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in Musselburgh and Haddington




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## Happy New Year! We have a packed programme of arts and entertainment events for you at our temporary venues in Musselburgh and Haddington!

As we go to press, we do not have an update on how long we will be out of The Brunton. In March 2023 we were forced to close our performance spaces in The Brunton building due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in the roof. Whilst we await more information regarding the next steps, we have established a successful programme at venues in Musselburgh, including Loretto School Theatre and Northesk Parish Church, and Corn Exchange in Haddington.

Highlights at Loretto Theatre in Musselburgh include midweek movies, National Theatre Live and Royal Opera House Live screenings and at Northesk Church, fabulous classical concerts for lunchtime and evenings.

We have installed new bespoke sound, lighting and stage design at the Corn Exchange, Haddington, along with comfy seats!

Highlights at Corn Exchange include comedy with Craig Hill, fantastic tribute bands such as Totally Tina and Lionel – The Music of Lionel Richie and high profile events such as An Evening with Snooker Greats.

We urge you to join us at one of our new venues, to experience the same quality of arts and entertainment that you have come to expect from The Brunton.

All events can be booked online at [thebrunton.co.uk](http://thebrunton.co.uk).

We would love to have your feedback about our venues – please email us at [info@thebrunton.co.uk](mailto:info@thebrunton.co.uk)

Best wishes

**Lesley Smith**

*Team Manager Arts / General Manager*



AT A GLANCE...

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THE BRUNTON AT

# LORETTO SCHOOL THEATRE

A hidden gem situated on Millhill, across the road from Musselburgh Racecourse turnstiles. Located within the beautiful grounds of Loretto School, the theatre has comfy seats and clear sightlines. The Bistro at The Brunton is a short drive, or 12 minutes' walk away. There is on street parking nearby.



Millhill, Musselburgh EH21 7RG

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THE BRUNTON AT LORETTO SCHOOL THEATRE

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Image: Bugsy Malone 2023

## 13

a new musical

The Brunton in association with David Ross

### 13! A New Musical

Geek. Poser. Jock. Beauty Queen. Wannabe. These are the labels that can last a lifetime. With an unforgettable rock score from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, 13 is a musical about fitting in - and standing out!

Evan Goldman is plucked from his fast paced, preteen New York City life and plopped into a sleepy Indiana town following his parents' divorce. Surrounded by an array of middle school students, he needs to establish his place in the popularity pecking order. Can he situate himself on a comfortable link of the food chain or will he dangle at the end with the outcasts?!

A community show with a professional production team.

Recommended for ages 11+.

THU 15 – SAT 17 FEB 7.30PM / £16 ADULT, £14 CHILD

For details about booking fees see page 30

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# The best of the West End, in Musselburgh!

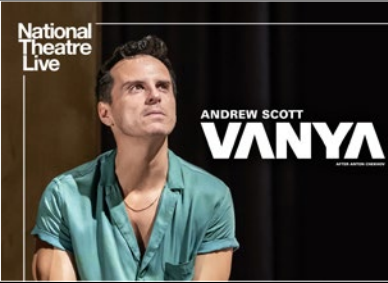
National Theatre Live screenings - the full cinema experience in Loretto School Theatre



## National Theatre Live Dear England

A new play by James Graham, directed by Rupert Goold. Joseph Fiennes (*The Handmaid's Tale*) plays Gareth Southgate in James Graham's (*Sherwood*) gripping examination of nation and game. The country that gave the world football has since delivered a painful pattern of loss. Why can't England's men win at their own game? With the worst track record for penalties in the world, Gareth Southgate knows he needs to open his mind and face up to the years of hurt, to take team and country back to the promised land. *Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre, Rupert Goold (Judy) directs this spectacular new play.*

THU 25 JAN 7PM / £13.50 (£11.50)



## National Theatre Live Vanya

*Adapted by Simon Stephens, after Anton Chekhov* Andrew Scott (*Fleabag*) brings multiple characters to life in Simon Stephens' (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*) radical new version of Chekhov's Uncle Vanya. Hopes, dreams, and regrets are thrust into sharp focus in this one-man adaptation which explores the complexities of human emotions. *Filmed live during its sold-out run in London's West End, Vanya will be playing exclusively in cinemas in 2024.*

THU 22 FEB 7PM / £13.50 (£11.50)



## National Theatre Live The Motive and The Cue

Sam Mendes (*The Lehman Trilogy*) directs Mark Gatiss as John Gielgud and Johnny Flynn as Richard Burton in this fierce and funny new play by Jack Thorne (*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*). Filmed live during a sold-out run at the National Theatre. 1964: Richard Burton is to play the title role in an experimental new Broadway production of Hamlet under John Gielgud's exacting direction. But as rehearsals progress, two ages of theatre collide and the collaboration between actor and director soon threatens to unravel.

THU 21 MAR 7PM / £13.50 (£11.50)



## National Theatre Live Nye

Michael Sheen plays Nye Bevan in a surreal and spectacular journey through the life and legacy of the man who transformed Britain's welfare state and created the NHS. Confronted with death, Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan's deepest memories lead him on a mind-bending journey back through his life; from childhood to mining underground, Parliament and fights with Churchill. Written by Tim Price and directed by Rufus Norris (*Small Island*), this epic new Welsh fantasia is broadcast live from the National Theatre.

TUE 23 APR 7PM / £13.50 (£11.50)



# Royal Opera House Live screenings

The full cinema experience in Loretto School Theatre



## The Royal Opera Rusalka

Rusalka, a water spirit, lives with her family in the pure waters of the forest lake. When she falls in love with a Prince, she sacrifices her voice and leaves her home in the hope of finding true love in a new world – a world that does not love her back. Natalie Abrahami and Ann Yee create a poetic, contemporary new staging of Dvorák's lyric fairy tale, revealing our uneasy relationship with the natural world and humanity's attempts to own and tame it. Semyon Bychkov conducts an all-star cast featuring Asmik Grigorian (Jenufa) in the title role.

*Sung in Czech with English subtitles.*  
*Running time: 3h 45m*

WED 24 JAN 6.45PM / £16 (£13), £10 UNDER 18



## The Royal Ballet Manon

Kenneth MacMillan's passionate ballet tells the story of Manon, who is torn between her desire for a life of splendour and riches and her devotion to her true love Des Grieux. This adaptation of Abbé Prévost's novel embodies Kenneth MacMillan at his best, his acute insight into human psychology and his mastery of narrative choreography finding full expression in the impassioned duets of the central couple. *Running time: 2h 15m*

WED 7 FEB 7.15PM /  
£16 (£13) £10 UNDER 18



Royal Opera House Live screenings - the full cinema experience in Loretto School Theatre



The Royal Opera

## Madama Butterfly

For all the beauty and romance of the music, Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* remains a deeply moving and troubling story, fatally bound up with the destructive forces of imperialism. Moshe Leiser and Patrice Caurier's poignant, painterly production stars Asmik Grigorian as Cio-Cio-San with Joshua Guerrero as Pinkerton.

*Sung in Italian with English subtitles.*

*Running time: 2h 15m*

TUE 26 MAR 7.15PM / £16 (£13) £10 UNDER 18



The Royal Ballet

## MacMillan Celebrated

The Royal Ballet celebrates the breadth of Principal Choreographer Kenneth MacMillan's one-act ballets.

*Dances Concertantes*, commissioned by Ninette de Valois in 1955, was MacMillan's first major work. It is followed by *Different Drummer*, MacMillan's complex and haunting balletic interpretation of *Woyzeck*, Georg Büchner's play about a soldier's descent into madness. The mixed programme concludes with *Requiem*, his 1976 work for Stuttgart Ballet, created in memory of its late artistic director and MacMillan's friend John Cranko.

*Running time: 2h 15m*

TUE 9 APR 7.15PM / £16 (£13) £10 UNDER 18



The Royal Ballet

## Swan Lake

Out hunting, Prince Siegfried chances upon a flock of swans. One among them transforms into the beautiful human Odette and he is immediately enamoured. But Odette is bound by a spell which keeps her captive as a swan during the day. Can Siegfried free her?

Tchaikovsky's sensational score combines with the evocative imagination of choreographer Liam Scarlett and designer John Macfarlane to heighten the dramatic pathos of Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov's quintessential ballet classic. *Swan Lake* remains to this day one of the best-loved works in the classical ballet canon.

*Running time: 3h 30m*

WED 24 APR 7.15PM / £16 (£13) £10 UNDER 18







## Valentine's Day Supper & Movie

Start your evening with supper at our Bistro – great for couples or groups of friends! After your meal, enjoy complimentary transport to our cinema screen at Loretto School Theatre, and at the end of the movie we will bring you back to The Brunton



### Notting Hill (15)

To celebrate romance, we screen this classic British rom-com written by Richard Curtis.

The life of a simple bookshop owner changes when he meets the most famous film star in the world.

*Director: Roger Michell*  
*Cast: Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant, Richard McCabe, Rhys Ifans*  
 1999 / 2h 4m

WED 14 FEB

7.30PM (SCREENING TIME)

Two course supper & film:

£29.45 (£28.45)\*

Film only: £8.50 (£7.50)

\*Additional course can be added on the night

Once you have booked, our Bistro will be in touch to confirm your preferred dining time.

## VALENTINE MENU

### STARTERS

**Roast butternut, coconut and chilli**  
 served with warm crusty sourdough

**Garlic and fresh ginger crevettes**  
 in oyster sauce served with Singapore rice noodles

**Buffalo mozzarella, tomato and basil bruschetta**  
 served with a rocket, and pea shoot salad

### MAINS

**Herb crusted hake**  
 with creamy celeriac, and potato mash, served with fresh mussels in Pernod and cream

**Pan fried pork steak**  
 stuffed with spicy sausage and guacamole, tomato, coriander and lime salsa, courgette and saffron risotto

**Sauté chicken breast**  
 with pink peppercorn, cream and champagne velouté, served with a medley of seasonal vegetables and duchesse potatoes

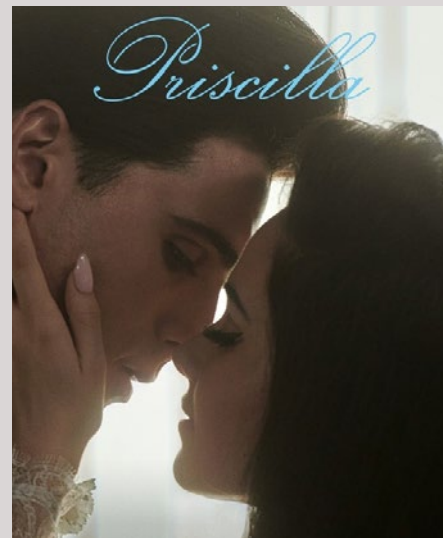
### DESSERT

**Warm chocolate fudge cake**  
 with chocolate sauce, chocolate dipped berries and Chantilly cream

**Orange and passion fruit pavlova**  
 toasted hazelnuts, and blueberry coulis

**White chocolate cheesecake**  
 with raspberries and Chantilly cream

**Fresh ground coffee or tea with Turkish delight**



### Priscilla (15)

When teenager Priscilla Beaulieu meets Elvis Presley at a party, the man who's already a meteoric rock 'n' roll superstar, becomes someone entirely unexpected in private moments: a thrilling crush, an ally in loneliness, and a gentle best friend.

*Director: Sofia Coppola*  
*Cast: Cailee Spaeny, Jacob Elordi, Ari Cohen*  
 2023 / 1h 53m

WED 21 FEB 7.30PM



### One Life (TBC)

The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, along with Trevor Chadwick and Doreen Warinner of the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia, rescued 669 children from the Nazis in the months leading up to World War II.

*Director: James Hawes*  
*Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Romola Garai, Helena Bonham Carter, Johnny Flynn*  
 2023 / 1h 50m

WED 28 FEB 7.30PM



### The Holdovers (15)

A festive comedy-drama about a bad-tempered professor at a prep school, forced to remain on campus during Christmas break to babysit a handful of students with nowhere to go. Left to their own devices in the empty school, there are adventures, a little calamity and finally, a semblance of family.

*Director: Alexander Payne*  
*Cast: Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Dominic Sessa*  
 2023 / 2h 13m

WED 6 MAR 7.30PM



**The Color Purple** (TBC)

A musical-drama, decades-spanning tale of love and resilience and of one woman's journey to independence. Celie faces many hardships in her life, but ultimately finds extraordinary strength and hope in the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood.

Director: Blitz Bazawule  
Cast: Fantasia Barrino, Taraji P. Henson, Danielle Brooks  
2023 / 2h 20m

WED 13 MAR 7.30PM



**Bob Marley: One Love** (TBC)

Celebrating the life and music of the legendary reggae musician who inspired generations through his message of love and unity. Discover Bob's powerful story of overcoming adversity and the journey behind his revolutionary music.

Director: Reinaldo Marcus Green  
Cast: Kingsley Ben-Adir, James Norton, Michael Gandolfini  
2024

WED 20 MAR 7.30PM



**Wicked Little Letters** (15)

When people in Littlehampton - including conservative local Edith - begin to receive letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose is charged with the crime. Suspecting that something is amiss, the town's women investigate.

Director: Thea Sharrock  
Cast: Olivia Coleman, Jessie Buckley, Timothy Spall  
2023 / 1h 40m

WED 27 MAR 7.30PM

MUSIC



**The Springsteen Sessions**

Led by singer Dougie Robertson, with some of the best experienced musicians around - these guys are all huge fans of The Boss and their devotion to replicating the authentic sounds of the Main Man and the E-Street Band is obvious.

Enjoy all the hits in the Springsteen Sessions extended set including: *Born In The USA*, *The River*, *Darlington County*, *Born To Run*, *Rosalita*, *Dancing In The Dark*, *Hungry Heart*, *Thunder Road*, *Glory Days*, *Tougher Than The Rest*, *Atlantic City*, *Darkness On The Edge Of Town*, *Jungleland*, *Independence Day* and more. Even some of Brucie's latest material is on the list.

Sit back and be taken on a never-ending journey of the music of the man from New Jersey.

SAT 23 MAR 7.30PM / £18 (£16)





MUSIC



THE GREATEST HITS OF JUDY GARLAND & LIZA MINNELLI

## Over The Rainbow

Celebrating the wonderful music and careers of Judy Garland and her daughter Liza Minnelli. All of Judy and Liza's most memorable songs are performed by three of the UK's finest vocal talents supported by a team of dancers.

The show includes all the hit recordings and famous songs from the movies that made this mother and daughter duo, the stars of Hollywood! Including songs from *The Wizard Of Oz*, *Easter Parade*, *Meet Me In St Louis*, *A Star Is Born* plus a tribute to Liza Minnelli's Oscar winning performance in *Cabaret*!

A fantastic, nostalgic celebration of these two iconic ladies, that many generations to continue to enjoy.

FRI 12 APR 7.30PM / £19 (£17)

 FRIENDS SAVE 10%

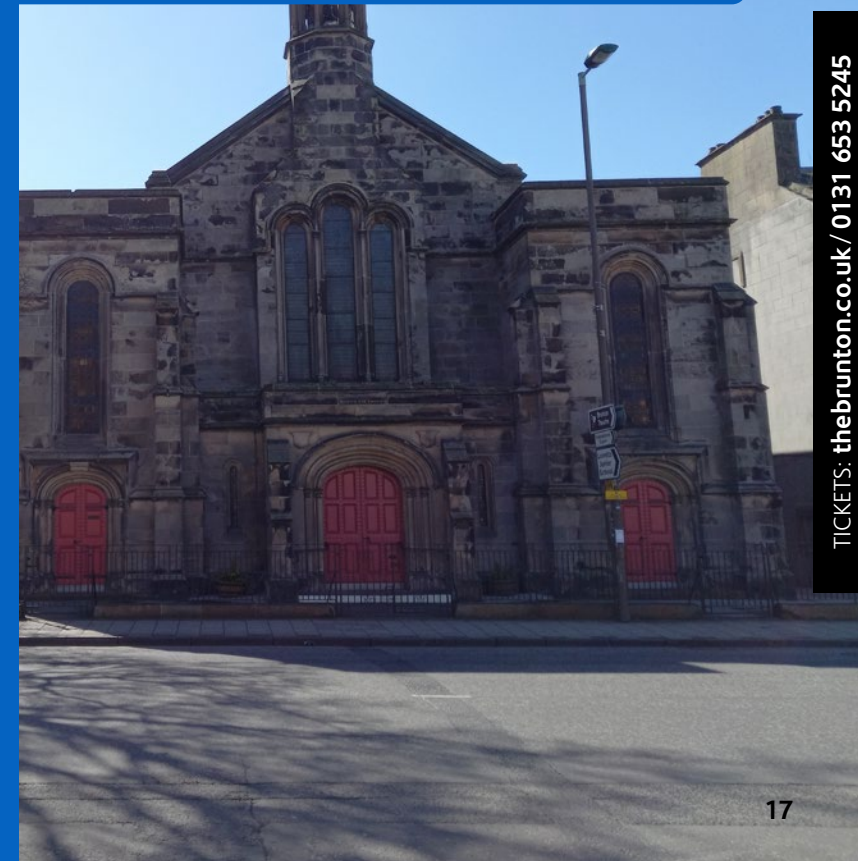
## THE BRUNTON AT

# NORTHESK PARISH CHURCH

Situated across the road from The Brunton and handy for buses, parking and The Bistro at The Brunton. The church has a lovely acoustic for classical and Trad music with an adjoining hall for interval refreshments.



North Bridge Street  
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# CLASSICAL EVENING CONCERTS

## Soloists of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra

The Scottish Chamber Orchestra, is without doubt, one of the finest in the world and we are delighted to present a unique and exclusive series of fantastic recitals, given by brilliant soloists from this famous ensemble.

Recitals last 75 minutes  
with no interval.

### THE POETIC BASSOON

**Cerys Ambrose-Evans** Bassoon  
with **Scott Mitchell** Piano

Debussy arr. Plath: *Violin Sonata*  
Tansman: *Sonatine for Bassoon*  
Nadia Boulanger: *Three Pieces*  
Saint-Saëns: *Bassoon Sonata*



Scottish Chamber Orchestra's Principal bassoonist Cerys Ambrose-Evans has played with many of the UK's finest orchestras including the London Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Opera. Her programme includes Saint-Saëns' charming and brilliant bassoon sonata with works by Debussy, Tansman and Nadia Boulanger which will prove that the bassoon is a solo instrument every bit as rewarding as the other members of the wind section.

WED 6 MAR 7.30PM / £16

### THE LYRICAL VIOLA

**Max Mandel** Viola  
with **Christopher Glynn** Piano

Schumann: *Märchenbilder*  
Frank Bridge: *Pieces for viola and piano*  
Vaughan Williams: *Romance*  
Bruch: *Romanze*  
Feldman: *The Viola in My Life*  
Rebecca Clarke: *Viola Sonata*



Capable of spinning the most beautiful romantic musical tunes, it is a rare pleasure to hear the viola as a solo instrument. Max Mandel recently joined the SCO as principal viola, and he has chosen a programme which ranges from Schumann's imaginings of fairy tale images to music by an American viola virtuoso and from British pastoral images to the full romantic riches of Bruch's Romanze.

WED 17 APR 7.30PM / £16

# BITE-SIZED CONCERTS AT LUNCHTIME

- Lunch & Concert £19
- Concert only £10.75

Our lunchtime recitals include established and emerging, prizewinning performers with sparkling programmes of music, specially selected for you to enjoy. Relax at lunchtime in the beautiful North Esk Parish Church, Musselburgh. A light lunch of soup and a sandwich is served in the Church Hall adjacent to the church.

- Lunch at 12 noon
- Concerts at 1pm



### THE VIRTUOSO VIOLIN

**Emma Baird** Violin  
**Anna Michels** Piano

Bach: *Chaconne from D minor Partita*  
Chausson: *Poème*  
Ysaÿe: *Caprice d'après l'Étude en forme de valse*

Ysaÿe was known as 'The King of the Violin' to his contemporaries and wrote numerous works to show off his spectacular musicianship. Chausson's *Poème* is one of the most gorgeous of all violin solos and the programme opens with one of the very greatest baroque masterpieces. Emma Baird is one of the most exciting Scottish violinists of today.

TUE 20 FEB



### GUITAR MASTERPIECES

**Tim Beattie** Guitar

Works by: Bach, Piazzolla and Britten

A fabulous guitarist returns with a fantastic mixture of music and styles. Piazzolla's music is all based on his native Argentina's beloved Tango. Bach's music is often full of dance rhythms and the programme's huge variety is completed by Benjamin Britten's haunting take on a theme by the renaissance genius and lutenist John Dowland.

TUE 19 MAR



### BEAUTIFUL BAROQUE

**Huw Daniel** Violin  
**Jan Waterfield** Harpsichord

Corelli: *Sonata in A major for violin & continuo Opus 5 nr 9*

J.S.Bach: *Sonata in E major for violin & harpsichord BWV 1016*

J.S.Bach: *Sonata in G major for violin & continuo BWV 1021*

W.F.Bach: *Trio in B major for violin & harpsichord*

Bach's music for violin and harpsichord is full of the energy and drive which characterise his finest music. Performed by two brilliant baroque specialists this concert will really fizz.

TUE 23 APR



## THE BRUNTON AT CORN EXCHANGE, HADDINGTON

The Corn Exchange has recently been refurbished and we have added a technical infrastructure for the stage, sound and lighting especially for live performances. A selection of interval refreshments are available, and the town has several restaurants and bars.

Located on Court Street, the main road through Haddington, there is free parking at the rear of the building.

 Court Street  
Haddington EH41 3DS



## THE BRUNTON AT CORN EXCHANGE



JMG Music

### The Legends of American Country

A fantastic night of toe tapping Country nostalgia with highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline, Charley Pride, Tammy Wynette, Kenny Rogers, Hank Williams, Alan Jackson, Glen Campbell, Garth Brooks and Jim Reeves with countless other well-known singalong hit songs.

The show features three superb singers, Kelan Browne, Tracey McAuley and Antony McBrien, accompanied by a live band of musicians with that real authentic Tennessee sound. Along with authentic stage set and state of the art production the show is guaranteed to transport you all the way, hand clapping and toe tapping to Nashville and back in one night.

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 7.30PM / £25

**“...fantastic show of nostalgic country at its best with superb vocalists and musicians” ”**

Hot Country TV



### FARA

Fusing the talents of three fine Orcadian fiddlers and vocalists - Jeana Leslie, Catriona Price and Kristan Harvey - alongside stand-out Highland pianist Rory Matheson, award-winning FARA have firmly secured their foothold at the forefront of the Scottish folk scene since taking 2014's Orkney Folk Festival by storm.

Their unique mix of spell-binding vocals, intricately woven fiddle harmonies and energetic closers, combined with an obvious kinship born in childhood, is sure to delight and entertain audiences wherever they go.

FRI 23 FEB 7.30PM / £18 (£16)

 FRIENDS SAVE 10%

**“Torch-bearers of a freshly reinvigorated tradition...one of the most exciting Scottish folk discoveries in recent years”**

AllMusic

**“Bring contemporary fiddle music to new heights...enthrralling vocal arrangements”**

Scotsman

Enjoy this concert cabaret style, seated around tables in front of the stage.



## COMEDY

## Craig Hill

### This Gets Harder Every Year

Scotland's favourite Kilty Pleasure is delighted to be bringing his eagerly awaited, hilarious show to Corn Exchange, Haddington.

Renowned world-wide for his cheeky, irreverent and uproarious live comedy, Craig's tours are firmly established as one of the best nights out around. His razor sharp wit and unsurpassed audience rapport have seen him perform all over Europe, Australia (including Sydney Opera House) all over Scotland as well as south of the border and even a season of shows off-Broadway in New York.

Craig's shows are hugely popular for a good reason - get ready for an outrageously high-octane night of fantastic laughs. Book early!

SAT 24 FEB 7.30PM / £19.50

**"A laugh-out-loud performance  
from beginging to end...  
absolutely hilarious!"**

List ★★★★★

**"Funny as hell!"**

Scotland on Sunday



## MUSIC

## Totally Tina

Come shake a tail feather with the UK's supreme Tina – Justine Riddoch, and her talented cast.

This breath-taking recreation of a live Tina Turner concert celebrates the golden anniversary of the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll's signature tune *Proud Mary*.

Early hits, including *River Deep - Mountain High* and *Nutbush City Limits*, were just a taste of what was to come. *We Don't Need Another Hero*, *Simply the Best*, *What's Love Got to Do With It*, *I Don't Wanna Lose You* and *When the Heartache is Over* propelled Tina to stadium concert stardom.

Supported by her dazzling dancing girls in sequins, feathers and diamonds, Justine recreates those famed live performances for one night only.

FRI 8 MAR 7.30PM / £26





MUSIC

## LIONEL – The Music of Lionel Richie

Following appearances with Lionel Richie himself on ITV's *Sunday Night at The Palladium* and the *Graham Norton Show* for the BBC, Malcolm Pitt delivers a powerhouse and breath-taking performance in this high-octane show celebrating the music of Lionel Richie and the Commodores. This award winning five-star production also features a stellar line-up of world class musicians including musical director, Jonny Miller from Talon.

Enjoy *Dancing On the Ceiling*, *Hello*, *Three Times A Lady*, *Easy*, *All Night Long* and many more.

SAT 9 MAR 7.30PM / £25

**"I close my eyes and it's Lionel"**

Roger Upright (Ex Western European Manager of Motown)



MUSIC



## The Counterfeit Sixties

Re-live the sounds of the swinging sixties, as Britain's No. 1 tribute show brings alive the magic of the sixties, with their tribute to over twenty-five bands of that era. The show encompasses everything from that period, from the clothes that were worn, to flashbacks from television history, including: TV programmes, adverts and even clips from the original bands.

The Counterfeit Sixties presents a showcase of the great bands of this unforgettable time. The fantastic music of *The Beatles*, *The Rolling Stones*, *The Who*, *The Dave Clark Five*, *The Kinks* and *The Monkees* - to name but a few - all recreated in this stunning show.

The band members have performed their unique tribute shows all over the UK and abroad and have a wide range of experience in that field. The members of the band have individually worked with notable sixties' artists such as *The Searchers*, *The Ivy League*, *The Fortunes*, *The Tremeloes* and many more.

SAT 23 MAR 7.30PM / £25

EVENT



## An Evening with Snooker Greats

### Clash of The Titans Stephen Hendry, John Higgins & Dennis Taylor

Come and join the UK's favourite snooker stars as they recreate the matches that saw them rise to the top of their profession. Stephen Hendry won seven world championships; John Higgins has won four world championships. Who is your favourite to win?

Snooker legend, ex world champion and now BBC commentator Dennis Taylor, is your host and referee for the evening. There will also be a Q&A, with the opportunity to pose the questions you always wanted to ask. Not to be missed!

**VIP Experience:** 6pm - Early entry, welcome drink on arrival, VIP lanyard, premium seating, meet and greet with the lads and a professional photo to take away on the night.

TUE 26 MAR 7.30PM / £75 VIP, £37.50



FAMILY

What Moves You

## My Friend Selkie

Selkie is learning about the stars. Jo needs to learn to swim. Can they help each other?

With live music by Quee MacArthur (ex Shoooglenifty), children are invited to take part. See you at the Crab Disco!

Developed by the cast and Dawn Hartley from an original concept by Niamh, this tale is told through dance, text and songs and has been enjoyed by children aged 3+ across Scotland.

*\*In Celtic folk tales, a Selkie is a mythical creature who appears to be a person on land yet changes with their Selkie coat to become a seal in the sea.*

Recommended for ages 3 - 8 years

SAT 27 APR 11AM & 2PM / £10 ADULT £8 CHILD

**“A child-like delight that encourages audience interaction and offers a charming introduction to Scottish folk tales”**

★★★★The Skinny (Edinburgh Fringe 2023)



COMING SOON

MUSIC



## The Sensational 60s Experience

Join us for the musical phenomenon of 2024 with this festival of nostalgia from Dozy Beaky Mick & Tich, The Tremes, The Fortunes, The Swinging Blue Jeans and Vanity Fare. The show with the definite feelgood factor will transport you back to that magical decade that was the 1960s.

These legends of the 60s will deliver a night never to be forgotten, performing hit after hit.

Hits include *Bend It*, *Silence is Golden*, *Hippy Hippy Shake*, *You've Got your Troubles*, *Hitchin A Ride* plus many more.

FRI 24 MAY 7.30PM / £32

MUSIC



## ABBAMANIA

Europe's leading ABBA tribute continue to entertain audiences with their outstanding vocals and musical performance live on stage. ABBAMANIA's widely acclaimed tribute is a sensational two hour show featuring record breaking and timeless hits from Waterloo to Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, Fernando and Chiquitita, all of which will have you dancing in the aisles.

So dust off your platforms, put on your flares and come along and enjoy an unforgettable night with ABBAMANIA.

SAT 8 JUNE 7.30PM / £25



## ACHIEVING AUDIENCE SUCCESS WITH KINDLE DIRECT PUBLISHING

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**THU 8 FEB 9.30AM – 12.30PM / FREE**

**Venue: Loretto School Theatre, Millhill, Musselburgh, EH21 7RG**  
Book via Eventbrite or scan QR code:



LCDC DANCE (DANCERCISE CIC)

## I HAVE A DREAM

An annual show by LCDC. 56 hours of classes come together to bring you dances of many different genres. Children as young as 18 months to adults will take you on a magical, musical journey.

The motto at LCDC is "Everyone deserves the chance to shine", and they are an inclusive, affordable, and accessible performing arts school in the heart of Musselburgh.

Dancers are given opportunities to compete, sit examinations, and perform, however if their choice is not to participate, they are equally encouraged to attend classes weekly.

**SAT 2 MAR 1.30PM & 6.30PM & SUN 3 MAR 3PM / £12.50, £7.50 3-15 YEARS**

**Venue: Loretto School Theatre, Millhill, Musselburgh, EH21 7RG**

# PERFORMING ARTS NETWORK

## Brunton Players

Are you aged 18 plus, interested in acting? Then this group is for you. Run by professional and experienced drama tutors, Brunton Players meet weekly and perform their finished work on stage.

Sessions take place in Musselburgh on Mondays 7pm – 9pm.

Book at [thebrunton.co.uk](http://thebrunton.co.uk) / 0131 653 5245 or email [youththeatre@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:youththeatre@eastlothian.gov.uk) for more information.

## Musical Theatre

Weekly Musical Theatre groups for ages 8 – 18. Learn songs from well-known musicals, acting through song and vocal technique, led by professional and experienced tutors. Have fun, develop your voice and sing!

Sessions take place on Tuesdays, in Musselburgh.

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## Move It!

Fun, youth dance groups take place weekly across East Lothian for ages 3–21.

To find out more email [moveit@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:moveit@eastlothian.gov.uk).

## Youth Theatre

Weekly drama groups for ages 5 – 18, run by professional actors and drama tutors. Sessions are designed to nurture creativity through improvisation activities, drama games and much more. Have fun and meet new people!

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## BOOKING

The Brunton, Ladywell Way,  
Musselburgh EH21 6AF

ONLINE:  
[www.thebrunton.co.uk](http://www.thebrunton.co.uk) 24 hours a day

TELEPHONE:  
0131 653 5245 Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm

COUNTER:  
Mon - Sat 11am - 3pm

Booking fees: £2 per transaction fee.

## CONCESSIONS

**School groups:**  
Available for selected productions.  
1 teacher free per 10 pupils

**Concession prices apply to:** Senior citizens (ages 66+), full time students, registered unemployed, under 18s, Young Scot, Access To Leisure, registered disabled and companion. Proof of entitlement is required.

**Baby tickets:** £1 for under 18 months sat on carer's lap. Everyone attending a show must have a ticket for fire and safety regulations.

## PAYMENTS

Payment can be made by card only.

### Please note

Reservations will be held for groups of 10+ only and must be paid for 4 weeks prior to the performance.

Tickets are not refundable.

Latecomers will only be admitted at a suitable break in the performance, which may be the interval.

# HOW TO FIND US

For up to date travel information visit [travelinescotland.com](http://travelinescotland.com)

## Loretto School Theatre

📍 Millhill, Musselburgh, EH21 7RG

The entrance gate is opposite the turnstiles for Musselburgh Racecourse. Do not use the school's main postcode as that will take you to a different street.

- There are 3 steps into the grounds of the school. Alternatively, we can arrange for you to enter through a different gate with level access and car drop off at the door.
- Ramped entrance to the theatre itself, with spaces for wheelchairs at the front of the auditorium.
- A level access toilet is adjacent to the theatre.
- Parking is on the street, with small, free, car parks a short walk away, at Kerr's Wynd or at the top of Millhill by the river.

## Northesk Parish Church

📍 North Bridge Street, EH21 6AG

- The church hall is adjacent to the church, with level access.
- There are 2 steps into the church with a ramp that can be placed over the steps.
- Level access toilets are inside the church hall, accessed by going out of the church and into the adjoining hall.
- Spaces for wheelchairs are at the side, front of the church.
- Accessible parking is across the road, with designated parking bays on Ladywell Way.
- Gracefield car park is behind The Brunton and there is also a car park on Ladywell Way.

## Corn Exchange, Haddington

📍 Court Street EH41 3DS

- There is level access to the building and accessible toilets.
- Spaces for wheelchairs are to the side and front.
- There is a car park behind the building.

## Musselburgh Grammar School

📍 86 Inveresk Road, EH21 7BA

- There is level access from the adjoining car park.
- There are level access toilets.
- Spaces for wheelchairs are at the side, front.

## THE BRUNTON

Brunton Theatre and the artistic programming for The Brunton is managed by Brunton Theatre Trust. The Trust was established in 1994 and is a registered Scottish Charity SCO 22422.

Registered address:  
The Brunton, Ladywell Way,  
Musselburgh EH21 6AF.

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## Friends of The Brunton

Become a Friend of The Brunton and receive ticket discounts and special offers.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP COST:  
Single: £15, £13 concessions  
Double: £30, £26 concessions

Membership benefits include up to 20% off, or 2 for 1 discounts on selected shows and advance information about events programmed by The Brunton.

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