

# The Y Theatre Brochure

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This year we are supported by Weightmans, Rock Kitchen Harris, Stocks Taylor Benson

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### **Comedy**

#### **Dom Joly's Holiday Snaps**

Sun 23 Feb, 7.30pm, £18

Dom Joly is best known as the creator of Trigger Happy TV and now the writer and broadcaster is undertaking his first UK tour since 2011, giving fans a rare opportunity to see him live. Dom will be talking about his exploits as a serial globe-trotting and seeker of dangerous travel spots.

From North Korea through the Congo and Syria to Chernobyl, he's visited some of the most unusual places on the planet. Joly famously attended school with Osama Bin

Laden and armed with a trusty Powerpoint, fans can expect his holiday snaps to provide comedy and a sense of danger. The best-selling author will meet fans after the show to sign copies of his latest book, *The Hezbollah Hiking Club*.

Suitable for: 16 yrs+

### **Josie Long: Tender**

Thu 13 Feb, 7.30pm, £16

The multiple Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee returns to the road after five years. A new show about the mind-bending intensity of new motherhood, but mostly about kindness, gentleness, and joy - all in all, the edgiest thing you will see this year. The aim is for you to come out of it feeling optimistic about the future, although that is a big ask. At the very least there will be some really silly voices in it, and that's not nothing.

*"Brilliantly evocative, an original and unflagging spirit."* ★★★★★

Times

*"An absolute delight"* ★★★★★ Time Out

Suitable for: 14 yrs+

### **Reginald D Hunter: Facing the Beast**

Thu 6 Feb, 8pm, £18

Celebrating his twentieth anniversary as a comedian living and performing in the UK, Reginald D Hunter returns to the Leicester Comedy Festival with his 2019 tour show 'Facing The Beast'. Brutally honest and often considered to be controversial, but always meticulously thought out, and he

has never been afraid to face challenging issues head on even when the focus is on his own principles or beliefs.

*"Compelling onstage charisma. He remains a towering presence in absolute control."* ★★★★★ Evening Standard

Suitable for: 16 yrs+

## **Paul Sinha: Hazy Little Thing Called Love**

Fri 14 Feb, 7.30pm, £14

Thus far, Paul has lived his life content in the understanding that stability and emotional happiness were lovely ideas but not really for him. Nonetheless, several decades of cheerfully bearing boozy witness to the narratives of others can slowly change a man. And so can a prosecco-fuelled Christmas.

Rose d'Or Award winner for radio comedy, Chortle Award winner and Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, Paul is a familiar voice on radio, appearing on Just A Minute, The News Quiz and Fighting Talk. On television, Paul has recently appeared on QI, Would I Lie to You? and Taskmaster.

A lifetime of curiosity and learning informs Paul's comedy and this has led to another career, as a general knowledge expert on the ITV quiz show, The Chase.

*"One of our most thoughtful and enjoyable comedians"* Times

*"Makes you realise the power of stand-up comedy and the respect it deserves as an art form."* Yorkshire Post

## **Jason Byrne: Wrecked But Ready**

Sun 9 Feb, 8pm, £15

Jason Byrne returns with his brand-new show, Wrecked But Ready. After 23 consecutive years Jason is wrecked but he is

as ever ready (which is a battery, but he's more Duracell than Eveready). In particular the past year has been extremely testing for the wrecked Jason, but despite all this is he's waiting to spill it out on stage.

No one show is the same, expect all the usual spontaneous fun, come along and witness

*"The outright King of live comedy"* The Times

Suitable for: 14 yrs+

### **Gay Comedy Night**

Fri 7 Feb, 7.30pm, £12/£10

This festival favourite is back with even more fresh faces and fabulous comedy! Featuring Robert White, probably the only Asperger, dyslexic, cross lateral, gay, quarter-Welsh, webbed-toed comedian on the circuit, bringing you more of the fun you saw on Britain's Got Talent but with extra naughty bits. Guiding us through the night is rising star, exciting stand-up comedian and drag king Kemah Bob - host of FOC IT UP and heard on Guilty Feminist.

Suitable for: 16 yrs+

### **Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year**

Sat 22 Feb, 7.30pm, £18/£16

Now in its 26th year, the stellar list of past winners include Josh Widdicombe, Johnny Vegas, Jason Manford, Seann Walsh and Rhod Gilbert. Join us as we present this year's finest up and coming acts, nominated by top comedy promoters from across the UK. A serious comedy competition, hosted by Dan Nightingale.

"Dan's laughing, we're laughing... funny as hell" Leicester Mercury.

### **Loving Laughing**

Wed 5 Feb, 12.30pm, By invitation only

An annual showcase of the comedic talents of primary schools children from across Leicester and Leicestershire! We have been working with young people to teach them the basics of joke telling and comedy performance and the participants will take to the stage to show off what they have learnt and we will crown one school the "*funniest school in Leicestershire*".

### **CSI: Crime Scene Improvisation**

Fri 21 Feb, 8pm, £12/£10

Mirth meets murder in the world's daftest whodunnit. Following a five-star sell-out run at Edinburgh Fringe, CSI: Crime Scene Improvisation returns to Leicester with a rip-roaring crime comedy made up entirely on the spot. A fully improvised, witty and absurd murder mystery.

No one knows who the killer is; not even the cast!

"A novel idea, executed superbly" ★★★★★ The Wee Review

Suitable for: 14 yrs+

### **Some Like It LIT!**

Thu 20 Feb, 8pm, £2

Focus returns! Keeping it PG we're bringing you the highs, the 'awks', the sickkkk and the salty from the eyes of young people! A night with a mixed bill of stand up, sketches and a

chance to witness the up and coming talent Leicester has to offer!

FOCUS is a young people's charity with a vision of a society in which young people feel inspired and empowered to have a positive impact in their communities. Leicestival is an exciting project for 13-24 year olds who want to get involved in the biggest festivals and events in Leicester.

To find out more visit [focus-charity.co.uk](http://focus-charity.co.uk)

### **Tiny Stories: B.Y.O.B**

Wed 5 Feb, 8pm, £8/£6

'Bring Your Own Book' is the debut comedy festival show from Leicester's newest improvised comedy group.

Specialists in storytelling, Tiny Stories will treat you to a night of tales made up on the fly, fables pulled from thin air, and if you bring your favourite book, they'll retell it in a way you couldn't possibly forget. Nominated for Improv Group of the Year by Phoenix Remix.

*"I'm exhausted with mirth."*

*"A weird, funny and delightful show"*

Suitable for: 16 yrs+

### **The Turville Militant Pacifists: Return to Turville**

Wed 19 Feb, Part 1 7.30pm, Part 2 8.45pm,

£7 or £10 for both

Can they become Pacifist of the United Kingdom Unite champions?! What will happen when the glory fades?! Join the Turville Militant Pacifists and be witness to their rise and fall in the high stakes game of Pacifism!

Missed the first part? Don't worry, we're showing it again!  
See the whole story for only £10.  
Suitable for 16 yrs+

### **100% Simon Brodkin**

Sun 8 Mar, 8pm, £20

After three hugely successful BBC series as Lee Nelson, multiple sell-out tours and various court appearances following world-famous stunts on Theresa May, Sepp Blatter, Donald Trump, Kanye West and Britain's Got Talent, the award-winning comedian unleashes his funniest creation yet... himself!

Fresh from a critically-acclaimed, sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Simon takes his debut stand-up show 100% Simon Brodkin on a nationwide tour.

One of The Guardian's *'Top Shows At The Fringe'*

One of The Evening Standard's *'Best Comedy Shows at The Fringe'*

"A sublime piece of comedy" The List

"Sky-high gag rate" Metro

### **Lucy Porter: Be Prepared**

Sat 14 Mar, 8pm, £16/£14

TV favourite Lucy returns with another fantastic stand-up show.

At Brownies, Lucy thought she'd be prepared for anything as long as she had her emergency 10p for a phone box, and knew how to tie a Fisherman's knot. Life turned out to be slightly more complicated than Brown Owl let on.

*"A treat from start to finish"* The Herald

*"Impeccably punch-lined anecdotes... genuinely delightful"* The Telegraph

Recent TV includes *Would I Lie to You*, *QI* and *Impossible*, she's a regular on Radio 4's *News Quiz* and *The Now Show*. Suitable for 14 yrs+

### **Arabella Weir: Does My Mum Loom Big In This?**

Thu 12 Mar, 7.30pm, £17

The mother of all confessional shows from the bestselling author and star of *The Fast Show* and *Two Doors Down*.

*Does My Mum Loom Big In This?* is for everyone who's had a mother or been a mother, featuring hair-raising hilarious true stories from Arabella's dysfunctional childhood and her life as a single working mother. Devastatingly funny, excruciatingly honest and definitely embarrassing for all of Arabella's relatives, not to mention herself, this is a helter-skelter tour of appalling – and appallingly funny – maternal behaviour.

*"Arabella Weir has a unique knack of making appalling (and true) stuff funny"* Sandi Toksvig

*"Arabella Weir is simply sensational"* Joanna Lumley

*"Mirth, motherhood, misery. Arabella is brilliantly funny in her new show"* Paul Whitehouse

### **Sam Avery: Toddlergeddon**

Thu 5 Mar, 8pm, £18

The time is 4.17pm. No-one is dressed yet. Civilisation has collapsed. Law and order has broken down. The kids are high on sugar. The adults have lost control. Every conversation is

an argument. The coffee has run out. A child scribbles on the wall. Someone spills a drink. Everyone is shouting. This is Toddlergeddon.

Join award-winning comedian and bestselling author Sam Avery (AKA The Learner Parent) for an evening of hilarious stand up, brand new for 2020. How do you raise a toddler with more attitude than Kanye West? Can you negotiate effectively with a pre-schooler who knows you're clueless? And will any of us survive Toddlergeddon?

*“Quick wit and painfully funny”* Metro

*“A gifted storyteller”* The List

### **Kiri Pritchard-McLean: Empathy Pains**

Fri 8 May, 7.30pm, £14/£13

Multi award winning comedian Kiri Pritchard-McLean thinks that we live in a time where empathy is seen as a weakness like asthma or being first to pull away from a handshake. But why is that? Surely what we need in these divided times is more empathy? So Kiri is off on a search to find a group of people who she struggles to empathise with, what could this mean.....? Well, it means she's spent the last year talking to non offending paedophiles on the internet. Yup, her search history is a disaster. So, come and see her make the impossible hilarious or possibly get arrested.

### **Robert White: Tank Top Tour Take Two “Troubles and Treats”**

Sun 10 May, 8pm, £15

Robert White, that gay autistic keyboard-wielding comedian who you've almost forgotten from Britain's Got Talent 2018, fresh off the heels of his debut tour last year, brings you his unique form of musical stand-up in a laugh packed hour, but this time with a little more edge, a little more personal revelation and a whole new tank top. Just him, some jokes, some songs, a keyboard and maybe a personal trouble or comedic treat, or two.

Robert is probably the only Asperger, dyslexic, cross lateral, gay, quarter-Welsh, webbed-toed comedian on the circuit...probably. This Edfringe White brings you more of the fun you saw on telly.... plus lots of extra naughty bits.

*"Pitch-perfect delivery...Just brilliant" ★★★★★ Chortle*

## **Music**

### **Jon Boden**

Fri 6 Mar, 8pm, £20

Jon Boden is best known is the lead singer of the progressive folk juggernaut Bellowhead who sold 250,000 album, had seven singles playlisted on Radio 2 and sold out hundreds venues including The Royal Albert Hall. Since Bellowhead split up in 2016 Jon has continued his development as one of the foremost names in English folk music.

Solo Jon performs the self-penned songs of Painted Lady, Songs From The Floodplain and Afterglow, material from his Folk Song A Day project in which he recorded 365 folk songs

over a year, and songs and tunes from his latest live album *Rose In June* recorded with his band *The Remnant Kings*.  
“*Alone, Boden still has the energy of a twelve piece band.*” EDS Magazine

“*Boden plays a vast variety of instruments as we veer from mysterious love songs to dark, poetic tales, amid hints of soul, electronic and thrilling guitar thrash.*” Mojo ★★★★★

“*He’s fast emerging as a modern day Richard Thompson.*” Efestivals

## **Women in Rock**

Sat 4 Apr, 8pm, £16

Since exploding onto the live music scene in 2016, Women in Rock have been busy wowing audiences up and down the UK in theatres and art centres with their sell out show. With songs made famous by the world's greatest female rock artists, costume changes and a full choreographed show, Women In Rock has something for everyone, from Joplin to Quatro, Turner to Cher, Blondie to Joan Jett, this is must see show that will leave you cheering for more! A journey through female rock delivered by some of the UK's finest vocalists and musicians.

## **Leicester Jazz House Presents**

### **Alan Barnes + Eleven**

Thu 2 Apr, 8pm, £15/Students £5

Alan Barnes celebrates his 60th birthday in vintage style with an all star band playing tunes from 1959, the year of his birth.

With great new arrangements by trombonist Mark Nightingale this is an evening not to be missed!

### **Demons of Ruby Mae**

Sat 9 May, 7.30pm, £10 adv

Having headlined last year's BBC Introducing Festival at De Montfort Hall, Demons of Ruby Mae are back! Performing old songs and recent releases, the band will be joined by a number of fellow musicians and friends on stage.

### **Ragatash: Amhrain o bhaile (Songs from Home)**

Fri 27 Mar, 7.30pm, £14/£12

Described as “playing with passion and energy” and as being “a lively, entertaining, colourful, charismatic group of fine musicians”, Irish Folk Band, Ragatash, inspired by the music of the Irish Diaspora, perform their exciting new show. They will be playing both great traditional Irish popular tunes and the inspirational music from the likes of River Dance and Lord of the Dance

### **The Upbeat Beatles**

Fri 24 Jan, 7.30pm, £20

The Upbeat Beatles are second to none - powerhouse vocals, precision harmonies and tight musicianship. The show takes you through the Fab Four's long and winding road from the early Cavern days through Beatlemania, America, Sergeant Pepper to Abbey Road, with narrative and full multi-media presentation.

If you love the Beatles you'll love this show, and if you don't love the Beatles you'll love this show!

## **The Jam'd**

Fri 5 Jun, 8pm, £15

As featured on BBC Radio 4

The Jam'd are the UK's leading tribute to the live performance and sound of The Jam, and are totally committed to giving an unforgettable, authentic performance with all the energy, passion and style of the Woking 3.

Drawing on all their memories, experiences and love of what was the country's biggest band in their day, The Jam'd put on a performance from the heart and soul. The show also includes the only replica of Rick Bucklers 'Great White' drum kit (signed by the man himself) and features their own brass section! You won't be disappointed!

## **The Darkside of Pink Floyd**

Fri 22 May, 7.30pm, £22/£18.50

Come and get Comfortably Numb. The Darkside of Pink Floyd are one of the UK's top tribute bands and are currently touring theatres throughout the UK. More than just an ordinary Pink Floyd tribute band, they entertain audiences with a fantastic light show and passionate performances.

Their fans continue to say that the band are better, and more enjoyable than Aussie Floyd, so go and see for yourselves;

*"The best Floyd show I've seen in 25 years . . . and I've seen them all"* Brighton Magazine

## **The Bon Jovi Experience**

Fri 20 Mar, 7.30pm, £20

The Bon Jovi Experience are the world's first and finest tribute to the great Bon Jovi and are the world's **ONLY** tribute to have been requested by and to have performed live on stage with Jon Bon Jovi himself. They are also the only tribute to have been featured on the official Bon Jovi website.

*"Have you seen this guy he looks so much like Jon Bon Jovi it's freaky man"* Chad Kroeger (Nickelback)

"The best tribute I've ever seen" – Jon Bon Jovi

## **The Stones**

Fri 13 Mar, 7.30pm, £20

With all the energy and charisma of The Rolling Stones themselves, 'The Stones' pay an accurate and faithful tribute to the sound and look of an authentic Rolling Stones show. Far from being simply 'look-alikes'; though, 'The Stones' have the closest Mick Jagger look-alike on the scene, the group also pay great attention to the sound and feel of the music, all performed with the same accuracy, passion, energy and verve of the originals. Bringing all the hits and timeless Rolling Stones tracks to the big stage - from 'Satisfaction' and 'Jumping Jack Flash', to 'Ruby Tuesday', 'Start Me Up' and 'Brown Sugar'.

## **Performance**

## **Chaplin: Birth of a Tramp**

Thu 16 Apr, 7.30pm, £10

*“What a sad business, being funny”* Limelight (1952)

For over 100 years, Charlie Chaplin has been the world’s best-loved clown. His brilliant comic creation of "The Little Tramp" is the first and most recognisable cinematic icon in history. But his remarkable story of stardom and success has a darker side.

Raised in the horrific, grinding poverty of a Victorian slum, Charlie never knew the security of a stable family. Whilst his parents destroyed themselves with disastrous ambition and unshakeable vice, Charlie was thrown at the mercy of the workhouse. Desperate to escape his feral existence on the streets of South London, Charlie became captivated by the shining lights of vaudeville, and gradually began to see a way out.

Critically-acclaimed Arrows & Traps return with an examination of the relationship between experience and creativity, and invite you to discover how Chaplin spun personal tragedy into universal comedy, in a psychological exploration of one of the world’s most remarkable lives. This production is being produced with the full endorsement of the Chaplin Estate and the Chaplin Family.

### **The Peacock Lounge Burlesque & Cabaret**

Sat 7 Mar & Sat 13 Jun, 8pm, £25 VIP, £15 balcony 18+

The Peacock Lounge is Leicester's most decadent cabaret and burlesque event! Harking back to the traditions of variety in vaudeville and music hall, each show is a glittering soiree

featuring a new cast of award-winning burlesque and cabaret acts handpicked to captivate you; from the sublime and beautiful to the outrageous and downright ridiculous- this show will leave you feeling mesmerised!

VIP ticket includes a glass of bubbly and seat at a candlelit table.

Dress to impress.

## **Wanted**

Sat 21 Mar, 7.30pm, £12/£10

*In the midst of a time of uncertainty, division and political unrest, a young woman wrestles with her own isolation and call to respond.....*

WANTED explores the stories of 5 extraordinary ordinary women who share a passion for standing up for what is right! This powerful new play features an array of historical figures; Irena Sendler, who rescued more than 2,500 children from the Warsaw ghetto during the Nazi occupation; Olive Morris, British Black Panther and avid activist for women and squatters' rights; Phoolan Devi, the fearsome Bandit Queen, and a woman way ahead of her time, Dr James Barry.

## **An Interesting Evening with Steve Davis**

Mon 3 Feb, 7.30pm, £20

A household name for over 30 years both on and off the green baize, six times champion of the snooker world, Steve Davis, finally retired from competitive play in April 2016.

An Interesting Evening with Steve Davis charts his career beginning with his emotional farewell at The Crucible. It then takes the audience back into the late 70's when Steve met Barry Hearn and through his unstoppable dominance of the snooker world in the 80's. This includes light-hearted reminiscing and some memorable clips of his TV appearances on shows such as Morecambe and Wise, Cannon and Ball, Tiswas and Swap Shop, to name but a few.

### **Rough Draft**

Tue 28 Jan, Tue 25 Feb, Tue 24 Mar, Tue 28 Apr, Tue 26 May & Tue 23 Jun, 7.30, FREE

We love new stuff. We can't get enough of it. From gut-wrenching theatre to side-splitting comedy, melodic music to punch poetry, and all those arty bits in between, we love seeing all the new and exciting things that fall out of those creative brains. Put together by a handful of Leicester creatives, Rough Draft is a platform for artists to test out new work in front of a friendly audience, you!

### **Leicester Short Film Gala - Charity Fundraiser**

Sat 2 May, 8pm, £15 VIP/£10 Standard

Red carpet, local film makers, directors Q&A

Join us for a night of red carpet glamour, movies and showbiz. Experience the movie premiere life at our black-tie event with red carpet photos on arrival, screenings, Q&A with Directors and of course a charity raffle. VIP ticket includes wine on the table and surprise goodies.

Watch some of the newest short films created by local film makers in the region and vote for your favourite. Themes include heaven, cyborgs and...murder.

The night will raise funds of young people living at The Y who have experienced homelessness, family breakdown, mental health issues or abuse.

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

**A special thanks to businesses supporting us this year** including MOD Pizza, Pukka Pies, Weightmans, Westerby Group, Rock Kitchen Harris, Stocks Taylor Benson, Highcross Leicester.

Youth homelessness ends here in Leicestershire.

[www.leicesterymca.co.uk/support-us](http://www.leicesterymca.co.uk/support-us)

## **Children & Families**

### **Meet Me A Tree**

Thu 7 May, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, £7 for under 2s and one accompanying adult, £3 for additional adults, £5 for children over 2 years.

Meet Me A Tree is an interactive first opera for 0-2 year olds and their carers. With music by Schumann, Delibes and Monteverdi as well as familiar nursery rhymes and original songs, HurlyBurly invites you and your baby on a multi-sensory journey through a year in the life of a tree. Sing with blackbirds, march through fallen leaves, smell new blossom and feel the wind on your cheeks with us. With beautiful

singing and relaxing music at its core Meet Me A Tree will be an opportunity to unwind and have fun for new parents, carers and babies.

### **Activity Packs**

Just because you can't make every brilliant show we have especially for kids, doesn't mean they can't still be a part of our theatre. Every month we release a new activity pack for you to download and enjoy, absolutely free! Take a look at our Facebook page, visit our website or sign up to our mailing list to get it sent straight to you.

### **Baby Loves Disco**

Sat 18 Apr & Sat 20 Jun, 2pm, £5

The original family dance party Baby Loves Disco comes to the Y Theatre. With resident club DJ, DJ Dub, mixing feel-good dance floor fillers with pop classics from the years before parenthood struck right up to the present day. The perfect party for parents and babies, toddlers and young children to dance together. Hold tight for all manner of dance floor shenanigans, mummy and daddy dance offs and a whole host of dance-floor fun and games!

Suitable for parents of all ages and children aged 0 – 7 and older siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles all welcome!

This event is subsidised by The Y Theatre

### **Bedtime Stories**

Sat 28 Mar & Sat 23 May, 4pm, £3.50

Join us in our theatre-sized blanket fort! Snuggle down on massive cushions with a hot chocolate while our storyteller brings to life tales full of wonder, warmth and giggles. This event is sure to be a hit with 2-8 year olds everywhere.

### **Mr Swing & The Beat Rangers**

Sat 15 Feb, 3pm, £7

Mr Swing & The Beat Rangers are a rhythm collective who speak in the language of percussion and dance. The show follows the adventures of Mr Swing, a break-dancer, who stumbles upon a kit drummer, beat-boxer and Djembe drummer. Find out how Mr Swing uses the power of dance to pop, lock and unite the musicians together to form, The Beat Rangers.

Part of The Spark Festival. For 6+ year olds.

### **Our World**

Wed 12 Feb, 7pm, £5

Brazilian percussionist and composer Adriano Adewale and his band are joined by 90 children from Leicester city schools performing their own music in this very special Spark festival performance.

Part of The Spark Festival. For 6+ year olds.

### **Fun Palace**

Sat 6 Jun, 11am-3pm, FREE

Our community is packed full of creativity and skills we might never have even dreamed of, so we're holding a Fun Palace to celebrate and share that!

Fun Palace is an ongoing national and international campaign, nurturing and supporting the potential and positivity of sharing people's enthusiasms, passions and skills with their own community. Fun Palaces bring together the cultural skills of those in local communities for others to learn and enjoy, and have previously included artists, scientists, theatre-makers, knitters, astronomers, magicians, engineers, gardeners, singers, conservationists, swimmers, geologists, dancers, triathletes, crafters and more, showcasing and sharing arts, science, technology, history, crafts, digital and sports.

Do you have something you want to share? Get in touch! Otherwise, we'll see you there!

### **Art in the Bar**

We love receiving pictures and notes from our visitors. Maybe you've drawn something about your visit to the theatre, or perhaps you've completed our latest activity pack picture. Whatever you've drawn we'd love to display it! Don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for our competitions where your art could win you free tickets! Send your pictures to "Art in the Bar, The Y Theatre, Leicester, LE1 6EY".

### **Spark Poetry Slam**

Mon 10 Feb, Invitation only

Four Leicester schools perform their own poems written during 10 weeks of workshops with award winning poet, spoken word artist and storyteller John Berkavitch.

Part of The Spark Festival. For 7-11 year olds.

## **Booking Information**

### **Box Office 0116 255 7066**

Our box office is open Monday to Friday 9am-8.30pm, Saturday 2pm-4.30pm, Sunday 10.30am-2.30pm and one hour before a show. There is a £1 charge for postage.

### **Online [www.ytheatre.co.uk](http://www.ytheatre.co.uk)**

You can book tickets online 24 hours a day on our website. There is a booking fee of 75p per ticket and a £1 charge for postage. Print at home tickets are available at no extra charge.

### **By Post**

Send a cheque payable to Leicester YMCA with details of your booking to The Y, 7 East Street, Leicester, LE1 6EY.

### **Refund**

Tickets are non-refundable except in exceptional circumstance. To be agreed with management.

### **Group Booking**

Some of our shows offer special rates for groups. If you would like to make a booking for 10 or more people, please contact box office for information.

### **Concessions**

Where a reduced price is given concessions are available for children under 16, full time students, people unemployed and in receipt of benefits, and senior citizens unless otherwise stated. Please show appropriate identification when collecting tickets.

## **Access Information**

Facilities include:

- Wheelchair spaces in The Y Theatre auditorium
- Wheelchair toilet & washing facilities
- Wheelchair spaces in the East Street NCP car park
- Please advise our Box Office before your visit if you require the hearing loop
- Guide dogs are welcome

## **General Terms**

The Y Theatre reserves the right to:

- Refuse ticket holders entrance or ask them to leave the venue
- Introduce or change special offers, ticket prices and fees
- Change seat location of a ticket without prior notice

Advance permission should be sought from the venue for the use of flash photography or filming equipment.

## **How to find us**

7 East Street, Leicester, LE1 6EY

Box Office: 0116 255 7066

[www.ytheatre.co.uk](http://www.ytheatre.co.uk)

## **Car Parking**

Discounted tickets are available for our patrons at the East Street NCP. Please ask for details.

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Get in touch: [venuehire@leicesterymca.co.uk](mailto:venuehire@leicesterymca.co.uk)

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