 'pay and display' at other times.

LATECOMERS

Latecomers shall not be admitted in the auditorium until a suitable point in the performance, to be decided at the discretion of the management.



The use of photographic or recording devices during the performance is strictly prohibited.



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Date	Type	Show	Page
ST ALBANS FESTIVAL			
Fri 11 Jun (eve)	Live Music	THE BLOCKHEADS & THE BOOMTOWN RATS LIVE	3
Sat 12 Jun (eve)	Live Music	JULIE FOWLIS IN CONCERT	4
Sun 13 Jun (eve)	Private Hire	Youth Football Awards*	
Tues 15 (eve) & Wed 16 Jun (day & eve)	Film	INVICTUS (12A)	
Thurs 17 Jun (eve)	Tribute Concert	IN THE FLESH: THE PINK FLOYD SHOW	5
Fri 18 Jun (eve)	Rock 'n' Roll	THE PLATTERS	5
Sun 20 Jun (eve)	Live Music	AN EVENING WITH WILLARD WHITE	6
Mon 21 Jun (eve)	Local Event	RETAILER OF THE YEAR	7
Wed 23 Jun (eve)	Dance	STRICTLY TAP DANCE FEVER	7
Thu 24 Jun (eve)	Live Music	GORDON GILTRAP IN CONCERT	7
Fri 25 Jun (eve)	Psychic Event	COLIN FRY – FREE SPIRIT SHOW	9
Sat 26 Jun (eve)	Folk	FESTIVAL CEILIDH	9
Sun 27 Jun (eve)	Live Music	LEE MEAD IN CONCERT	8
JULY			
Thu 1 Jul (eve)	Film	CRAZY HEART (15)	20 & 21
Fri 2 Jul (eve)	Drama	THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING OSCAR	11
Sat 3 Jul (eve)	Classical Concert	THE ADORAMUS CHOIR PRESENTS THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN	11
Sun 4 Jul (day & eve)	Dance School	V Dance Presents LOST IN TIME	11
Mon 5 & Tue 6 Jul (eve)	Private Event	Manor Lodge School*	
Wed 7 & Thu 8 Jul (day & eve)	Film	IT'S A WONDERFUL (AFTER)LIFE (12A)	20 & 21
Fri 9 Jul (eve)	Tribute Concert	ROCK N ROLL PARADISE	13
Sat 10 Jul (eve)	Private Event	Singing Showcase*	
Sun 11 Jul (eve)	Private Event	Dance Academy*	
Sat 17 Jul (day & eve)	Youth Theatre	Stella Mann College presents RAISE THE PULSE	13
Sun 18 Jul (eve)	Choir	ROCK CHOIR LIVE	
Tue 20, Wed 21 & Thu 22 Jul (day & eve)	Film	THE GHOST (15)	20 & 21
Sat 24 Jul (eve)	West End Revue	MUSIC OF THE NIGHT	10
Sun 25 Jul (day)	Private Event	Body Building Exhibition*	
Tue 27 & Thu 29 Jul (eve)	Film	CENTURION (15)	20 & 21
Wed 28 Jul (day & eve)	Film	DEAR JOHN (12A)	20 & 21
Sat 31 Jul (day)	Children's Show	FIREMAN SAM – PONTYPANDY ROCKS!	12
AUGUST			
Tue 3 Aug (day) Wed 4 (day)	Film	SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG)	20 & 21
Thu 5 Aug (day) Fri 6 (day)	Film	SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG)	20 & 21
Tue 3 Aug (eve)	Film	THE INFIDEL (15)	20 & 21
Wed 4 Aug (eve) Thu 5 Aug (eve)	Film	CEMETERY JUNCTION (15)	20 & 21
Fri 6 Aug (eve)	Film	FOUR LIONS (15)	20 & 21
Monday 9 – Sunday 22 August ANNUAL SUMMER CLOSURE. Box Office re-opens for bookings Monday 23 August 10.00am During the closure book on-line at www.alban-arena.co.uk (subject to booking fee)			
Tues 31 Aug (eve) & Wed 1 Sep (day & eve)	Film	I AM LOVE (15)	20 & 21
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 1 Sep (day & eve)	Film	I AM LOVE (15)	20 & 21
Thu 2 & Fri 3 Sep (eve)	Film	BAD LIEUTENANT (18)	20 & 21
Sat 4 Sep (eve)	Tribute Concert	THE VOICE OF ROY ORBISON	13
Sun 5 Sep (day)	Exhibition Event	FITNESS EXHIBITION	15
Wed 8 Sep (eve)	Live Music	FUN LOVIN' CRIMINALS	14
Thu 9 Sep (eve)	Punk Poet	JOHN COOPER CLARKE	15
Fri 10 Sep (eve)	Comedy Show	THE BEST OF BRIAN CONLEY	15
Sat 11 Sep (eve)	Music Revue	THE HISTORY OF THE BIG BANDS	17
Sun 12 Sep (eve)	Live Music	THE TEXAS TENDERS	17
Tue 14, Wed 15 & Thu 16 (day & eve)	Film	ROBIN HOOD (12A)	20 & 21
Sat 18 & Sun 19 Sep (day)	Children's Show	PEPPA PIG'S PARTY LIVE ON STAGE	17
Tue 21 Sep (eve)	Live Music	SHANA MORRISON IN CONCERT	16
Wed 22 Sep (day & eve)	Film	KNIGHT & DAY (16)	20 & 21
Thu 23 Sep (eve)	Comedy Show	JETHRO – TOO LATE TO GROW UP	19
Fri 24 Sep (eve)	Celebrity Evening	AN EVENING WITH PETER ALLISS	19
Sat 25 Sep (eve)	Live Music	KATE RUSBY IN CONCERT	19
Wed 29 Sep – Sat 2 Oct (day & eve)	Exhibition Event	ST ALBANS BEER FESTIVAL 2010	18

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