

MERCURY

A photograph of the Mercury Theatre building, a modern structure with large glass windows and a flat roof. A large, solid green triangle is superimposed over the image, pointing downwards. The text 'What's on guide 2021' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image, partially overlapping the green triangle and the building. The background of the entire page is a solid pink color.

What's on guide 2021

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Welcome to the theatre

We are beyond excited to bring you the first season in our newly reopened theatre building.

Whilst we had hoped to welcome you back in 2020, the world had other plans, and so we hope we have been worth the wait!

The Mercury Rising transformation of the theatre was a vision for almost a decade and we are so proud of what we can now offer the town and surrounding communities.

We hope to be a beacon of hope and light for Colchester as we emerge from such a challenging year, and we want to welcome everyone through our doors to enjoy our new 'all under one roof' opportunities – world class entertainment on the newly refurbished stage; a more accessible building, outdoor dining on the piazza, a bigger and brighter foyer which will be open all day alongside our new café bar where people can meet, work and eat, a redeveloped auditorium and studio and new rehearsal and community spaces.

Thank you to everyone that supported us on our journey – every donation allowed us to get to this point.

This is your theatre, built by local people for local people, and we cannot wait for you to join us!

Tracey Childs and Steve Mannix



Tracey Childs
Executive Producer

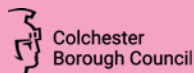


Steve Mannix
Executive Director

Our vision for the Mercury Rising project and reopening of the building would not have been possible without the support of Arts Council England, Colchester Borough Council and our collaboration with Colchester Borough Homes.



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**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**



We're back!

Let me start by thanking you for all your support while the theatre was closed. Your inspiring messages of goodwill kept us going and were a welcome reminder of the important role the Mercury plays as a cultural hub at the heart of Colchester.

Humans thrive on connection and theatres are where we go to connect; to laugh wildly and weep deeply, to witness stories that are electrifying, spellbinding, celebratory and breath-taking. And we can't wait to throw open the doors to our freshly renovated building and welcome you with an explosive new season of work.

We're kicking off this summer with *Baskerville* - a madcap comedy version of the much loved classic that pits Holmes and Watson against a demon hound! Hot on its heels is the British premiere of a fierce new version of *Antigone* - the tale of a young woman rebelling against the State. Then we're taking a magical carpet ride with *Aladdin* in our rib-tickling Christmas pantomime and in 2022 you can look forward to the world premiere of *The Green Mile* - our adaptation of Stephen King's best-selling novel.

In the studio we'll be launching our Mercury Originals season - an array of brave and compelling new works by writers from the East of England. At weekends we'll be introducing Lates - a tantalising selection of cabaret and comedy nights in our brand new café bar, funded by Adeste+. And finally, make sure you check out our new programme of Taking Part activities. We've got everything from dance classes to choir groups to social clubs for seniors. There's something for everyone, so come and get involved!

I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Ryan McBryde



Ryan McBryde
Creative Director

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Ken Ludwig's **BASKERVILLE**

A SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY



40 CHARACTERS
5 ACTORS
**ONE LAUGH OUT
LOUD ADVENTURE**

← A Mercury Production, by Ken Ludwig, Directed by Ryan McBryde

Baskerville Fri 30 Jul – Sun 22 Aug

40 characters. Five actors. One madcap adventure for the world's most famous detective!

Written by comedic genius **Ken Ludwig** (*Lend Me a Tenor*) this is a thrilling new look at Sherlock Holmes.

On the murky moors of Devonshire, heirs to the Baskerville name are being killed, one by one.

Some say it's a family curse.
Some say it's a murderous hellhound.
Some say it's a load of old nonsense.

A case like this can be solved by only one man...or...actually...two – so don't your deerstalkers because Holmes and Watson are on the case!

This fast-paced, laugh out loud comedy sees our intrepid duo try to crack their most notorious case with the help of a tangled web of clues, silly accents, disguises and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than 40 characters.

Will our heroes discover the truth in time?
Will they fall foul of the demon hellhound?
Will they get all the costume changes right?

Join us on this murderously funny adventure to find out.

Presented by arrangement with **Concord Theatricals Ltd.** on behalf of **Samuel French Ltd.** concordtheatricals.co.uk

Design: **Amy Jane Cook**
Lighting Design: **Johanna Town**
Video Design: **Louise Rhoades-Brown**
Sound Design: **Steve Mayo**

RP	Wed 18 Aug	2.30pm	Relaxed
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CAP	Fri 20 Aug	7.30pm	Captioned Performance

Eves 7.30pm

Wed, Thu, Sat mats 2.30pm,
Sun mats 3pm

Prices from £15 | See diary for
pricing details | Concessions
available

Supported by:





Fri 27 Aug

Rock for Heroes

7.30pm | £15, £23.50

Rock for Heroes music, laughter & a rockin' night out!

The incredible Rock for Heroes is back for 2021 bringing the perfect combination of your favourite rock songs and fundraising in support of Help for Heroes. Performed by a full, live rock band and incredible singers with music from artists like Queen, The Eagles, Guns N Roses, AC/DC, Dire Straits and more, this is a night out unlike any other!

Presented by **Total Productions**



Sat 28 Aug

Grayson Perry

7.30pm | £24, £34 | 16+

Award-winning artist, Bafta-winning TV presenter, and bestselling author, **Grayson Perry** is a normal person asking the big questions.

Let Grayson take you through an enlightening and eye-watering evening in which this kind of existentialism descends from worthiness to silliness, in an evening sure to distract you from the possible meaninglessness of life.

Presented by **Fane**



Sun 29 Aug

Arthur Smith: Syd

3pm | £15, £23.50 | 16+

The story of an ordinary man who lived through extraordinary times. Syd Smith fought at El Alamein, became a POW and ended the war in the notorious Colditz Castle in Germany. In the 1950s, PC Syd patrolled London's South Bank and met a gallery of characters whom he tried his best not to arrest. Arthur tells this 20th-century story with laughter, music reflections and a hilarious photo.

A touching and funny tribute to Arthur Smith's own father.

Beautiful – ★★★★★ Young-Perspective.net




Thu 2 Sep

RUSH A Joyous Jamaican Journey

7.30pm | £15, £24.50

Join us for this entertaining and informative show as we tell the story of reggae music and the Windrush generation. With the music of Desmond Dekker, Bob Marley and many more played live by the JA Reggae Band.

This is a fantastic show, informative, hugely entertaining & the music - WOW!!! The two vocalists were outstanding & gave me chills with their amazing voices – Audience member



Fri 3 Sep

Klub Kids Goes To Chicago

8pm | £15, £30 | Meet and Greet £60 | 18+

Featuring Rupaul's Drag Race stars Brooke Lynn Hytes and Nicky Doll.

Join us as we take you to Chicago with this brand new drag show, created and produced by Klub Kids UK.

Featuring all the songs you know so well from the musical with an added story, comedy and razzle dazzle fierceness. This is Chicago as you've never seen it before!

Presented by **KlubKids UK**



Tue 7 & Wed 8 Sep

The War of the Worlds

Tue 7.30, Wed 2.30 & 7.30 | £15, £20, £25, Schools £11.50

Originally Commissioned by
New Diorama Theatre

Co-produced by **Brighton Festival and HOME**

Supported using public funding by
Arts Council England


"No-one would have believed in the early years of the twentieth century that this world was being watched..."

But we did believe.

We believed that Martians landed in New Jersey. We believed a water tower was an alien war machine. We believed a man walked on the moon. We believe everything the internet tells us and now the end of the world is being broadcast live...

Inspired by H.G. Wells' sci-fi novel and Orson Welles' classic radio play, this legendary science fiction thriller is reimagined for our era of Fake News and 'alternative facts'.

Presented by **Rhum and Clay Theatre Company** and written with **Isley Lynn**



ONLINE EVENTS

TILTED

Have you ever finished a book and been left wanting more?

Tilted Sessions offer you an intimate peek beyond the pages with your favourite authors. Over the course of an hour or two, these sessions will offer an exclusive insight into what inspires them and their processes, and what sparks their imagination and creativity. We will also take you on location with our authors, allowing you to see and experience a landscape close to their heart, which has influenced their writing. Wherever you are in the world, you can join us via live stream and have the opportunity to get your most burning questions answered live.

See website for full programme of events, dates and prices



Tell Me on a Sunday

Fri 10 7:30pm, Sat 11 2:30pm & 7:30pm, Sun 12 3pm | 10+

£33.50, £17.50

Returning to the stage following her acclaimed performance in the National Theatre's production of *A Taste of Honey*, **Jodie Prenger** stars as 'Emma', in **Andrew Lloyd Webber** and **Don Black**'s classic musical, ***Tell Me on a Sunday***.

Charting the romantic misadventures of an English girl in New York during the heady days of the 1980's, this iconic musical features Andrew Lloyd Webber's wonderful score including the chart-topping *Take That Look Off Your Face* and title track *Tell Me on a Sunday*. Previously performed by iconic musical theatre stars **Marti Webb** and **Sarah Brightman**, this new production directed by Paul Foster includes an intimate post-show chat with Jodie charting her life, love and experience playing the role of 'Emma'.

GLORIOUS – ★★★★★ The Stage

★★★★★ WhatsOnStage



Musical Hits Through Time

Fri 7.30pm Sat 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Sun 3.00pm

£16.50

Presented by **CO2**

Time seems to have stood still but no longer! Come and join Colchester Operatic Society Second Edition (CO2) on their journey of **Musical Hits Through Time**.

Starting in biblical times (*Jesus Christ Superstar*) we travel through to 1830s France (*Les Misérables*) moving through the 1900s, finishing Act I in the late 1930s (*The Sound of Music*).

As we open Act II, we pay tribute to the hey-day of musicals, the 1950s (*La La Land*) through to the 1980s (*FAME*) and finish 300 years in the future (*We Will Rock You*)!



Ian Waite and Vincent Simone...Act Two

7.30pm | £34, £28 | 12+

VIP Info – The VIP meet and greet is at 6pm. Meet and greet ticket holders need to arrive by 5:50pm | VIP tickets are strictly limited to 32

The Ballroom Boys double act Ian Waite and Vincent Simone are set to return with their brand new show - Ian Waite and Vincent Simone....*Act Two*, after the roaring success of their 5 star 2019 tour! The fabulous Strictly Come Dancing stars promise another wonderful evening of old-fashioned variety - dance, comedy and song!

With beautiful costumes, gorgeous lighting and world class routines, including the Viennese Waltz, the Foxtrot, the Rhumba... and of course... there has to be another incredible Argentine Tango routine by the master! The boys will be joined by their stunning dance partners and a world class singer. If you enjoyed The Ballroom Boys, then make sure you don't miss the hilarious dancing duo when they bring you....*Act Two*!

A hugely entertaining night out – ★★★★★ **Crawley Observer**

What a show! – ★★★★★ **Elementary Whats On**

Presented by **Strictly Theatre Co**



Lucy Worsley – A Very British Murder

7.30pm | Post Show Book signing | £15, £26.50

An illustrated tour through our fascination with murder, with renowned historian **Lucy Worsley**. Here she shares its secrets and explores the history of this phenomenon in forensic detail, examining not only the crimes themselves but also how murder became a form of middle-class entertainment through novels, plays, artefacts and the press. From a Regency serial killer to Agatha Christie, this is the story of how crime was turned into art.

Presented by **Clive Conway Productions**

Gift Vouchers

Looking for a great gift idea for the theatre-goer in your life? Mercury Theatre Gift Vouchers can be purchased for any amount and redeemed against all shows and backstage tours at the theatre, or even used to buy UK-wide Theatre Tokens. We're able to add a message of your choosing onto the voucher, to add a personal touch to your gift. Gift vouchers last for two years and can be purchased online, or in person at the theatre. See our website for more details or speak to a member of our customer experience team.



Thu 23 Sep

Simon Amstell: Spirit Hole

8pm | £26.50, £36.50 | 15+

With his first stand up tour since the release of internationally acclaimed feature film - 'Benjamin' and Netflix special 'Set Free', **Simon Amstell** brings 'Spirit Hole' to The Mercury Theatre. 'Spirit Hole' is a blissful, spiritual, sensational exploration of love, sex, shame, mushrooms and more. If you yearn for a night of unprecedented joy and laughter book now and avoid regret.

The real deal – **The Guardian**

Presented by **Mick Perrin Worldwide Ltd**



Fri 24 Sep

Elton John: It's a Little Bit Funny

7.30pm | £15, £23.50

It's A Little Bit Funny tells the incredible story of **Elton John**'s rise and fall (and rise again) as one of the most successful singer/songwriters ever..

Martin Kaye (star of Million Dollar Quartet) is the biggest Elton John fan ever – so who better to sing and play Elton's greatest songs and narrate this tall tale of an unforgettable celebrity encounter with the man himself.

Presented by **Aria Entertainment**



Sat 25 Sep

Come What May – The Ultimate Tribute to Moulin Rouge

7.30pm | £15, £29

We present to you an all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza as you enter the secret world of one of the greatest movie-musicals of all time. Featuring the sensational Britain's Got Talent Winner **Jai McDowall** and a cast of top West End performers. Bursting with timeless classics including *Come What May*, *Your Song*, *Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend* and *Lady Marmalade* plus hit songs from *The Greatest Showman* and other iconic movie musicals.

Presented by **Sweeney Entertainments** and **Sisco Productions**

**Adopt
a seat**

We can't promise your name in lights, but the next best thing is to adopt a seat in our newly refurbished auditorium! Whether it is for yourself, a present for a theatre lover or to honour a loved one, monthly or one off payment options are available. Visit mercurytheatre.co.uk/adopt or speak to a member of our customer experience team to find out more!



Tue 19 – Sat 23 Oct

Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None

Eves 7:30pm

Mats Wed, Thu, Sat 2:30pm

Tue – Thu £15, £35

Fri – Sat £15, £37.50

Ten strangers are lured to a solitary mansion off the coast of Devon. When a storm cuts them off from the mainland, the reason for their presence on the island becomes horribly clear.

"We are all being hunted"

Directed by Lucy Bailey (*Witness for the Prosecution*, *Love from a Stranger*), this brand-new production of the bestselling crime novel of all time will keep you on the edge of your seat... Genuinely terrifying....

Gripping entertainment – ★★★★★ **The Times** on Lucy Bailey's *Love From A Stranger*

Bailey turns the screw with every scene – ★★★★★ **WhatsOnStage** on Lucy Bailey's *Gaslight*

Presented by **Fiery Angel** and **Royal & Derngate, Northampton**



Tue 26 – Wed 27 Oct

An Evening with Pam Ayres

7.30pm | £15, £30

Pam Ayres has been making the nation laugh for over 40 years. Funny and warm, her charming understated manner belies a rare comic precision.

Recent TV appearances include *Springwatch*, *Celebrity Mastermind*, *Celebrity Antique Road Trip*, and *Women at War: 100 Years of Service*. Recent Radio broadcasts include *Just A Minute*, *I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue*, and Pam's 2nd appearance on *Desert Island Discs*.



Thu 28 Oct

We Love Little Mix

2.30pm | £15, £17.50

If you love **Little Mix**, you are going to L.O.V.E this show! Featuring four fantastic performers who capture the look, sound and dance moves of one of the UK's best loved girl bands.

We Love Little Mix features all-live vocals, breath-taking costumes and an impressive light and video show. This non-stop, high-energy show is packed with all your favourite Little Mix songs including *DNA*, *Wings*, *Salute*, *Shout out to my ex* and more.

Presented by **Sweeney Entertainments**

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Written by Merlynn Tong
(after Sophocles)

← A Mercury Production, by Merlynn Tong, Directed by Dawn Walton OBE

Antigone

Fri 1 – Sat 16 October

British premiere

A city which belongs to just one man is no true city

In a war-torn city, two brothers lie dead: one hailed and buried a hero, the other denounced as a traitor, his body to be displayed as a warning to anyone daring to defy the new leader Creon, who is ruthless in her grip on power.

A grieving, defiant Antigone strikes out against Creon's brutal regime in a furious act of civil disobedience which will have devastating consequences for them both.

The conflict between these fierce, bold women forces them, and those around them, to question their ideas of family and morality, as well as the nature of justice and leadership.

This modern retelling of the classic Greek tragedy is a powerful thriller whose poetic passion transcends time.

Adapted by Merlynn Tong, after Sophocles had its World Premiere at Queensland Theatre

Eves 7.30pm

Thu, Sat mats 3.30pm, Sun mat 3pm

Prices from £15 | See diary for pricing details | Concessions available



Merlynn Tong



Dawn Walton OBE

RP	Wed 13 Oct	2.30pm	Relaxed
TT	Thu 14 Oct	1.00pm	Touch Tour
AD	Thu 14 Oct	2.30pm	Audio Described
CAP	Fri 15 Oct	7.30pm	Captioned Performance

Café Bar

Our brand new all-day café bar offers a warm friendly welcome to everyone – whether you're coming in to book tickets, watch a show or visiting the town, day or evening. We serve a wide selection of cakes, pastries, snacks and light meals, alongside a range of teas, coffees, alcoholic and soft drinks, including options sourced from local suppliers and prepared by our in-house kitchen.

We are accessible and have a stylish outdoor piazza to take in the historic surroundings that Balmerne Gate has to offer. You can also sample our new signature Mercury cocktail, an aromatic and refreshing drink featuring handcrafted Jumbo Gin, distilled in Colchester.



Whether it's a business meet, drinks with friends or bringing the children for an ice-cream, we've got it all.

Mobile ordering is quick and easy, and you can pay from your table with no need to queue. Simply scan the QR code displayed at your table to view and order from the menu.

Oh, and the WiFi is free!

Opening Times

Tue-Thu 10am – 11pm

Fri-Sat 10am – 12am

Sun 10am – 7pm



Interval Ordering

You can beat the queues and order your interval drinks from our café bar on arrival or book online. We'll have your drinks, ice cream or snacks ready for you to enjoy mid-show in our upstairs bar where you can take in our historic surroundings.

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**PULL OUT
& KEEP!**

Diary 2021



Ticket Sales

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JULY		
Fri 30	7.30pm	Baskerville
Sat 31	7.30pm	Baskerville
AUGUST		
Wed 4	7.30pm	Baskerville
Thu 5	2.30pm	Baskerville
	7.30pm	Baskerville
Fri 6	7.30pm	Baskerville
Sat 7	2.30pm	Baskerville
	7.30pm	Baskerville
Sun 8	3pm	Baskerville
Wed 11	2.30pm	Baskerville
	7.30pm	Baskerville
Thu 12	2.30pm	Baskerville
	7.30pm	Baskerville
Fri 13	7.30pm	Baskerville
Sat 14	2.30pm	Baskerville
	7.30pm	Baskerville
Sun 15	3pm	Baskerville
Wed 18	2.30pm	Baskerville (RP)
	7.30pm	Baskerville
Thu 19	1pm	Baskerville (TT)
	2.30pm	Baskerville (AD)
	7.30pm	Baskerville
Fri 20	7.30pm	Baskerville (CAP)
Sat 21	2.30pm	Baskerville
	7.30pm	Baskerville
Sun 22	3pm	Baskerville
Fri 27	7.30pm	Rock for Heroes
Sat 28	7.30pm	Grayson Perry
Sun 29	3pm	Arthur Smith: Syd (16+)
SEPTEMBER		
Thu 2	7.30pm	RUSH A Joyous Jamaican Journey
Fri 3	8pm	Klub Kids Goes To Chicago
Tue 7	7.30pm	The War of the Worlds
Wed 8	2.30pm	The War of the Worlds
	7.30pm	The War of the Worlds
Fri 10	7.30pm	Tell Me On a Sunday
Sat 11	2.30pm	Tell Me On a Sunday
	7.30pm	Tell Me On a Sunday
Sun 12	3pm	Tell Me On a Sunday

Thu 16	7.30pm	Musical Hits Through Time
Fri 17	7.30pm	Musical Hits Through Time
Sat 18	2.30pm	Musical Hits Through Time
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Wed 22	7.30pm	Lucy Worsley
Thu 23	8pm	Simon Amstell: Spirit Hole
Fri 24	7.30pm	Elton John: It's a Little Bit Funny
Sat 25	7.30pm	Come What May
OCTOBER		
Fri 1	7.30pm	Antigone
Sat 2	7.30pm	Antigone
Tue 5	7.30pm	Antigone
Wed 6	7.30pm	Antigone
Thu 7	2.30pm	Antigone
	7.30pm	Antigone
Fri 8	7.30pm	Antigone
Sat 9	2.30pm	Antigone
	7.30pm	Antigone
Sun 10	3pm	Antigone
Tue 12	7.30pm	Antigone
Wed 13	2.30pm	Antigone (RP)
	7.30pm	Antigone
Thu 14	1pm	Antigone (TT)
	2.30pm	Antigone (AD)
	7.30pm	Antigone
Fri 15	7.30pm	Antigone (CAP)
Sat 16	2.30pm	Antigone
	7.30pm	Antigone
Tue 19	7.30pm	And Then There Were None
Wed 20	2.30pm	And Then There Were None
	7.30pm	And Then There Were None
Thu 21	2.30pm	And Then There Were None
	7.30pm	And Then There Were None
Fri 22	7.30pm	And Then There Were None
Sat 23	2.30pm	And Then There Were None
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Tue 26	7.30pm	An Evening with Pam Ayres
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Thu 28	2.30pm	We Love Little Mix
	8pm	Sirens
Fri 29	7.30pm	The Three Musketeers

	8pm	Sirens
Sat 30	2.30pm	The Three Musketeers
	3pm	Sirens
	7.30pm	The Three Musketeers
	8pm	Sirens
Sun 31	3pm	The Three Musketeers
NOVEMBER		
Tue 2	7.30pm	Boy's Khaya
	8pm	Sirens
Wed 3	8pm	Sirens
Thu 4	7.30pm	The Wedding
	3pm	Sirens
Fri 5	7.30pm	The Wedding
	8pm	Sirens
Sat 6	3pm	Sirens
	7.30pm	Tubular Bells Live!
	8pm	Sirens
Tue 9	7.30pm	Dracula
Wed 10	2.30pm	Dracula
	7.30pm	Dracula
Thu 11		Dramafest
Fri 12	4.30pm	Dragons and Mythical Beasts
Sat 13	11am	Dragons and Mythical Beasts
	2pm	Dragons and Mythical Beasts
Sun 14	11am	Dragons and Mythical Beasts
	2pm	Dragons and Mythical Beasts
Sat 27	2pm	Aladdin
	7pm	Aladdin
DECEMBER		
Wed 1	10.15am	Aladdin
Thu 2	10.15am	Aladdin
	2pm	Aladdin
Fri 3	2pm	Aladdin
	7pm	Aladdin
Sat 4	1pm	Aladdin
	5pm	Aladdin
Sun 5	12pm	Aladdin
	4pm	Aladdin
Wed 8	10.15am	Aladdin
	10.45am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	1.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	2pm	Aladdin

Thu 9	10.15am	Aladdin
	10.45am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	1.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	2pm	Aladdin
	7.30pm	Scummy Mummies
Fri 10	10.45am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	1.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	2pm	Aladdin
	7pm	Aladdin (👉)
Sat 11	11am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	1pm	Aladdin
	1.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	5pm	Aladdin
Sun 12	11.30am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	12pm	Aladdin (RP)
	2pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	4pm	Aladdin
Tue 14	10.15am	Aladdin
	10.45am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	1.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	2pm	Aladdin
Wed 15	10.15am	Aladdin
	10.45am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	1.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	2pm	Aladdin
Thu 16	10.15am	Aladdin
	10.45am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	1.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
Fri 17	10.45am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	1.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	7pm	Aladdin
Sat 18	11am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
	1pm	Aladdin
	1.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman
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Sun 19	11.30am	The Jolly Christmas Postman
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	12.30pm	The Jolly Christmas Postman	
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Sun 26	2pm	Aladdin	
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Thu 30	1pm	Aladdin	
	5pm	Aladdin	
Fri 31	12pm	Aladdin	
	4pm	Aladdin	

JANUARY 2022

Sat 1	2pm	Aladdin	
Sun 2	12pm	Aladdin	
	4pm	Aladdin	
Thu 6	10.15am	Aladdin	RP
	2pm	Aladdin	
Fri 7	7pm	Aladdin	CAP
Sat 8	11.30am	Aladdin	TT
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Sun 9	12pm	Aladdin	
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Wed 12	7.30pm	Aladdin	18+
Thu 13	7.30pm	Aladdin	18+

Fri 14	7.30pm	Aladdin	18+
Sat 15	1pm	Aladdin	
	5pm	Aladdin	
Sun 16	12pm	Aladdin	
	4pm	Aladdin	
Thu 27	7.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
Fri 28	7.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
Sat 29	2.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
	7.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
Sun 30	3.00pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	

FEBRUARY 2022

Tue 1	7.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
Wed 2	7.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
Thu 3	7.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
Fri 4	7.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
Sat 5	2.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
	7.30pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
Sun 6	3.00pm	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	
Tue 8	7.30pm	The Ballad of Maria Marten	
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Fri 29 – Sun 31 Oct

The Three Musketeers – A comedy adventure

Fri & Sat eves 7.30pm | Sat mat 2.30pm | Sun mat 3pm
£15, £20, £25 | Schools £11.50

Armed with a baguette and his questionable steed join hot-headed d'Artagnan as he travels to Paris to become a musketeer! Featuring hilarious heroics, raucous romances and some bonkers fun with BMX bikes, award-winning funny men Le Navet Bete condense Dumas' 700-page classic into two hours of non-stop comedy gold.

Hilarious and heartfelt – ★★★★★ **Reviewshub**

Presented by **Le Navet Bete** and **Exeter Northcott Theatre**



Tue 2 Nov

Boy's Khaya

7.30pm | £15.50, £17.50, Schools £11.50

In this moving dance production, **Bawren Tavaziva's** discoveries are a universal comment on Africa and who we are today. Monarchies, political persecution, slavery and modern colonialism create a rich source of untold truths. Exploring the use of motion-capture technology, **Boy's Khaya** creates an immersive and unforgettable experience.

Tavaziva's facility for devising hot, liquid motion is indisputable
 – **The Times**

Presented by **Tavaziva**



Thu 4 – Fri 5 Nov

The Wedding

7.30pm | £15, £20, £25, Schools £11.50 | Subject to funding |
Post Show | 14+

Internationally acclaimed Gecko's production presents an elegant, brutal and thrilling depiction of a dystopian world in which we are all brides, wedded to society.

There's a terrific ensemble at work in a show that bursts with the joy of union – **The Guardian**

Presented by **Gecko**



Sat 6 Nov

Tubular Bells Live!

7pm | £27.50

Internationally renowned **Tubular Bells** maestro Phil Toms is back on tour with his band performing music from the 1973 hit record Tubular Bells by **Mike Oldfield** and highlights from his 50 year career including the songs *Moonlight Shadow*, *To France* and *Guilty*, and excerpts from instrumental albums including *Ommadawn*, *Tubular Bells 2* and *3*.

Presented by **Phil Toms**



Tue 9 – Wed 10 Nov

Dracula: The Untold Story

7.30pm, Wed mat 2.30pm | £15, £20, £25 | Schools £11.50

London, 1965

A young woman enters a Police Station claiming to be Mina Harker, one of the last surviving witnesses of Count Dracula's destruction. But Mina Harker has not been seen since 1901 and if alive, would be ninety years old.

Unfolding as a live graphic novel this is a chilling new version of the classic vampire tale.

An **imitating the dog** and **Leeds Playhouse** co-production



Fri 12 – Sun 14 Nov

Dragons and Mythical Beasts

Fri 4.30pm, Sat & Sun 11am, 2pm | £15.50

From the creators of *Dinosaur World Live*, enter into a world of myths and legends in this fantastical new show for all the family!

Unveil dark secrets and come face to face with some of the most magnificent monsters and terrifying beasts ever to walk the earth - the colossal Stone Troll, the mysterious Indrik and Japanese Baku and the Tooth Fairy (not as sweet as you'd think). Take your place among legendary heroes, just don't wake the Dragon...

Presented by **Nicoll Entertainment**



Wed 8 – Fri 24 Dec

The Jolly Christmas Postman

8 – 10 & 14 – 17 Dec 10.45am, 1.30pm | 21-23 Dec 11am, 2.30pm | 24 Dec 10.15am, 12.30pm | Sats 11am, 1.30pm | Suns 11.30am, 2pm | 3+ | £11.50, £12.50

'Once upon a Christmas Eve, just after it had snowed, The Jolly Postman (him again!) came down the jolly road; and in the bag upon his back, an...interesting load.'

Join the **Jolly Christmas Postman** on his final delivery of the year as he visits Miss Riding Hood, Humpty Dumpty and many others, with a gift for all this Christmas time. Story Pocket Theatre brings this timeless Christmas tale and colourful characters to life in a brand new show full of music, puppetry and magical storytelling, adapted from the best-selling book by Janet & Allan Ahlberg.

Presented by **Story Pocket Theatre** – a co-production with **Oxford Playhouse**

Story Pocket Theatre... producing some of the best children's theatre we have seen –
ThreeWeeks



Thu 9 Dec

The Scummy Mummies Show

7.30pm | £20 | 18+

Grab your gin in a tin, put your control pants on, and pop in a pantyliner - the **Scummy Mummies** are back! And after the year they've had, Helen and Ellie are going out-out! Join them for an evening of comedy, songs, filth and laughs. So bring your mates and make it a big night out! ****sold-out show**** Edinburgh Fringe 2019

Very funny – **The Guardian**

Hilarious – **Broadway Baby**



Thu 27 Jan – Sun 6 Feb 2022

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Eves 7.30pm, Sat mats 2.30pm, Sun mats 3pm

Prices from £19

Presented by **Colchester Operatic Society**

What makes a monster and what makes a man?

The Hunchback of Notre Dame tells the story of Quasimodo, the deformed bell-ringer of Notre Dame, who longs to be *Out There* with all of fifteenth-century Paris.

Let Colchester Operatic Society sweep you away with the magic of this truly unforgettable musical, based on the **Victor Hugo** novel and including the songs and Academy Award-nominated score from the Disney animated feature, along with new songs by **Alan Menken** and **Stephen Schwartz** as they perform this powerful story and fill the stage with beautiful choral harmonies.

Colchester Operatic Society are excited to be back on the Mercury stage after performing *Oliver!* in collaboration in Autumn 2019 at the Mercury at Abbey Field.



Tue 8 & Wed 9 Feb

The Ballad of Maria Marten

Eves 7.30pm | Wed mat 2.30pm | £15, £20, £25

A thrilling retelling of Suffolk's real-life murder mystery. Summer, 1827. In a red barn Maria Marten awaits her lover. A year later her body is found under the floor of the barn. Maria's story sent shock waves throughout the country but in all this hysteria Maria's own story gets lost. Until now.

Flintoff restores dignity to Maria...unexpectedly joyous

– ★★★★★ **The Guardian**

Eastern Angles and **Matthew Linley Creative Projects** in association with the **Stephen Joseph Theatre**, Scarborough



← A Mercury Production, by Andrew Pollard, Directed by Ryan McBryde

Aladdin

Sat 27 Nov – Sun 16 Jan

Make all your Christmas wishes come true with a trip to the Mercury's magical pantomime, Aladdin!

Journey with us to distant shores where the penniless Aladdin dreams of winning the heart of the rebellious Princess Jasmine.








When he is tempted by an evil sorcerer with the promise of untold riches, our young hero finds himself trapped in the Cave of Wonders with nothing but his wits and a battered old lamp. Little does he know that it's contents will change his life for ever.

Will Aladdin defeat the wicked sorcerer? Will the Princess Jasmine ever notice him? And will the Genie of the Lamp make all of his wishes come true?

You'll be thrilled to hear our Great British Pantomime award-winning ugly sisters, **Antony Stuart-Hicks** and **Dale Superville** (*Cinderella*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Snow White*) will be unleashed on Colchester once again, and after a year off they're chomping at the bit to release even more panto madness on unsuspecting audiences!

So hop aboard your magic carpet and join us for a hilarious, fun-packed adventure full of song, dance and all the usual Mercury magical mayhem!

Design: **Diego Pitarch**, Lighting Design: **David W Kidd**,
Musical Director: **Nick Barstow**, Choreographer: **Donna Berlin**,
Magic Advisor: **Michael J Fitch**

	Fri 10 Dec	7.00pm	BSL Interpretation
	Sun 12 Dec	12.00pm	Relaxed
	Thu 6 Jan	2.00pm	Relaxed
	Fri 7 Jan	7.00pm	Captioned Performance
	Sat 8 Jan	11.30pm	Touch Tour
	Sat 8 Jan	1.00pm	Audio Described
	Sat 15 Jan	1.00pm	BSL Interpretation

See diary for full performance schedule

Prices from £15 | Concessions available

Please note that performances on 12, 13, 14 January are strictly 18+



Dale Superville



Antony Stuart-Hicks



Fri 25 Mar

Janey Godley's Soup Pot Tour

7.30pm | £21.50 | 16+

"Frank open the door"

Tell all the Sandras, Big Frank and all the lassies fresh from Zumba to grab the soup pot and get ready for the "Queen of Scottish Comedy"'s hilarious new show, with live voice overs and stand up like you've never seen before. Check out some hilarious patter from Big Tereza in Torremolinos, Boris and his bawjaws and see Nicola up on the big screen with all the latest patter.



Fri 8 Apr

Reginald D Hunter

8pm | £24.50 | 18+

Three-time Perrier Award nominated **Reginald D Hunter** is back with a brand-new show, and there's no time for niceties. Unafraid to tackle head on the subjects the rest of us skirt around, Reginald is the voice of his generation – searingly honest, brutally funny and uniquely placed to commentate on the unfolding meltdown of life as we know it.

This is comedy of a rare scope – ★★★★★ The Times



Peppa Pig's Best Day Ever

10am, 1pm, 4pm

£16 | £2 off U16 | Family

Ticket £60 (4 tickets in total) |

Babes in Arms free (booking required)

Wed 26 – Thu 27 Oct

Peppa Pig is excited to be going on a special day out with George, Mummy Pig and Daddy Pig - it's going to be her best day ever!

Get ready for a road-trip full of fun adventures. From castles to caves, dragons to dinosaurs and ice-creams to muddy puddles – there is something for all of the family and their friends to enjoy, including Miss Rabbit, Mr Bull, Suzy Sheep, Gerald Giraffe and more!

Prepare for the brand new Peppa Pig live show packed full of songs, games and laughter, it really is the best day ever for Peppa Pig fans!

Mercury Originals

This season we are launching Mercury Originals; an exciting new programme of ground-breaking new plays, showcasing the voices of writers from the East, who have been nurtured through

our Artist Development schemes. All plays will premiere in our re-energised Studio and the season begins with award-winning playwright, **Kenny Emson's Sirens**.

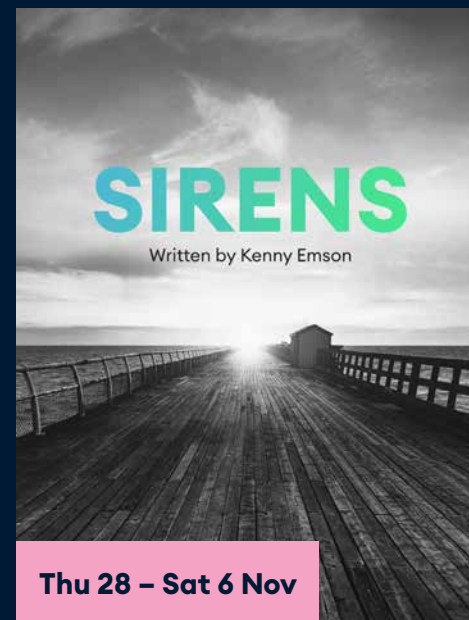
Sirens

Eves 8pm, Sat mats 3pm | £10, £17.50

Rory and Gemma break in to the Mersea Island RNL station on Halloween in 1987. He wants to run away to London. She wants him to notice that she's not drinking. Over the course of the next thirty-four years the consequences of that night will tear their lives apart. This haunting new play explores themes of belonging, family ties and forgiveness.

Kenny Emson is an award-winning playwright and screenwriter. He is a past winner of the Mercury Theatre playwriting prize, the Adopt a Playwright Award, the Adrienne Benham Award and the Clare McIntyre Bursary at the Royal Court Theatre, and has been shortlisted for both the Bruntwood and Pearson Prizes. His plays have been performed by the Bush Theatre, Nabokov, Eastern Angles and High Tide Theatre companies as well as at Festivals in the UK, New York and Cape Town. In TV/online, he was BAFTA-nominated for *The Last Hours of Laura K*, has participated in the BBC Writers' Academy and Bush/Kudos schemes, and been a Red Planet Prize finalist.

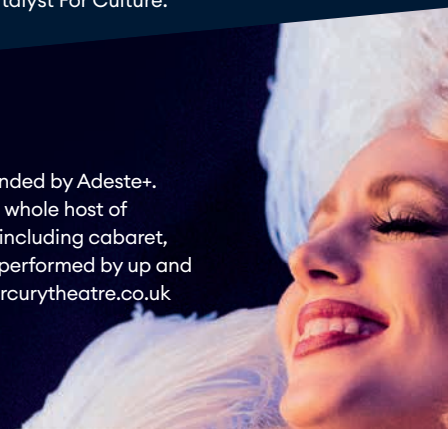
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Thu 28 – Sat 6 Nov

LATES LATES

New this season is Lates, funded by Adeste+. Join us every weekend for a whole host of exciting after-hours events including cabaret, jazz, comedy and more, all performed by up and coming performers. See mercurytheatre.co.uk for full listings and details.



Taking Part

No matter your background or experience, the Mercury aims to provide engaging and inclusive activities for all.

Our **Taking Part** activities for adults include a 10-week acting programme, an intergenerational community choir and a musical theatre dance class. There's also fun for the whole family as we re-introduce our sing-a-longs, which were a stand-out hit during lockdown, as a monthly feature in our new café bar.

MYC

We are excited to be offering more opportunities for young people to channel and release their creativity than ever before!

Much like our shiny new building, **Mercury Young Company** (MYC) has also expanded to include a new 18-25 age group, specialist dance classes and musical theatre workshops, in addition to the return of the existing groups you know and love.

Plus, we are introducing new activities for young people including **Tots** classes, weekend drop-in sessions and summer school opportunities including our new **Play in a Week** course.

Taking
Part▶▶▶ | SENIORS

For those over 55, our new **Senior Social Club** is an inclusive space to forge new friendships whilst participating in creative classes. The club will meet up every Thursday from 12 'til 2 and the activities rotate on a monthly basis and include monthly meet ups, a dance group, play reading sessions and creative writing events. Oh and the best part – brews and biscuits are included in the price!

MYC | Tots!

We are also offering new and returning activities for young people with SEND including **Move and Groove** classes, **SEND Summer School** and our popular bi-monthly **Party Nights**. In addition, all of our MYC groups are inclusive, with youth assistants on hand to support young people with SEND, to ensure that no young person misses out on their favourite event.

Visit mercurytheatre.co.uk to see our full range of events and book your space!



Connects, How To, Reads

Our **Artist Development** programmes support ground-breaking, east-based theatre-makers on their creative journey. Through a variety of exciting professional development opportunities and by providing time and space for researching, exploring and testing ideas, the programmes aim to nurture and grow the innovators of tomorrow.

How To's are our monthly masterclasses with an industry professional, providing you with the stepping stone you need to take your career to the next level. **Connects** is a regular rendezvous for arts professionals looking to make contacts,

share ideas, brainstorm, collaborate, develop their careers, promote their work and chat with like-minded people about their passion, at the theatre.

You also won't want to miss **Reads**, a reoccurring series giving you the first glimpse at exciting new work in its developmental stages!

Connects

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Theatre Tours

The Mercury has seen many famous faces perform on its stages since the theatre opened in 1972. Let us take you behind the scenes to explore the backstage secrets of what makes a spectacular Mercury production. Your guide will take you on a journey through our amazing spaces including the rehearsal room, wardrobe and workshop.

Why not make the most of your theatre tour by ending in the café bar with a delicious afternoon tea and bubbles?

Tours start at 11.30am

Sat 10 Jul, Sat 7 Aug, Sat 25 Sep, Sat 9 Oct

Theatre Tour £10 | Approximately 60 minutes
Tour and Cream Tea £15 | Afternoon tea and bubbles £20

Gift vouchers available for special occasions

All theatre tours are accessible for wheelchair users



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Make the most of your Mercury experience and join our family of supporters today!

As we throw open our doors and welcome you all in to our new home, we're excited to be introducing our brand new supporters scheme! With more exclusive gifts, discounts and experiences on offer than ever before, there's a

level of giving to suit everyone. Join us today to make the most of your Mercury experience and help regional theatre thrive!

To begin your supporter journey, or to purchase a gift membership for a friend or loved one, call our team on 01206 573948 or visit mercurytheatre.co.uk/support to find out more.

£1200
per year

Producers Club

As below plus recognition in the public space of the building, two free tickets to every Mercury Theatre press night and free car parking for every for every Mercury Production show booked.

£500
per year

Ambassador

As below plus an all-new Mercury lapel pin, Mercury Production photo calendar, two show press packages and exclusive annual 'behind-the-scenes' and 'meet the maker' experiences.

£200
per year

Supporter

As below plus a 10% café discount, membership card, drink and programme vouchers and invitations to an exclusive post-season launch drinks reception.

£60
per year

Friend

As below plus keep up to date with all things Mercury with invitations to our season launch events, behind-the-scenes newsletters and unlimited free ticket exchanges.

£25
per year

Priority Member

Be among the first to book your favourite seats for Mercury Productions, big-name comedians, pantos and more, with early access to tickets to all of our performances.

Accessibility

Our free **Access for All** scheme will allow you to keep us up to date with your needs as well as ensuring you can book tickets and parking online and receive any discounts available.

As an Access for All member you'll receive the following benefits:

- A welcome email explaining how to book your tickets
- A dedicated newsletter
- Online access to the best seats to meet your needs including seats in our accessible viewing areas
- Book advance parking tickets in our dedicated accessible parking area
- Automatic discounts and free tickets for those that need a companion or PA
- Regular check-ins with our customer experience team to check you're enjoying your visits

You can join the scheme online by heading to the Access for All page on our website (in the menu bar on the top right) or call our team on 01206 573948.

Discounted tickets are available for disabled customers for most of our Mercury Productions. Please check online or call to book. For access ticket prices and availability for other shows please call 01206 573948.

We welcome Assistance Dogs at all performances, please inform us when booking. Your dog can come into the auditorium with you, or be well looked after by our team.

We can accommodate up to 8 wheelchair users in the main auditorium space. Please state that you require a wheelchair space when booking.

If you require a seat transfer, please speak to a member of our team who will be happy to arrange this for you. Our friendly staff can also provide refreshments for you to purchase at the interval at your seat.

An assisted listening system is available for all performances. Our system is suitable for use with or without a hearing aid through our specialised equipment. Please mention when making your booking. Equipment should be collected from the ticket counter.

Relaxed Performance

Relaxed performances are for anyone who would benefit from a more relaxed environment including people with an Autism Spectrum condition, sensory or communication disorders, or a learning disability. Audience members will be free to come and go as they please throughout the performance and make noise if they want to.

Audio Description

Audio described performances give you a live commentary about the action happening on stage through a pair of headphones. Please choose 'Audio Description' ticket type when booking if you would like to use this service. We also offer Touch Tours before each audio described performance, enabling you to explore the stage and get a feel for the costumes and set before the show starts. Touch Tours must be booked in advanced.

Captioned

Do you or someone you know enjoy theatre but find it difficult to hear what is being said? Captioning converts the spoken word, songs and sound effects into text on a caption unit on the stage. Please view our diary pages to see which performances are captioned, and choose the 'Captioned' ticket type when booking if you would like to use this service.

If you would like more information, or if you require this information in an alternative format, contact our team on: **01206 573948** or email access@mercurytheatre.co.uk

Booking Info

Buying your tickets

A £1.50 restoration levy is charged on most tickets.

Book online

at mercurytheatre.co.uk

E-tickets

Tickets can be posted for £1.50. We would recommend however, that we email your tickets to you to print yourself at home. Don't have a printer? No problem! Show us your tickets on your phone.

Just call, email or write to us

Tickets can be bought by cash, cheque, theatre tokens, Mercury Theatre gift vouchers, and credit and debit cards. Tickets can be reserved without payment for five days.

Exchanging tickets

We will exchange tickets for another performance or give you a credit to the value of your seats for use at a later time if 5 days' notice is given prior to the date on the original ticket. Unfortunately we cannot give refunds. We charge £1.50 per transaction for this service. There is no charge for members at Friend level or above.

Babes in arms

We can accommodate up to 15 under 2s, sat on laps, at selected performances. Tickets are £2.50 each and can be booked in person at our ticket desk or over the phone.

Ticket Sales

mercurytheatre.co.uk
tickets@mercurytheatre.co.uk
01206 573948

Ticket Sales is open Tuesday to Sunday
10am until close

Discounts

For every Mercury Production we offer 50 seats at £15 – These are extremely popular and we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. Other discounts are available for our Mercury Productions, excluding panto: Concessions are available for over 65s, jobseekers, students and under 26s and are subject to performance. We do ask for proof of eligibility on collection, and discounted tickets booked online and by phone will need to be collected in person.

School Groups

All tickets £11.50 Mon-Fri, plus one free additional ticket for every ten purchased.

Group Discounts

Groups of 10+ get £2 off per ticket on shows excluding the first two performances and the lowest priced tickets.

Military Discount

20% off all Mercury Productions and Pantomime Only one discount can be applied to each ticket transaction. Discounts may be available for selected other performances. For more details, visit our website or call the Box Office on 01206 573948.

Covid-19 Info

We can't wait to welcome you to our beautiful new venue and want you to know that we are doing everything to make your visit as safe as possible. We will be following all current government guidelines and UK theatre guidance.

Our spaces are well ventilated with plenty of sanitiser stations and enhanced cleaning takes place before, during and after every performance and activity. For the latest updates please see our website or contact our friendly staff who can explain in more detail.

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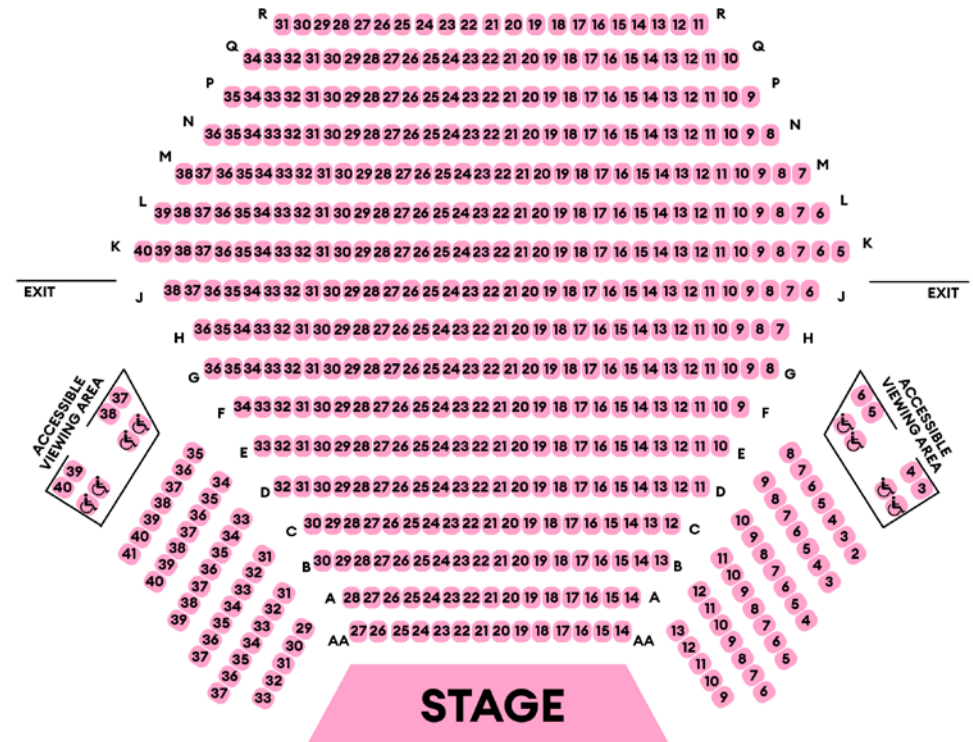
THE GREEN MILE

A New Play by Joel Horwood
Based upon the novel by Stephen King

Seating plan

This is our Theatre seating plan. Price bands vary on a show by show basis, and ticket prices vary by day of the week. Prices may change without notice. Please see our website or contact our customer experience team for seating plans for individual performances.

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Your Visit

Car Parking

Car parking can be found at St Mary's car park (CO3 3AA), a short walk from the theatre.

When buying show tickets in advance of your visit, discounted parking tickets can be purchased for £2.50.

Cloakroom

Bags and coats can be left in a supervised cloakroom. Booster seats for children are also available.

E-cigarettes

In line with World Health Organisation guidance we don't allow the use of e-cigarettes or vaping indoors at the Mercury Theatre.

Special Effects Warning

If you are concerned about any special effects (strobe lighting, smoke, loud bangs etc.) sometimes used in productions, please call the team on 01206 573948.

Refreshments

Café Bar – We are now open Tue – Sun from 10am, during intervals and after evening performances. We serve a wide selection of cakes, pastries, snacks and light meals, alongside a range of teas, coffees, alcoholic and soft drinks, including options sourced from local suppliers and prepared by our in-house kitchen.

Interval Drinks – Avoid the rush by purchasing your drinks or ice creams at the café bar or from your phone before the show and they will be waiting for you at the interval. And don't worry – the ice cream will still be frozen and your wine chilled!

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Hire the Mercury Theatre

Our newly refurbished theatre can be your home too. We have a range of spaces available to hire, whether it's a fitness class, a conference, or even just a desk, we've got room for you! Get in touch to find your perfect fit: [hires@mercurytheatre.co.uk](mailto: hires@mercurytheatre.co.uk) or see mercurytheatre.co.uk for more information.

How To Find Us

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For a more detailed map please visit our website.

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