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in Musselburgh and Haddington

JANUARY – APRIL 2025 thebrunton.co.uk



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Loretto Theatre, Musselburgh



Northesk Parish Church, Musselburgh



Corn Exchange, Haddington



HAPPY NEW YEAR from all of The Brunton team!

We start the new year with renewed energy and optimism, and we are excited to welcome you to our great programme of events for 2025!

The end of last year brought the sad news that the Brunton Hall, our home for many years, is to be closed and demolished due to irreparable structural issues. This is a huge loss for East Lothian, and we join with the community to ask that the commitment to rebuild a new arts space quickly becomes a reality.

In the meantime, we would like to thank our wonderful audiences for joining us at our venues, Loretto Theatre and Northesk Church in Musselburgh and at the Corn Exchange in Haddington, and to say hello to those of you who have come along for the first time. Working across new, alternative spaces does bring its challenges, but we are listening to your feedback and will do our best to continue to improve these spaces for you.

Wherever we are based we are committed to bringing a fantastic programme of arts and entertainment to East Lothian and 2025 is jam-packed!

January starts with **Rikki & Me**, a rare opportunity to see Phil Differ's play about one of Scotland's most treasured comedians, Rikki Fulton, performed by our fabulous community cast and led by Director David Ross. Our theatrical offer then continues in April with the highly acclaimed **Moira Trilogy** by **Alan Bissett**, an acting tour-de-force where Alan will perform all three of his hilarious monologues in one sitting!

If stand-up comedy is your thing, we have lots to choose from at the Corn Exchange. Look out for **Craig Hill** in February, **Stuart Mitchell** in April, and two mixed bill events featuring some of Scotland's most exciting comedy stars including the brilliant **Jay Lafferty** and **Mark Nelson**.

Our music programme continues across all three venues, with classical recitals from **Dunedin Consort** at Northesk Church, trad concert from **Blazin' Fiddles** and **stunning tributes to Cher, Elton John and Tom Jones** at the Corn Exchange, plus a welcome return of **The Counterfeit Sixties Show** to Loretto Theatre.

And if you want to bask in front of the big screen, we have you covered! Thanks to support from Film Hub Scotland we are delighted to be introducing **Film Fridays at the Corn Exchange** - a fortnightly programme of children's films, matinees, and blockbuster releases! This will run alongside our **Midweek Movies in Musselburgh** providing even more opportunities to enjoy the cinema experience right in East Lothian.

With so much going on make sure you check out our website www.thebrunton.co.uk, sign up for our e-bulletin and follow us on social media to find out all about new shows going on sale.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon!

Kirsty Somerville

General Manager & all The Brunton Team

AT A GLANCE...

VENUES KEYS

- LT Loretto Theatre, Musselburgh
- NPC Northesk Parish Church, Musselburgh
- CE Corn Exchange, Haddington

JANUARY

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 Cardboard City** 32

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24 FRI / 4.15PM / CE
Film: Conclave (12A) 27

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Film: Gladiator II (15) 27

26 SUN / 7.30PM / CE
Legends of American Country 16

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FEBRUARY

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6 THU / 6.30PM / 7.30PM / NPC
Dunedin Consort 13

6 THU / 7.30PM / CE
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7 FRI / 7PM / CE
Film: We Live in Time (15) 28

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Craig Hill 17

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**Bite-sized Concerts at Lunchtime:
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NTL: The Importance of Being Ernest 9

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21 FRI / 4.15PM / CE
Film: Maria (cert tbc) 29

21 FRI / 7PM / CE
Film: Nosferatu (15) 29

22 SAT / 7.30PM / CE
The Pride of Scotland 19

26 WED / 7PM / LT
Film: A Complete Unknown (15) 10

27 THU / 7.30PM / CE
Blazin' Fiddles 19

27 THU / 6.30PM / NPC
Maxwell Quartet – Bridging East Lothian 26

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MARCH

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**Ryan Corbett & the 6 Accordions
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7 FRI / 4.15PM / CE
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7 FRI / 7PM / CE
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8 SAT / 7.30PM / CE
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11 TUE / 12NOON / 1PM / NPC
**Bite-sized Concerts at Lunchtime:
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12 WED / 7PM / LT
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The Ali Watson Quartet 14

14 FRI / 7.30PM / CE
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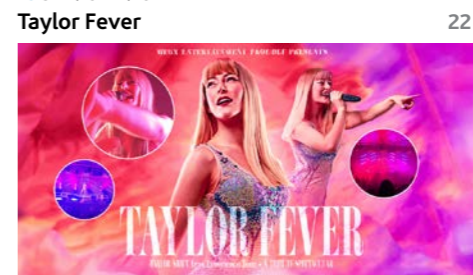
15 SAT / 7PM / LT
The Counterfeit Sixties Show 7

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26 WED / 7.30PM / LT
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27 THU / LT
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30 SUN / 2PM & 6PM / CE
Bodies of Water 23

APRIL

3 THU / 7.30PM / CE
**Bach's Goldberg Variations -
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4 FRI / 7PM / CE
**Film:
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5 SAT / 7PM / LT
The Moira Trilogy 8

8 TUE / 12NOON/1PM / NPC
**Bite-Sized Concerts at Lunchtime:
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A Scottish Comedy Collective 24

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23 WED / 6.30PM / CE
Maxwell Quartet – Bridging East Lothian 26

25 FRI / 7.30PM / CE
Stuart Mitchell 26

THE BRUNTON AT

LORETTO 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.

There is on street parking nearby. Look out for our Brunton flag to mark the way in.

📍 Millhill, Musselburgh EH21 7RG
what3words for directions: fear.march.broker



SCAN FOR LOCATION:



THE BRUNTON AT LORETTO THEATRE

THEATRE



The Brunton in association with David Ross

Rikki and Me Written by Phillip Differ and Tony Roper

Rikki and Me tells the story of one of Scotland's most treasured comedians, Rikki Fulton. Written by Phillip Differ and Tony Roper, the story gives an insight into Rikki's early life, his battle with Alzheimer's, as well as his many years spent as an actor. Expect to see some of Rikki's most loved characters such as *Francie and Josie*, *Supercop*, *The Rev I. M. Jolly* and more...

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Our talented community cast are supported by a professional production team.
Ages 12+

THU 23 – SAT 25 JAN
7.30PM (2PM SAT MAT) / £16 (£14)



MUSIC



The Counterfeit Sixties Show

Join us for a night of sixties nostalgia!

Re-live the sounds of the swinging sixties, with this tribute to over twenty-five bands of that era. 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 show encompasses everything from the clothes that were worn, to flashbacks from television history. The band members have performed their unique tribute shows all over the UK and abroad and have individually worked with notable sixties' artists such as *The Searchers*, *The Ivy League*, *The Fortunes*, *The Tremeloes* and many more.

SAT 15 MAR 7PM / £26 (£24)



THEATRE

The Moira Trilogy

Written and performed by Alan Bissett

Since 2009, Alan Bissett's 'one-woman show' The Moira Monologues, about Moira Bell – single mother, cleaner and Falkirk's Hardest Woman – has been leaving audiences all over Scotland weak with laughter and garnering rave reviews.

Alan continued Moira's story with More Moira Monologues in 2017, which won a Fringe First and was shortlisted for Best New Play at the Critics Awards for Theatre in Scotland (CATS), then 2022's Moira in Lockdown. Both were just as acclaimed by critics and audiences as the original.

Now, for the first time, Alan will be touring all three shows as a 'one-nighter', giving audiences the chance to experience Moira's hilarious journey in a single sitting.

Make sure to get your tickets for this unique and thrilling theatrical event, about the woman who Joyce McMillan (Scotsman) called *"the most charismatic character to appear on a Scottish stage in a decade."*

- Part 1 – The Moira Monologues
- Part 2 – More Moira Monologues
- Part 3 – Moira in Lockdown

"A near-perfect series of monologues, both howlingly funny and unnervingly sharp and poetic."

★★★★★
The Scotsman

Ages 16 plus only, strong language.

SAT 5 APR 7PM / £23



SCREENING



The Importance Of Being Earnest

Three-time Olivier Award-winner Sharon D Clarke is joined by Ncuti Gatwa (Doctor Who; Sex Education) in this joyful reimagining of Oscar Wilde's most celebrated comedy.

While assuming the role of a dutiful guardian in the country, Jack lets loose in town under a false identity. Meanwhile, his friend Algy adopts a similar facade. Hoping to impress two eligible ladies, the gentlemen find themselves caught in a web of lies they must carefully navigate.

Max Webster (Life of Pi) directs this hilarious story of identity, impersonation and romance, filmed live from the National Theatre in London.

THU 20 FEB 7PM / £13.50 (€11.50)

FRIENDS SAVE 50p

SCREENING



Dr. Strangelove

Seven-time BAFTA Award-winner Steve Coogan (Alan Partridge, The Trip) plays four roles in the world premiere stage adaptation of Stanley Kubrick's comedy masterpiece Dr. Strangelove.

When a rogue U.S. General triggers a nuclear attack, a surreal race takes place, seeing the Government and one eccentric scientist scramble to avert global destruction.

This explosively funny satire is led by a world-renowned creative team including Emmy Award-winner Armando Iannucci (The Thick of It, Veep) and Olivier Award-winner Sean Foley (The Upstart Crow, The Play What I Wrote).

THU 27 MAR 7PM / £13.50 (€11.50)

FRIENDS SAVE 50p

"Steve Coogan is stellar."
Independent

BIG SCREEN

FRIENDS SAVE 50p

All films 7pm unless otherwise stated. Tickets £8.50 (£7.50)



Conclave (12A)

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

Director: Edward Berger / Cast: Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow
2024 / 2 hrs

WED 29 JAN 7PM



We Live In Time (15)

+ Short Film: **Hen Do (2m)**

An up-and-coming chef and a recent divorcee find their lives forever changed when a chance encounter brings them together, in a decade-spanning, deeply moving romance.

Director: John Crowley / Cast: Andrew Garfield, Florence Pugh, Grace Delaney
2024 / 1h 48m

WED 5 FEB 7PM



A Complete Unknown (15)

+ Short Film: **The Role (5m)**

At the Newport Folk Festival in 1965, a young Bob Dylan shakes up his act on the folk music scene by going electric and siring rock as the voice of a generation - defining one of the most transformative moments in 20th century music.

Director: James Mangold / Cast: Timothée Chalamet, Scoot McNairy, Elle Fanning
2024 / 2hr 15m

WED 26 FEB 7PM



Hard Truths (12A)

+ Short Film: **Living With It (7m)**

A fierce, compassionate, and often darkly humorous study of family and the thorny ties that bind us.

Director: Mike Leigh / Cast: Jo Martin, Marianne Jean-Baptiste, Samantha Spiro
2024 / 1hr 37m

WED 12 MAR 7PM



Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy

+ Short Film: **Hen Do (2m)**

The fourth in the series of British romantic comedies. Bridget Jones navigates life as a widow and single mum with the help of her family, friends, and former lover, Daniel.

Director: Michael Morris / Cast: Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant, Leo Woodall / 2025

WED 26 MAR 7PM

THE BRUNTON AT

NORTHESK PARISH CHURCH

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

North Bridge Street
Musselburgh EH21 6AG

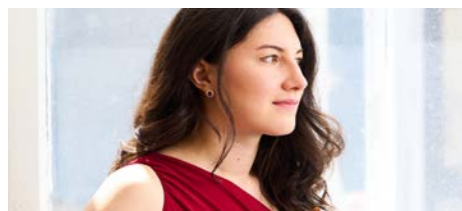


BITE-SIZED CONCERTS AT LUNCHTIME

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 Northesk Parish Church, Musselburgh. A light lunch of soup and a sandwich is served in the Church Hall adjacent to the church. Classical music is for everyone, no previous knowledge is needed to enjoy our concerts. If you can't make it for lunch, you are welcome to book for the concert only.

- Lunch & Concert £19
- Concert only £10.75

- Lunch at 12 noon
- Concerts at 1pm



BACH'S CHACONNE FOR SOLO VIOLIN

Irène Duval Violin

- Bach: *Partita in E Major*
- Ysaÿe: *Sonata No 2*
- Taverner: *My gaze is ever upon you*
- Bach: *Chaconne from Partita No in D minor*

Bach's *Chaconne* is perhaps the greatest of all musical challenges for a solo violinist. It concludes this concert which showcases the amazing talent of Irène Duval. Ysaÿe, known as 'the king of the violin' wrote his sonata as a showpiece for himself to perform – a perfect romantic counterpart to the beautiful baroque framework of this delightful programme.

TUE 11 FEB



DVOŘÁK AND HAYDN

Trio Chiara Piano

- Haydn: *Piano Trio in G minor*
- Dvořák: *Piano Trio No 3*

Formed at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, the three members of Trio Chiara are all prizewinning soloists in their own right. Haydn was the first composer to master the form of the piano trio and his music simply fizzes with charm and brio. Dvořák's music is full of beautiful Bohemian melodies with this piano trio offering music of an almost symphonic richness.

TUE 11 MAR



TCHAIKOVSKY'S TRIO

Lark Piano Trio Piano

There is a strong argument that Tchaikovsky wrote the best tunes of the 19th Century, just think of *The Nutcracker* and the 'Pathétique' Symphony. His chamber music is also suffused with the same richness and his piano trio offers fifty minutes of sheer bliss with rich sweeping themes. The Lark Piano Trio return after their hugely successful Brunton debut in 2023.

TUE 8 APR

MUSIC



Join us for In conversation with **Nicholas Mulroy** at 6.30pm. Free with your concert ticket.

Dunedin Consort Through the Night with Henry Purcell

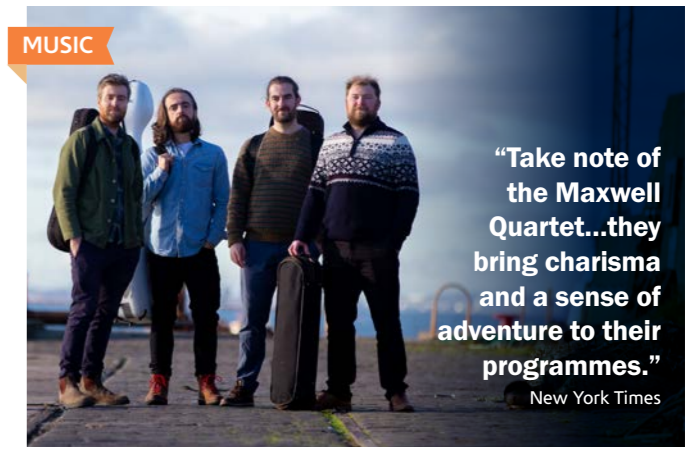
Join Nicholas Mulroy and a handful of Dunedin's outstanding string players for a gig that knits together some of Henry Purcell's greatest tunes with instrumental music by his contemporaries in London in the 1680s and 1690s.

From beautiful love songs to infectious dances, this intimate concert will take you on a tour of Purcell's catalogue of hits that starts at sunset and runs all the way through till morning.

THU 6 FEB 7.30PM / £23 (£21), £6 UNDER 30 YEARS (FREE UNDER 18)

FRIENDS SAVE 20%

MUSIC



"Take note of the Maxwell Quartet...they bring charisma and a sense of adventure to their programmes."
New York Times

Maxwell Quartet

Bridging East Lothian

The Maxwell Quartet are resident in our East Lothian community for their new project, *Bridging*, which features a wide range of concerts, workshops, school and community collaborative performances. The Maxwells are no ordinary string quartet - they perform their own unique reworkings of traditional Scottish Folk music alongside composers such as Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. All ages are welcome, and alongside the music, there will be an opportunity to meet and get to know the four members of the quartet

THU 27 FEB 6.30PM / £20 (£18), UNDER 18 FREE

MUSIC

The Ali Watson Quartet

Originally hailing from the Highlands, growing up in Glasgow and studying in London, 25 year old Bass player Ali Watson has recently been making waves with his quartet comprising an all-star band of Glasgow musicians: Matt Carmichael, Alan Benzie and Greg Irons. After releasing his debut album in November last year, Watson is excited to present his material new and old this spring.

With influences from contemporary Jazz, Scottish Folk and 20th century impressionist Classical music, the band quietly transcends traditional genres to produce a set of often complex, yet accessible music, comprising lyrical melodies and thoughtful improvisations.

FRI 14 MAR 7.30PM / £18 (£16)




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



MUSIC



The Rocket Man – A Celebration of Sir Elton John

Pack your bags, strap yourself in, zero hour 7.30pm, for a night like no other to celebrate Sir Elton John! No one else recreates the flamboyant megastar with as much vigour and brilliance.

Let The Rocket Man with an amazing live band, take you down the Yellow Brick Road with two hours of glorious Elton hits, including, *Saturday Night's Alright, Crocodile Rock, I Guess That's Why They Call It The Blues, Daniel, I'm Still Standing, Philadelphia Freedom, Your Song* and many, many more.

With dazzling costumes, stunning vocals, and sensational piano solos, take a journey through Elton's life and career, the highs and the lows with many a laugh brought to life live on stage. This show has it all!

FRI 10 JAN 7.30PM / £29

MUSIC



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. Enjoy countless well-known singalong hit songs in this must-see musical extravaganza.

The show features superb singers - Kelan Browne, Tracey McAuley and Antony McBrien, accompanied by a live band of musicians with that authentic Tennessee sound, guaranteed to transport you all the way hand clapping and toe tapping to Nashville and back in one night!

SUN 26 JAN 7.30PM / £26.50

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

Hot Country TV

MUSIC



SEXBOMB

Celebrating the Music of Sir Tom Jones

For one night only join us for an explosive celebration of Tom Jones!

This first-class celebration of Sir Tom is accompanied by an outstanding band playing two hours of his iconic hits including: *Sexbomb, Till, Green Green Grass Of Home, I Who Have Nothing, Thunderball, Love Me Tonight, It's Not Unusual* and not forgetting Sir Tom's well known rhythm and blues covers; *Knock On Wood* and *Land of A Thousand Dances*.

Live on stage you will witness an award-winning impersonation portrayed by Andy Wood. Andy has built a massive and impressive reputation, entertaining Sir Tom fans around the world for over 35 years.

THU 6 FEB 7.30PM / £27.50

FRIENDS SAVE 10%

COMEDY



Craig Hill - I've Been Sitting On This For A While!

Stand-up comedy, dancing and everything you ever thought, but never said out loud!

Don't miss this unfiltered and hilarious evening with Scotland's favourite high-octane Kilty Pleasure.

Much loved and renowned world-wide for his cheeky, irreverent and uproarious live comedy, Craig's tours are firmly established as a guaranteed laugh-out-loud night out. His razor-sharp wit and unsurpassed audience rapport have seen him perform all over the UK, Europe, Australia and off-Broadway in New York.

Craig has been twice nominated for the Sir Billy Connolly Spirit of Glasgow Award and his adrenaline-rush packed shows are hugely popular for a good reason - get ready for an outrageously fun night of fantastic laughs. Book early!

SAT 8 FEB 7.30PM / £20

“A laugh-out-loud performance from beginning to end...absolutely hilarious!”★★★★ List

MUSICAL

The Brunton & David Ross

Grease

Grease is the word as the Brunton Performing Arts Network bring this exciting musical to Haddington Corn Exchange.

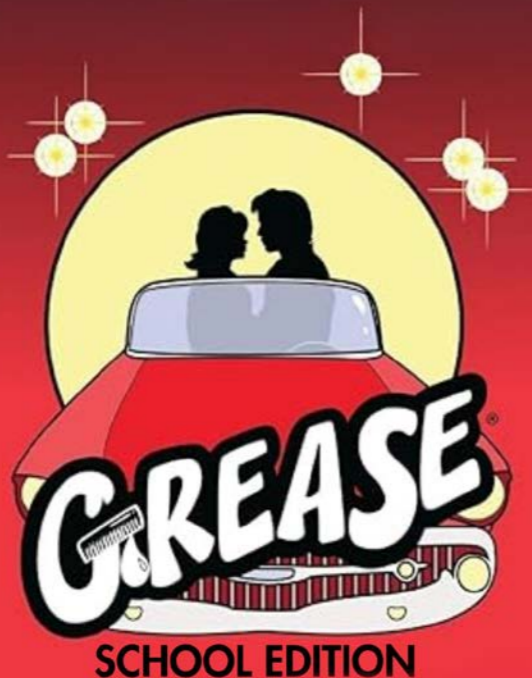
The original high school musical story of boy meets girl sees Sandy join Danny at Rydell High School after a summer romance. However, with the Burger Palace Boys and the Pink Ladies involved, things don't go as planned.

Featuring memorable songs such as Summer Nights, We Go Together, Hopelessly Devoted and Grease Lightning.

Our talented community cast are supported by a professional production team.

Grease is presented through special arrangement with, and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW). www.theatricalrights.co.uk

THU 13 – SAT 15 FEB 7PM / £14 (£12) / CE



MUSIC



Fish

SOLD OUT

Fish, the icon of progressive rock and much acclaimed artist, singer, musician, front man and lyricist extraordinaire is thrilled to announce his farewell Road To The Isles UK tour.

TUE 18 & WED 19 FEB 8PM

MUSIC



The Pride Of Scotland With The MacDonald Bros

This stunning new production will take you on a musical journey celebrating Scotland's greatest songs and artists.

The MacDonald Bros perform the biggest hits from The Proclaimers, Deacon Blue, Runrig, The Bay City Rollers plus a whole lot more - with accordion, fiddle, piano, guitars and Irish whistles and their unique vocal harmonies which has seen them described as The Scottish Everly Brothers.

Joining the brothers on stage will be an amazing supporting cast of dancers, bagpipes and special guests, ensuring an unforgettable evening of Scottish variety.

The MacDonald Bros finished 4th in the X Factor – their career highlights include multiple tours of the UK's largest arenas, supporting Irish superstars Westlife, and hitting No.1 in the Scottish charts with their debut album.

SAT 22 FEB 7.30PM / £20 (£18) FRIENDS SAVE 10%

MUSIC



Blazin' Fiddles

Take the finest exponents of their native Scottish fiddle styles, the finest backing in Folk music, and some of the Highlands and Islands' famed warmth and craic...distil over 25 years, and you get Blazin' Fiddles!

One of the most lauded and best-loved acts of the Scottish music scene, from the moment the multi award-winning Blazers take the stage to whisk you on a thrilling musical journey, you're in the finest of company. The mastery of fiddle virtuosos, Jenna Reid (Shetland), Kristan Harvey (Orkney) and Rua Macmillan (Highlands), grounded by the second to none, driving accompaniment of Angus Lyon (piano) and Anna Massie (guitar), will leave you reeling.

Come and join the hootenanny!

THU 27 FEB 7.30PM / £22 (£20)



The Scottish Comedians

Live comedy in Haddington with Raymond Mearns, Jay Lafferty, Des McLean & JoJo Sutherland!

The Scottish Comedians brings you different styles of comedy from the finest comedians from Scotland, with an amazing line-up, all worthy of their own show! These comedians are all brilliantly funny and are performing for you on one special night!

This is sure to be one of the funniest nights out you will have in 2025!

Ages 16 plus only, strong language

FRI 28 FEB 7.30PM / £20 (£18)



The Jersey Beats – Oh What A Nite!

A sensational show celebrating the wonderful music of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons!

Matt Andrew leads this vocal quartet - telling the story of the band and how they formed the group which took them to the dizzy heights of television appearances, fame and fortune. The amazing trio of vocal talent, Johnny, Michael and Toby take the roles of Nick Massey, Bob Guadio and Tommy Devito.

Comedy host Leye D Johns brings a light-hearted flavour to proceedings, ensuring you leave with a big smile on your face.

The show also brings current hits to life, with that same Doo Wop style - making Oh What A Nite! different to any tribute show you'll ever see!

SUN 2 MAR 7.30PM / £27 (£25)



Ryan Corbett & The Six Accordions Of The RCS Accordion Ensemble

Programme includes music by JS Bach, Reich and Rameau.

Go on, admit it, you have never heard six accordionists in one concert. Well today is your lucky day! Accordionist Ryan Corbett is well known to Brunton audiences for his brilliance and musical charm. Joined by five colleagues from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland there will be a richness of sound in the Corn Exchange, which none of us will ever have heard before.

Not to be missed.

THU 6 MAR 7.30PM / £23 (£21)



The Brandon McPhee Show

Whether dazzling on the accordion or singing, Brandon radiates fire, a warmth instantly felt and reflected by his audience.

He delivers a versatile range of material, moving effortlessly through the deep tones of Johnny Cash songs to early 1900s Irish tenor John McCormack then back to Elvis - a widening repertoire underpinned by an increasing vocal range and ability. In this show Brandon also demonstrates his increasing catalogue of self-penned tunes and songs.

Brandon McPhee is not just touring; he is on a journey fired by his love of music and performance. Also guesting on the show is Manson Grant from Manson Grant and the Dynamos fame as well as part of the Brandon McPhee Band.

SAT 8 MAR 7.30PM / £23

MUSIC



Strong Enough - The Ultimate Cher Tribute Concert

Get ready for an unforgettable evening, celebrating the global superstar and great female icon that is Cher. Featuring all of the classic hits including *Turn Back Time*, *I Found Someone*, *Believe*, *Strong Enough*, *Gypsies Tramps and Thieves*, her modern Abba remixes and many more.

This show will take you on a musical journey from the *Dark Lady* days to the rocking 80s perm days and the celebration disco hits as we TURN BACK TIME and celebrate the queen of Pop and Rock.

Strong Enough features 25 smash hits, six decades of stardom and enough costume changes to cause a sequins shortage. With full live band and dancers, come along and experience the passion, the flair and the glitter!

FRI 14 MAR 7.30PM / £25

FAMILY



Taylor Fever

Attention all Swifties!

Taylor Fever is the electrifying concert experience tribute to Pop mega star, Taylor Swift!

Alongside her incredible dancers, Taylor Fever is the show that is taking UK and European theatres by storm!

All of Taylor's incredible hits are performed to a stunning light and effect show backdrop!

There is just one question, Are YOU ready for it?

VIP tickets include a meet and greet experience and a poster.

SAT 23 MAR 3PM / £27 VIP / £21.50 STANDARD

DANCE



Saffy Setohy & BOW Collective presents

Bodies of Water

Bodies of Water is a playful, multi-sensory performance experience weaving together movement, choreography, water, objects, and sound. We encounter water in our everyday lives - through our bodies and environment. Bodies of Water invites us to immerse ourselves in a unique performance experience, as we explore and celebrate this transformative element that connects all living things.

Bodies of Water is made and performed by a collective of artists including Aya Kobayashi (choreographer/performer), Joanna Young (choreographer/performer), Nicolette Macleod (musician/sound designer) and Saffy Setohy (choreographer/performer).

Recommended for ages 8 years plus.

Limited capacity, early booking recommended.

SUN 30 MAR 2PM & 6PM / £12 (£10)

“Evocative, primal and really beautiful ... serves as a gentle reminder to us of our small place in the vast world, but also, of our sharing, care and interconnectivity.”

Fjord Review

MUSIC



Bach's Goldberg Variations

John Butt Harpsichord

There's a nice story that Bach's 30 variations on a charming little 'aria' were composed to soothe the insomnia of the former Russian ambassador to the court of Saxony – but it almost certainly isn't true! No-one, surely, would fall asleep during the unfolding brilliance of the Goldberg Variations, now regarded as one of the pinnacles of the keyboard repertoire and the supreme technical challenge for any harpsichordist.

Acknowledged as one of the world's leading Bach performers and scholars, John Butt is the perfect choice to perform this masterwork.

THU 3 APR 7.30PM / £23 (£21)



A Scottish Comedy Collective

Jay Lafferty, Mark Nelson, Cubby and Graham Mackie, stars of social media, stage and screen, serve up a fantastic evening of stand-up comedy. Enjoy the unique talents of these outstanding comedians live and unleashed on stage!

Jay's comedy has been described as chocolate covered hand grenades! She is one of the longest running panellists on BBC Radio Scotland's *Breaking The News*.

Mark Nelson is firmly established and known for his BBC Radio Scotland show *The Good, The Bad And The Unexpected*.

Incredibly funny, blind comedian Cubby was a hit on ITV's *Britain's Got Talent*.

MC for the evening is the hilarious Graham Mackie who has also appeared in BBC TV productions *Limmy's Show* and *Scot Squad*.

Join us for side splitting stories, howlingly funny observations on life and astonishing one-liners that will leave you gasping for breath!

SAT 12 APR 7.30PM / £20 (£18)



COMEDY



GRAHAM MACKIE



CUBBY



MARK NELSON



JAY LAFFERTY

EVENT



Aled Jones

Selling over seven million albums, Aled was the original, Classical crossover star. His recording of *Walking in The Air*, from the animated film *The Snowman*, firmly established him as a household name and he has become an integral part of the nation's festivities.

Equally at home on the Classical stage or starring in musical theatre productions in London's West End, his credits include lead roles in *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*.

Now, after 40 years in the business, he's looking back on a remarkable career with a one-man show that will feature never-before heard music, and for the first time, his story told in his own words.

Meet & Greet: Pre-show meet with Aled, best seats in the house and a goody bag.
VIP: Next best seats in the house and a goody bag.

WED 16 APR 7.30PM / VIP: £70 / £50, £30 STANDARD

TICKETS: thebrunton.co.uk / 0131 653 5245



MUSIC

Maxwell Quartet

Bridging East Lothian

The Maxwell Quartet are resident in our East Lothian community for their new project, Bridging, which features a wide range of concerts, workshops, school and community collaborative performances. The Maxwells are no ordinary string quartet - they perform their own unique reworkings of traditional Scottish folk music alongside composers such as Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. All ages are welcome, and alongside the music, there will be an opportunity to meet and get to know the four members of the quartet

WED 23 APR 6.30PM / £20 (£18), UNDER 18 FREE

“Take note of the Maxwell Quartet...they bring charisma and a sense of adventure to their programmes.”

New York Times



COMEDY

★★★★

“Work of genius”

Daily Record

Live Nation in association with HD Management

Stuart Mitchell: Tips Not Included

With over 100 million views online, see the longest running panellist from BBC Radio Scotland’s *Breaking The News* live in his first national tour!

Ages 16 plus, strong language.

FRI 25 APR 7.30PM / £18.50

“One of Scotland's rising star's, Stuart Mitchell is a comedian worth catching before he becomes mega.”

Sunday Mail

FILM FRIDAYS

FRI 24 JAN



FAMILY FILM

Moana 2 (12A)

+ Short Film: **Hooba!** (2m)

After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.

Director: David G. Derrick Jr, Jason Hand, Dana Ledoux Miller

Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Auli'i Cravalho, Ron Clements
2024 / 1h 40m

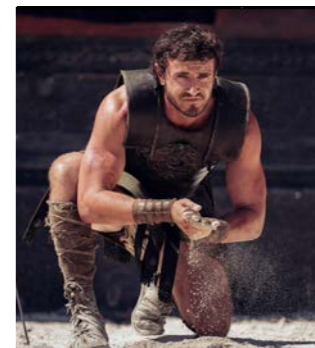


MATINEE MOVIE

Conclave (12A)

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

Director: Edward Berger
Cast: Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow
2024 / 2h



BIG SCREEN FAVOURITE

Gladiator II (15)

After his home is conquered by the tyrannical emperors who now lead Rome, Lucius is forced to enter the Colosseum and must look to his past to find strength to return the glory of Rome to its people.

Director: Ridley Scott
Cast: Connie Nielsen, Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington
2024 / 2h 28m

FILM FRIDAYS are supported by Film Hub Scotland, part of the BFI's Film Audience Network, awarding funds from Screen Scotland and National Lottery funding from the BFI. Short films have been provided by Glasgow Short Film Festival.

FAMILY FILMS
£5
Films start at 1.30pm
Doors open 12.30pm

MATINEE MOVIES
£8.50 (£7.50) Friends of The Brunton save 50p
Films start at 4.15pm
Doors open 3.45pm

BIG SCREEN FAVOURITES
£8.50 (£7.50) Friends of The Brunton save 50p
Films start at 7pm
Doors open 6.30pm

TICKETS: thebrunton.co.uk / 0131 653 5245

FILM FRIDAYS

FRI 7 FEB



FAMILY FILM

Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)
+ Short Film: **Hooba!** (2m)

Mufasa, a cub lost and alone, meets a sympathetic lion named Taka, the heir to a royal bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of a group of misfits searching for their destiny.

Director: Barry Jenkins
Cast: Aaron Pierre, Kelvin Harrison Jr., Seth Rogen
2024 / 1h 58m



MATINEE MOVIE

A Real Pain (15)
+ Short Film: **Ball** (3m)

A Real Pain follows mismatched cousins David and Benji as they reunite for a tour through Poland to honour their beloved grandmother. The adventure takes a turn when the odd couple's old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history.

Director: Jesse Eisenberg
Cast: Kieran Culkin, Jesse Eisenberg, Olha Bosova
2024 / 1hr 30m



BIG SCREEN FAVOURITE

We Live in Time (15)
+ Short Film: **Hen Do** (2m)

An up-and-coming chef and a recent divorcée find their lives forever changed when a chance encounter brings them together, in a decade-spanning, deeply moving romance.

Director: John Crowley
Cast: Andrew Garfield, Florence Pugh, Grace Delaney
2024 / 1h 48m

FRI 21 FEB



FAMILY FILM

Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG)
+ Short Film: **Ball** (3m)

Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before. With their abilities outmatched, Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance.

Director: Jeff Fowler
Cast: Ben Schwartz, Colleen O'Shaughnessey, Idris Elba
2024 / 1h 49m



MATINEE MOVIE

Maria (cert tbc)

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

Director: Pablo Larraín
Cast: Angelina Jolie, Kodi Smit-McPhee, Alba Rohrwacher
2024 / 2h 3m



BIG SCREEN FAVOURITE

Nosferatu (15)
+ Short Film: **Have You Seen the Beast?** (7m)

A gothic tale of obsession between a haunted young woman and the terrifying vampire infatuated with her, causing untold horror in its wake.

Director: Robert Eggers
Cast: Lily - Rose Depp, Nicholas Hoult, Bill Skarsgård
2024 / 2hr 13m

FRI 7 MAR



FAMILY FILM

**Discovery Film Festival
Shorts For Families 2024 (8+)**

Colourful, imaginative, intriguing, amusing and moving. These films are from France, Portugal, Brazil, Mexico and the UK with a mix of styles ranging from watercolour, cut outs, stop-motion, hand-drawn and 2D computer animation. Equally diverse are the array of stories, which promise to entertain and enchant children and adults alike.

Most films are dialogue free, one is in French and one has a brief line of poetry in Spanish.

Length: 1 hour + workshop activities



MATINEE MOVIE

Hard Truths (12A)

+ Short Film: **Menagerie** (4m)

A fierce, compassionate, and often darkly humorous study of family and the thorny ties that bind us.

Director: *Mike Leigh*

Cast: *Jo Martin, Marianne Jean-Baptiste, Samantha Spiro*
2024 / 1hr 37m



BIG SCREEN FAVOURITE

A Complete Unknown (15)

+ Short Film: **The Role** (5m)

At the Newport Folk Festival in 1965, a young Bob Dylan shakes up his act on the folk music scene by going electric and siring rock as the voice of a generation - defining one of the most transformative moments in 20th century music.

Director: *James Mangold*

Cast: *Timothée Chalamet, Scoot McNairy, Elle Fanning*
2024 / 2hr 15m

FRI 21 MAR



FAMILY FILM

Dog Man (PG)

+ Short Film: **Ball** (4m)

Dog Man, half dog and half man, he is sworn to protect and serve as he doggedly pursues the feline supervillain Petey the Cat.

Director: *Peter Hastings*

Cast: *Isla Fisher, Pete Davidson, Stephen Root*
2024 / 1 hr 20min



MATINEE MOVIE

September 5 (15)

+ Short Film: **The Role** (7m)

During the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany, an American sports broadcasting team must adapt to live coverage the Israeli athletes being held hostage by a terrorist group.

Director: *Tim Fehlbaum*

Cast: *Peter Sarsgaard, Ben Chaplin, John Magaro*
2025 / 1hr 35m



BIG SCREEN FAVOURITE

**Bridget Jones:
Mad About the Boy (cert tbc)**

+ Short Film: **Hen Do** (2m)

The fourth in the series of British romantic comedies. Bridget Jones navigates life as a widow and single mum with the help of her family, friends, and former lover, Daniel. Back and work and on the apps, she's pursued by a younger man and maybe - just maybe - her son's science teacher.

Director: *Michael Morris*

Cast: *Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant, Leo Woodall*
2025

4 APR



♥ BIG SCREEN FAVOURITE

Captain America:

Brave New World (cert tbc)

+ Short Film: **The Role** (5m)

Sam Wilson, who's officially taken up the mantle of Captain America, finds himself in the middle of an international incident.

Director: *Julius Onah*

Cast: *Rosa Salazar, Harrison Ford, Liv Tyler*
2025 / tbc

Further dates and titles to be announced.
Please check thebrunton.co.uk for details



Choose Play (East Lothian Play Association)

UNBOXED

Unboxed is a simple idea inspired by the play value of cardboard boxes. Children's imagination, creativity and construction skills are put to use with an abundance of cardboard resources and simple making tools.

The Choose Play team will be on hand to help throughout the event.

Free - adults and children require tickets.

ASN evening session

THU 16 JAN 6PM - 8.30PM

Designed for families with children and teenagers with additional support needs. All members of the family are welcome to book in.

Quiet sessions

SAT 18 & SUN 19 JAN 9.30AM - 11AM

These sessions will have reduced numbers and a quieter atmosphere. They are designed to be fun and appealing to anyone who prefers a lower sensory environment.

Family sessions

SAT 18 & SUN 19 JAN

11.15AM - 1.15PM / 1.30PM - 3.30PM

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 / 0131 653 5245 or email 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.

Book at thebrunton.co.uk / 0131 653 5245 or email youththeatre@eastlothian.gov.uk for more information.



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.

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!

Sessions take place across East Lothian.

Book at thebrunton.co.uk / 0131 653 5245 or email youththeatre@eastlothian.gov.uk for more information.

BOOKING

The Brunton, Ladywell Way,
Musselburgh EH21 6AF

ONLINE:
www.thebrunton.co.uk 24 hours a day

TELEPHONE:
0131 653 5245 Mon - Fri 11am - 3pm

COUNTER:
Mon - Fri 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

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

Loretto 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.

THE BRUNTON

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The Brunton, Ladywell Way,
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You can join online at thebrunton.co.uk or by phoning the box office on 0131 653 5245.



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