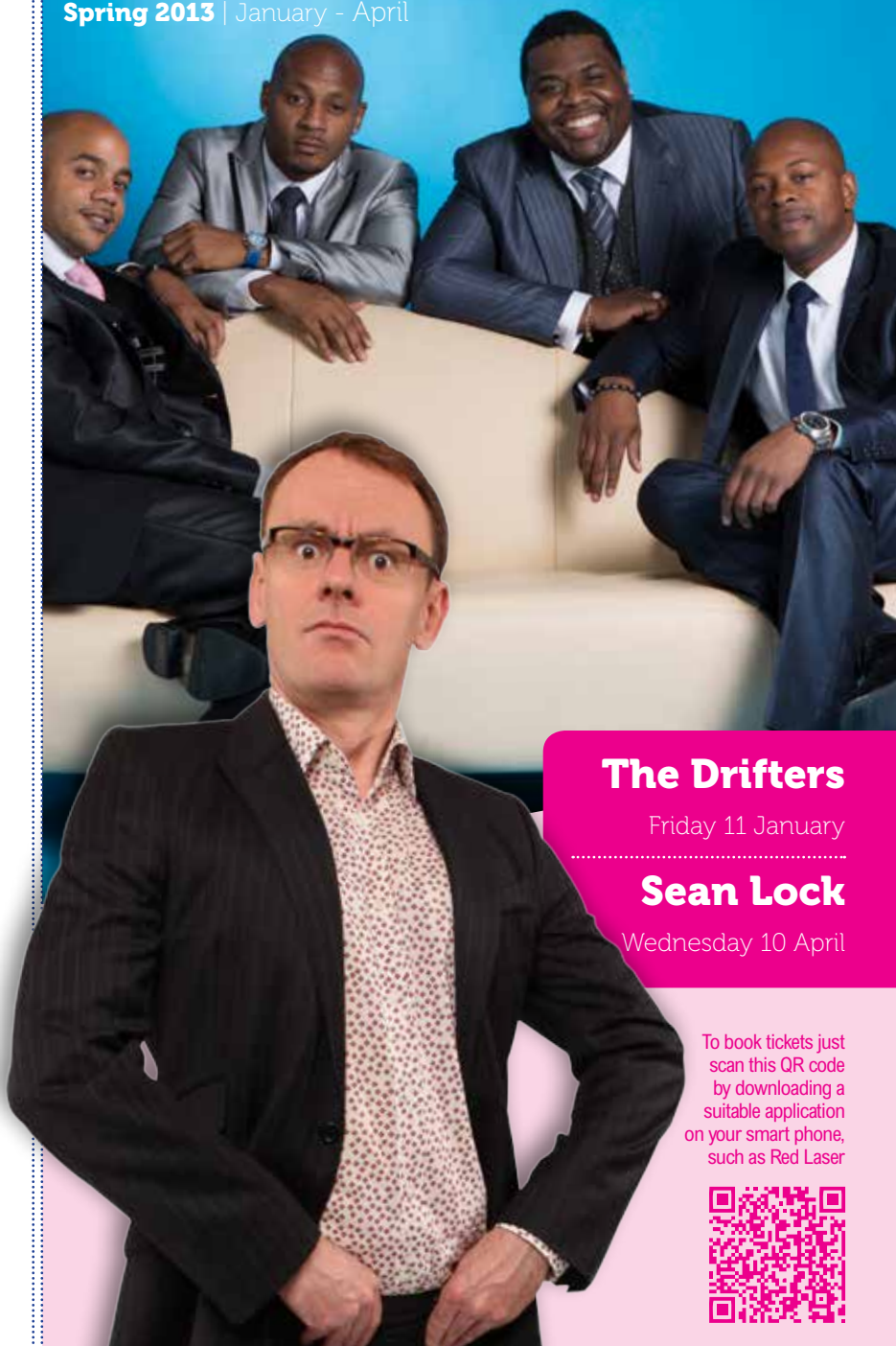


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Spring 2013 | January - April



The Drifters

Friday 11 January

Sean Lock

Wednesday 10 April

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Welcome to the spring season at Bedford Corn Exchange

Welcome to the spring season here at Bedford Corn Exchange, where we are pleased to offer another fantastic line up of shows from the world of comedy, music and entertainment.

We are continuing to build the performances we offer with our partners and the Pad Ents team have put together a live music programme to delight you all from Hawkwind to CASH (A tribute to Johnny Cash). Also, back by popular demand is Chas and Dave and the St. George's Day Fest.

We are always striving to ensure we secure the best touring artists available to our venue to provide you with the best possible entertainment and variety. Why not join our email database and tell us what you would like to see? Just email emma.richards@bedford.gov.uk

It is a very exciting time for us here as the new front of house development on the site of the old Saracen's Head is making good progress and is due to open this spring. For more information check out the venue news page.

Don't forget you can become a Friend of the Bedford Corn Exchange for just £5 per year and receive some fantastic benefits. See page 5 for further information.

We hope to see you soon,

Best wishes,

Emma Richards

Emma Richards
Marketing and Events, Bedford Corn Exchange

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There's entertainment for everyone at Bedford Corn Exchange...

...for comedy lovers



Lee Hurst
Saturday 9 February



Russell Kane
Sunday 17 March



Milton Jones
Tuesday 16 April

...for music lovers



The Drifters
Friday 11 January



Philharmonia Orchestra
Wednesday 16 January



Showaddywaddy
Friday 12 April

...for the family



ABBA Forever
Friday 8 February



Philharmonia Orchestra
Saturday 23 March



Wrestling Spectacular
Sunday 24 March

Venue News

Saracen's Head Redevelopment

The development of the new front of house facilities on the site of the old Saracen's Head public house is due to open this spring. Improvements include an exciting new licensed café to compliment the Corn Exchange's suite of entertainment venues, as well as additional space for private functions.

For more information, please contact Bedford Corn Exchange on 01234 344813, email cornexchange@bedford.gov.uk or pop in and see us in the Harpur Suite.

Volunteers

The Bedford Corn Exchange is looking for volunteers.

We are currently looking for friendly, reliable volunteers to help out at our evening shows. You will be able to pick your shifts to fit in with your tastes, whether you like music, theatre or comedy.

If you think you fit the bill please contact Sunil Kalyan at sunil.kalyan@bedford.gov.uk

Central Box Office Move

In September 2012 the Bedford Central Box Office moved from the Harpur Suite to the Bedford Tourist Information Centre. You can now purchase your tickets for all events being held at the Bedford Corn Exchange from this new location. Call 01234 718112 or book online via www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk

The opening hours are: Monday to Saturday, 9.00am to 4.30pm

Philharmonia Residency

The Philharmonia Orchestra has been resident orchestra at the Bedford Corn Exchange since 1995, performing between seven and nine concerts a year. We are proud to boast one of only three UK residencies of the Philharmonia Orchestra outside London. Don't miss this season's concerts: Wednesday 16 January, Friday 15 February & Saturday 23 March.

Bamberg Beer Festival is Back!

Date for your diary, Bedford: Bamberg Beer Festival is making a welcome return on Friday 10 & Saturday 11 May in the Harpur Suite.

Taste beer and wine direct from Bamberg along with traditional German food from the BBQ.



Friends of Bedford Corn Exchange

- Priority mailing of Bedford Corn Exchange brochures and members newsletter
- Priority booking of BCEX Presents shows
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- 10% discount on venue hire
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- Discounts at local Bedford businesses
- A variety of other special offers exclusive to Friends of Bedford Corn Exchange

New incentives:

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- Birthday present for every member

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Wednesdays, 8pm

Tickets: £100 per term
Venue: Harpur Suite



BCEX presents
Tea Dance

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a pleasant afternoon in the elegant surroundings of the Bedford Corn Exchange complex. Music for Ballroom, Latin American, Sequence Dances, Party Dances & Old Time. A warm welcome guaranteed! Price includes refreshments. Dates underlined represent dances in the Main Auditorium.

Please note, these are now only once a month, but look out for our special evening dances.

Wednesdays: 9 January (Winter Ball), 13 February, 13 March & 10 April, 2.00pm

Tickets: £3.50 (advance), £4.00 (on the day), £7.50 - £8.50 (Winter Ball only)
Venue: Main Auditorium & Harpur Suite

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Ceroc Central presents
Ceroc Modern Jive Night (Jive/Salsa)

Ceroc modern jive night – no class, just pure freestyle! Come and join in the fun and have a great night out at one of the area's premier venues. Come alone or with a partner, enjoy a great party atmosphere and a top DJ. Dancing until 12.15am.

For further information visit www.ceroccentral.com

Fridays: 25 January, 22 February, 22 March & 26 April, 7.45pm
Tickets: £9.00 (tickets available on the door only)
Venue: Main Auditorium

16



London Gala Orchestra presents
2013 New Year Viennese Spectacular

Now in its 21st year this popular show is packed full of Viennese musical delights, evoking all the magic and excitement of 19th century ballrooms. The renowned London Gala Orchestra, with their conductor David McCallum, are joined by star soprano Pamela Hay and leading tenor Andrew Wickes to present a programme of sparkling waltzes, fiery polkas and stunning songs. Add pyrotechnics, a champagne lottery and Auld Lang Syne and you have a programme guaranteed to brighten up the darkest of winter days and musical memories to treasure forever. Come and join our celebrations – we look forward to seeing you!

Friday 4 January, 7.30pm

Tickets: £14, £19.50, £22, £27 - 4 for 3 on £27 tickets
Venue: Main Auditorium

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BCEX, PMG and Treadwells presents
The Drifters - 60th Anniversary Diamond Dynasty Tour

2013 marks the 60th Anniversary of The Drifters and to celebrate this incredible achievement we will be producing our most spectacular show to date as we present 'The Diamond Dynasty Tour'. This amazing show will visit theatres nationwide during 2013. In addition to this, The Drifters will embark on a worldwide tour visiting the UK, Europe, Asia, America, South Africa and Australia to enable their fans to enjoy their incredible success, as well as releasing new material in the UK and worldwide.

Friday 11 January, 7.30pm

Tickets: £25.00
Venue: Main Auditorium

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BCEX and Bedford Borough Council presents
Philharmonia Orchestra

Santtu-Matias Rouvali *conductor* BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 2
Alison Balsom *trumpet* HUMMEL Trumpet Concerto
BIZET Symphony in C

One of the freshest solo performers in classical music today, Alison Balsom is a Classical Brit-winning trumpeter at the height of her powers. She performs Hummel's Trumpet concerto, bookended by a German and French symphony.

Photo credit: © Mat Hennek and EMI Classics.

Wednesday 16 January , 7.30pm

Tickets: £12.00 - £33.00
Venue: Main Auditorium

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BCEX presents
Bedford Comedy Club

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These sell out events are packed with three comedians. This is an event not to be missed.

Not only all this but for those who come every month why not take advantage of our season ticket? Buy for three comedy clubs and get the 4th one free!!

Friday 25 January, 9.00pm

Tickets: £9.00 (in advance), £10.00 (on the door)
Venue: Harpur Suite

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Bedford Sinfonia presents
A Festival of Britten

Michael Rose *conductor* BRITTEN *Four Sea Interludes*
Jaroslaw Nadrzycki *violin* BRITTEN *Sinfonia da Requiem*
BRITTEN *Violin Concerto*
BRITTEN *Gloriana Dances*

We celebrate the centenary of the birth of one of the greatest British composers and pack our concert with some of his outstanding works.

Saturday 26 January, 7.30pm

Tickets: £3.00 - £13.00
Venue: Main Auditorium

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BCEX in partnership with Pad Ents presents
Hawkwind with support from Maria Danes Band

Stalwarts of the UK festival scene Hawkwind return with their unique brand of 'Space-Rock' to the Bedford Corn Exchange following a brilliant show back in 2010.

Over the years Hawkwind's live shows have become the stuff of legend... With the original Overlord of space rock Dave Brock at the helm, ex-Gong synthesiser player Tim Blake on keys/Theremin, Mr Dibs on bass, long serving drummer Richard Chadwick, and Niall Hone on guitar. Their live show presents a stellar musical journey of crushing power and haunting beauty. The live show takes you on a sonic boom of a roller coaster ride with their choreographed dancers, stilt walkers, psychedelic lighting and projections.

Sunday 27 January , Doors open 7.30pm

Tickets: £20.00
Venue: Main Auditorium

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Live Nation presents
Jimeoin - What?

Hilarious world-class stand-up from internationally acclaimed star of Live at the Apollo, The Royal Variety Performance, Channel 4's Comedy Gala 2012, Best of Edinburgh Comedy Festival, Jason Manford's Comedy Rocks and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. No gimmicks, just great craic...!

Over 14's ONLY.

Wednesday 6 February, 8.00pm

Tickets: £14.50 (full), £12.50 (concessions)
Venue: Main Auditorium

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BCEX presents
ABBA Forever

ABBA Forever is one of the UK's leading International tribute shows and theatre audiences from across Great Britain and Sweden have long enjoyed this superb recreation of possibly the world's greatest pop band.

The unique ABBA sound is replicated with incredible attention to detail, using a six-piece band featuring electric and acoustic guitars, keyboards and piano, drums and bass guitar. Two outstanding ABBA girls complete the line-up, adding the essential glitz and glamour to a well-polished and gently humorous show.

Dynamic non-stop choreography, stunning visuals, top class musicianship and an ALL LIVE performance ensures that the ABBA Forever show captivates audiences from the opening refrain to the final sing-along chorus of this two-hour spectacular.



Friday 8 February, 8.00pm
 Tickets: £18.00
 Venue: Main Auditorium **£ T B**



BCEX presents
Lee Hurst

Hilarious comedian Lee Hurst is back on the road with his new show, 'Too Scared to Leave the House'. In this show Lee casts his comedy eyes over the many end-of-the-world scare stories from Acid Rain and Global Warming to Bird Flu and Mad Cow Disease and many other 'apocalyptic disaster predictions' that never were. He also muses over all the everyday dangers that face us in our daily lives. Ultimately Lee believes that you choose your own fate... You can stay indoors, hoarding cans of beans, clutching a Ray Mears book or you can go out and laugh in the face of doom.

Saturday 9 February, 8.00pm
 Tickets: £15.00
 Venue: Main Auditorium **B 18 T**



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We also event manage weddings at Bromham Mill. For more information please contact our reception team on **01234 344813** or email cornexchange@bedford.gov.uk



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BCEX & Bedford Borough Council presents
Philharmonia Orchestra

Edward Gardner conductor BEETHOVEN Overture, *Fidelio*
Kirill Gerstein piano SHOSTAKOVICH Piano Concerto No. 2
TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No. 4

Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony remains one of the most electrifying works for an orchestra to play, with a torrent of notes played at lightning speed. It brings British conductor Edward Gardner to Bedford for the first time.

Photo credit: © Jillian Edelstein.

Friday 15 February, 7.30pm

Tickets: £12.00 - £33.00
Venue: Main Auditorium

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BCEX in partnership with Premier Newspapers presents
Wedding Showcase

Bedford Corn Exchange is proud to present a spectacular Wedding Fair in the in the elegant surroundings of the Harpur Suite. Visiting brides-to-be and their families will find a fantastic range of exhibition stands from bridal shops to event photographers.

Sunday 17 February, 11.00am

Tickets: Free admission
Venue: Harpur Suite

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BCEX presents
Bedford Comedy Club

Bedford Comedy Club is one of Bedford's most popular comedy nights featuring stand up comedians who are regulars on the London and national comedy circuit.

These sell out events are packed with three comedians. This is an event not to be missed!

Friday 22 February, 9.00pm

Tickets: £9.00 (in advance), £10.00 (on the door)
Venue: Harpur Suite

C 18 B

BCEX in Partnership with Pad Ents presents
CASH (A Tribute to Johnny Cash)

The show is a non stop three hour bill of pure entertainment held seamlessly together by Tim Barron who will be comparing the show as well as turning in a full set of live comedy skiffle with his band The Ouse Valley Singles Club often described as George Formby meets the Clash!

Headlining the show is CASH. There are two types of people in this world: Those who like Johnny Cash and those that don't know a damn thing about music. CASH are dedicated to making sure as many people as possible get into the know by recreating the early years of Cash with a stunning authentic live show of all the early classics.

The band look and sound the real deal with a young Ben Welburn delivering a fantastic vocal, expect all the classics! If you love Johnny Cash, you will love CASH.

Support from CC Smugglers and Ouse Valley Single Club.

Friday 1 March, 8.15pm

Tickets: £12.00
Venue: Main Auditorium

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BCEX presents

Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech & Drama

The Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama is one of Bedford's most prestigious cultural and social attractions, showcasing talent from all over Bedfordshire and neighbouring counties. It is nationally renowned as one of the country's leading festivals.

The Festival attracts entrants from age 5 to over 65, performing in a wide range of music, speech and drama classes with new classes being added this year.

The evening GALA CONCERT on Saturday 9th embraces the best of Festival week and provides one of the best value nights out in Bedford.

Saturday 2 March - Saturday 9 March, 9.00am - 9.00pm

Tickets: From £2.00

Venue: Main Auditorium, Harpur Suite & Howard Room



Bedfordshire Symphony Orchestra presents

Romanticism from Europe - East and West

Michael Rose *conductor*

Bartholomew LaFollett *cello*

BERLIOZ *Roman Carnival Overture*

DVORAK *Cello Concerto*

FRANCK *Symphony in D minor*

The concert gets off to a rousing start with the energetic *Roman Carnival Overture* by Berlioz. We will then be treated to Dvorak's great *Cello Concerto* – highly esteemed by Brahms. And finally, *Franck's Symphony in D minor*, full of deep luscious tunes.

Sunday 10 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: £3.00 - £13.00

Venue: Main Auditorium



Bedford Corn Exchange Conference Packages

Take advantage of conference packages at Bedford Corn Exchange.

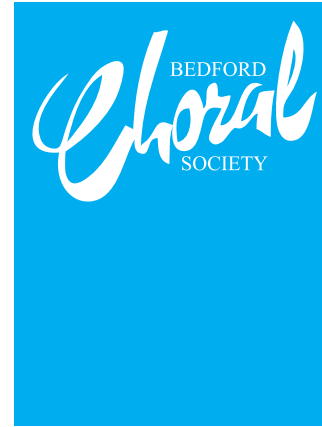
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Bedford Sinfonia & Bedford Choral Society presents
Pianos and Choirs with Beethoven

Soloist *Tim Grant-Jones*

Conductor *Ian Smith*

Beethoven *Choral Fantasia*

Beethoven Piano *Concerto No.3*

Beethoven *Mass in C*

A piano concerto needs a pianist, so we welcome the gifted pianist Tim Grant-Jones for a performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3; a choral mass needs a choir, the Choral Society will no doubt raise the roof in Beethoven's celebrated Mass in C; but the Choral Fantasia requires both!

Saturday 16 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: £5.00 - £15.00

Venue: Main Auditorium



BCEX presents

Russell Kane - Posturing Delivery

Star of BBC Three's Live At the Electric and Britain Unzipped brings his brand new stand-up show to Bedford Corn Exchange.

'What if I'm one of the guys who never has a baby?

Why is this not a 'male subject'? I plan to give birth, live on stage, then raise it - in front of you. Come along!'

'A seriously good comedian.' The Times

'More thought and intelligence behind his comedy than most people could ever get near.' The Mirror

There will be a support act at the start of this performance.

Sunday 17 March, 8.00pm

Tickets: £17.50

Venue: Main Auditorium



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BCEX presents

Rich Hall

Rich Hall is the star of the critically acclaimed BBC 4 documentaries 'Rich Hall's Inventing The Indian', 'Rich Hall's Continental Drifters', 'Rich Hall's The Dirty South', 'How The West Was Lost' plus Channel 4's topical late night show 'Stand Up For The Week'.

Rich Hall's renowned grouchy, deadpan style has established him as a master of absurdist irony and king of rapid-fire wit. Fans can see the comic genius from Montana discuss a variety of topics all delivered in his own hilarious unique way.

Since appearing in the guise of his redneck alter-ego Otis Lee Crenshaw in 1998, award-winning Rich has won critical acclaim across the Globe by performing to sell-out audiences each year at the Edinburgh Fringe, throughout sell-out UK tours and at comedy festivals worldwide.

Rich has also become well known for his television and radio work.

"Creeps up on you and ambushes your funny bone like no one else" – The Scotsman

"Rich Hall is a comedy phenomenon" – The Sun

"Now is the time to grab this chance to see the great man at work" – The Guardian

"Intelligent, passionate and angry comedy" – EVENING STANDARD

Age limit: 15+, must be accompanied by an adult. Strong language and adult content will be used.



Wednesday 20 March, 8.00pm

Tickets: £15.00

Venue: Main Auditorium



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Friday 22 March, 9.00pm

Tickets: £9.00 (in advance), £10.00 (on the door)

Venue: Harpur Suite





BCEX & Bedford Borough Council presents
Philharmonia Orchestra

Steven Isserlis director & cello MOZART Divertimento in D major, K136
Zsolt-Tihamér Visontay director & HAYDN Cello Concerto No. 1
violin BLOCH *From Jewish Life*
SCHUBERT Symphony No. 5

The UK's best-loved, most highly-respected cellist comes to Bedford for this rare performance, directing from the soloist's platform.

Saturday 23 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: £12.00 - £33.00
Venue: Main Auditorium



BCEX presents

American Rumble Wrestling Spectacular

Get ready to rumble as the gladiators of the grappling ring get to grips in the battle for the 2013 Bedford Rumblemania Trophy in which the wrestlers are eliminated by being thrown over the top rope, and the last man standing is the winner. It's the event that is guaranteed to produce drama and controversy and almost anything can happen ... and usually does! High-flying action featuring top stars and big bouts, including tag team and solo matches, plus the all-in American Rumble finale to crown the Bedford King of the Ring. Just the ticket for all the family, and the best value show in town! Book early for specially reduced prices.



Sunday 24 March, 3.00pm

Advance: £10.00 (adult), £9.00 (concession), £36.00 (family 2 adults, 2 concessions)
On the Door: £12.00 (adult), £10 (concession), £40.00 (family 2 adults, 2 concessions)
Venue: Main Auditorium



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BCEX presents

Sean Lock - Purple Van Man

Purple Van Man is a hilarious new stand up show from Sean Lock, the most fertile comic mind in Britain. We all know what white van man thinks about the world we live in but its time to hear a different voice, purple van man's voice. Filled with gags, opinions, deft observations and some silly voices this is Sean Lock doing what he does best, spouting inspired jibber jabber as he crosses the country in his purple van. He will make you laugh like a drunken horse. Sean Lock is one of the UK's most highly acclaimed and original comedians.

'Lock's signature mix of absurdism and everyday observation gets more effective with each new show' (The Guardian)

Age limit: 15+, must be accompanied by an adult. Strong language and adult content will be used.

Wednesday 10 April, 8.00pm

Tickets: £21.00
Venue: Main Auditorium



BCEX presents

Forty Years of Showaddywaddy

Showaddywaddy have long been established as Europe's most successful ever exponents of retro-inspired rock & roll. The record simply speaks for itself!

23 Top 40 hit singles, including 10 Top 5 hits (Under The Moon of Love, When, You Got What It Takes, 3 Steps To Heaven, Hey Rock & Roll). 15 massive selling albums (including the Christmas number 1 in 1978) and in excess of 50 Top of the Pops performances, and countless industry awards!

After 40 incredible years, rock & roll music is truly alive and kicking in the hands of this amazing band. An incredible live show - acclaimed the world over!

Friday 12 April, 8.00pm

Tickets: £17.50
Venue: Main Auditorium



BCEX presents

Milton Jones: On the Road

Milton Jones is back on the road with another tour, this time imaginatively entitled On The Road. If you like the stuff he's done on Mock the Week, Live at the Apollo or in any of the nine radio series he's done for Radio 4, then this is the show for you. Hundreds of his celebrated one-liners, plus pictures he drew. Clever, surreal but mainly just stupid, stupid, stupid. He's won awards you know.

'He's fast, absurd, and very funny' Radio Times

'No-one can touch Jones when he hits his stride' The Guardian

Tuesday 16 April, 8.00pm

Tickets: £20.00
Venue: Main Auditorium



BCEX presents

Marcus Brigstocke: The Brig Society

No less than the total restructuring of every aspect of life in Britain organised through the medium of jokes. See this show - WIN a free hospital or school! Second prize - a major High St bank.

"Dazzling, inspired, perfectly observed. I've yet to see anything funnier" - Daily Telegraph

One of Britain's finest comedians and broadcasters, Marcus Brigstocke, is taking his hotly anticipated new show The Brig Society on tour this autumn. The award-winning comedian is a firm favourite with comedy fans and The Brig Society promises to be as sharply observant and quick-witted as his much loved catalogue of work.

"Intelligent, dark, subtle stuff" - The Observer

Age limit: 15+, must be accompanied by an adult. Strong language and adult content will be used.

Friday 19 April, 8.00pm

Tickets: £15.00
Venue: Main Auditorium



BCEX in partnership with Pad Ents presents

From the Jam - St. George's Day Fest

From the Jam features Bruce Foxton from the original Jam line up who also spent 15 years playing bass with Stiff Little Fingers. Bruce is joined by Russell Hastings on lead vocal & guitar and completing the powerful trio is Mark Brzezicki, former Big Country and Cult drummer.

This is the second time From the Jam have visited the Corn Exchange following a packed out show in early 2012, the show is unreserved standing with seating on the balcony. **Support comes from The Ska Masters.**

Under 18's permitted to balcony only.

Saturday 20 April, 8.00pm

Tickets: £20.00
Venue: Main Auditorium





East Area Thai Kickboxing presents

Explosion 5

Bedford Corn Exchange hosts East Area Thai Kickboxing's 17th Fight Night, promoted by Nigel Thompson, former English, Commonwealth and World Thai Boxing Champion.

Explosion features some of the country's best young, up and coming Thai fighters. This ensures a big attraction, with over twelve bouts of non-stop action and the title belt also up for grabs. You will be enthralled throughout by the evening's entertainment.

Sunday 21 April, 5.00pm

Tickets: £18.00, VIP Packages available
Venue: Main Auditorium

B



BCEX presents

Bedford Comedy Club - End of Season Special

Bedford Comedy Club is one of Bedford's most popular comedy nights featuring stand up comedians who are regulars on the London and national comedy circuit.

These sell out events are jam packed with four comedians. This is an event not to be missed!

Bedford Comedy Club will be back in September 2013.

Friday 26 April, 9.00pm

Tickets: £12.00 (advance) £13.00 (on the door)
Venue: Harpur Suite

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BCEX in partnership with Pad Ents presents

Chas and Dave - Back by Demand


Chas & Dave have no less than eight top 40 hits and nine best selling albums under their belt since they first broke into the charts with Gertcha in 1979.

Other big tracks including Snooker Loopy, Margate, Ain't No Pleasing You and Rabbit cemented their place as the nations light hearted favourites, although the list of people they have influenced proves there is more to this duo than just pub singalong, music-hall humour, boogie-woogie piano and pre-Beatles rock 'n' roll. After announcing their final ever tour a couple of years ago, the popular London duo are back together again for one final tour - Back by Demand! **With support from Ouse Valley Singles Club. 14+**





Saturday 27 April, 7.30pm

Tickets: £21.50
Venue: Main Auditorium

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Coming Soon to Bedford Corn Exchange...



Philharmonia Orchestra
Tuesday 7 May



Julian Clary
Thursday 9 May



Bedford: Bamberg Springfest
Friday 10
& Saturday 11 May



King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys
Friday 10 May



Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
Wednesday 19
& Thursday 20 June



Jethro
Thursday 4 July

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Icarus Theatre Collective & King's Theatre, Southsea present
Romeo & Juliet

Following on from the sell-out show of Macbeth, the highly acclaimed Icarus Theatre Collective presents a bold and exciting new production of Shakespeare's most tragic tale - Romeo & Juliet.

In defiance of their families and in secrecy from their closest friends, hopeful young lives burn amidst a celestial and cataclysmic backdrop. Sun and moon shine down on star-crossed lovers as they hide their passion and sexuality from their warring families and their closest friends. Misadventure, family pride, and ancient quarrels abort and bury the most joyous of beginnings, the most hopeful of love stories as Romeo and Juliet, driven apart, find their world becoming a constricting, single mausoleum of fate and death.

Friday 25 January, 8.00pm

Tickets: £12.00 (Adults), £10.00 (Concessions)
 Venue: Bedford Theatre



Flabbergast Theatre present
Boris & Sergey's Vaudevillian Adventure

Following their sell out smash at the Edinburgh Fringe and hoping to capitalise on their multiple five star reviews, puppetry's Balkan bad boys Boris & Sergey; Simply the greatest vaudevillian double act ever conceived for the small stage, present for your viewing pleasure a plethora of pleasing plays and skits!

Expect riotous exploits, malarkey, molestation and mirth of a magnitude hitherto unseen in Bedford! An improvised crossover cabaret featuring Bunraku Puppetry and character comedy for discerningly twisted audiences.

Suitable for ages: 16yrs+ (some strong language)

Thursday 7 March, 8.00pm

Tickets: £10.00 (Adults), £8.00 (Concessions)
 Venue: Bedford Theatre



The Wrong Crowd present
The Girl with the Iron Claws

The Girl with the Iron Claws is an inventive take on a dark Nordic fairy-tale, which shares its roots with Beauty and the Beast. It is the story of a girl who dares to follow her longing. The youngest daughter of a king, she feels like a misfit. Then one night a compelling dream leads her deep into the forest, where a chance encounter sets her on a fateful path she could never have anticipated.

This coming-of-age tale is told through a fusion of puppetry, live action, music and storytelling. This is inventive, playful, funny and dark theatre to remind audiences old and young of the power of the imagination.

Suitable for ages: 10yrs+.

Tuesday 30 April, 7.30pm

Tickets: £10.00 (Adults), £8.00 (Concessions)
 Venue: Bedford Theatre

In person

The Tourist Information Centre & Central Box Office
 St. Paul's Square, Bedford MK40 1SJ

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday: 9.00am - 4.30pm

Online

www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk
 to book online for selected shows.

By telephone

Telephone: **01234 718112** Fax: **01234 718113**

24 hour answerphone facility available outside office hours. Visa, Access, Delta, Solo and Maestro* cards are accepted.

A £1.00 charge will be made if tickets are to be posted. Any tickets booked and paid for within seven days of a performance will be held for collection. No unpaid reservation can be accepted in the four days prior to a performance. (*Issue number (or valid date) essential when booking by Maestro).

By post

Send a cheque, postal order or your credit card number (with expiry date) to the above address.

Cheques and POs should be made payable to **Bedford Borough Council**.

Please enclose an SAE for the return of tickets; if no SAE is enclosed or the performance is within seven days your tickets will be held for collection.

When making your booking by post, fax, or email, please give your full name and address and a daytime telephone number. Don't forget to tell us how many tickets you require, for which event, and if any concessions are required.

Concessionary discounts £

Discounts are available on tickets for most BCEX Presents shows for under 16s, NUS Card holders, senior citizens, disabled people and people who are unwaged.

If you have a Bedford Leisure Card and Friends of Bedford Corn Exchange you are entitled to a discount on many BCEX Presents events.

To become a Friend of Bedford Corn Exchange or for more information please see page 5.

Standby tickets ☺

£6 standby tickets for many BCEX Presents shows are available one hour before the performance to those eligible for a concession or Leisure Card holders. Subject to availability, please check in advance.

Group discounts G

We offer group discounts on most BCEX Presents shows – every tenth ticket purchased will be free.

Children £

Children under 2 years of age are admitted FREE to BCEX Presents children's shows. Please advise the Central Box Office when booking. If required patrons with young children are permitted to bring a booster cushion where appropriate.

Refunds

In common with general theatre practice, we regret that tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded.

Data protection

We are committed to upholding the Data Protection principles of good information handling practice. When booking a ticket, your details will be held on our database and you will be given the option of being sent information on future shows at the venue that we feel may be of interest to you. Please advise the Box Office at this point if you do not require this service.

Please note

BCEX Presents indicates that an event is being put on by Bedford Corn Exchange. The venue is also available for hire by local groups and promoters and the Bedford Corn Exchange cannot be held responsible for the ticket prices, discount structure, quality or content of these events.

Lost property

Property found on the premises is kept for three months. Please contact reception on **01234 344813**.

All transactions over £8.00 will incur a £1.50 transaction fee.

If you would like to receive information on forthcoming events at the venue please join our postal or email mailing lists.

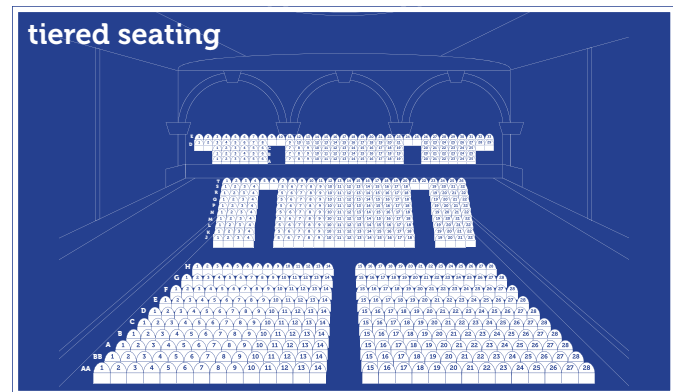
To add your details to either of our mailing lists visit **www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk** or call **01234 344813** and speak to the Marketing & Events Team.

The Bedford Corn Exchange is committed to ensuring your visit is as enjoyable as possible and is equipped with the following facilities for disabled patrons -

- An Induction Loop System
 - Designated wheelchair spaces for performances
 - A disabled lift from ground level to the Main Auditorium
 - Interval bar
 - Ground level access to the Harpur Suite
 - Disabled toilets in all areas
 - Guide Dogs and Hearing Dogs permitted with prior notification
 - Registered carers are admitted FREE to BCEX Presents shows
 - An RNID typetalk service
- Large print or audio taped versions of this brochure are available on request. Please contact the Marketing & Events Team on **01234 344813**.
- Please advise us of your access requirements when booking your tickets to help us meet your specific needs.

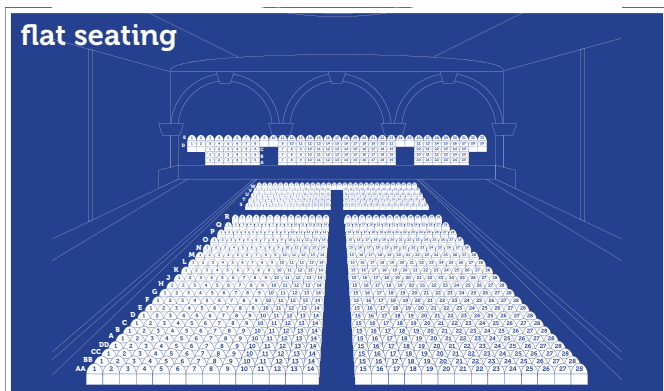
For further information about disability access or to find out about the venue's emergency procedures visit www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk/faqs

SEATING PLANS



These diagrams show tiered and flat seating layouts for shows at Bedford Corn Exchange. Please look out for the tiered or flat seating logos for each show.

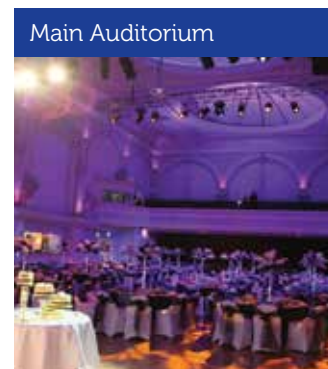
All patrons are advised that seats in the tiered sections are wider than seats on the flat.



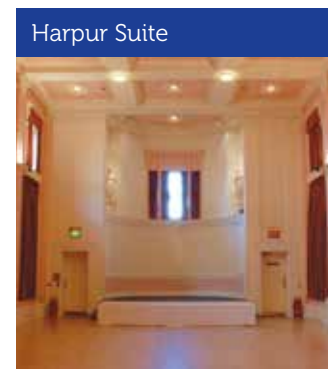
About the Venue

For weddings, celebrations, functions, parties, ceremonies, conferences, working breakfasts or lunches, the Bedford Corn Exchange offers the setting to fulfil your needs.

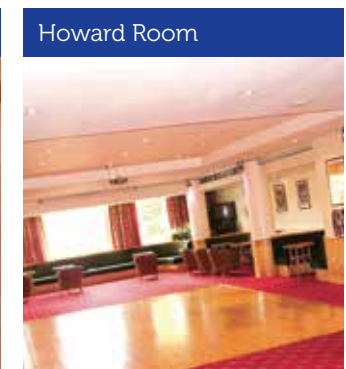
From the traditional to the most contemporary of styles, we have the experience and skills to make your event a success.



Main Auditorium



Harpur Suite



Howard Room

Main Auditorium

Built in the 1870s the Main Auditorium creates a grand and romantic setting owing to its enchanting past from the days of WWII when it hosted performances by Glenn Miller. Now with a unique transformation the Main Auditorium can look and feel just the way you wish. Surprisingly versatile and intimate for its size.

Harpur Suite

The Harpur Suite, with its elegant surroundings provides a stunning location for an evening reception. St Paul's Church – just a stones throw away – has made the Harpur Suite an ideal wedding reception venue for many couples.

Howard Room

A very popular space for smaller parties and family celebrations, the Howard Room provides a romantic and intimate ambience.

Our services

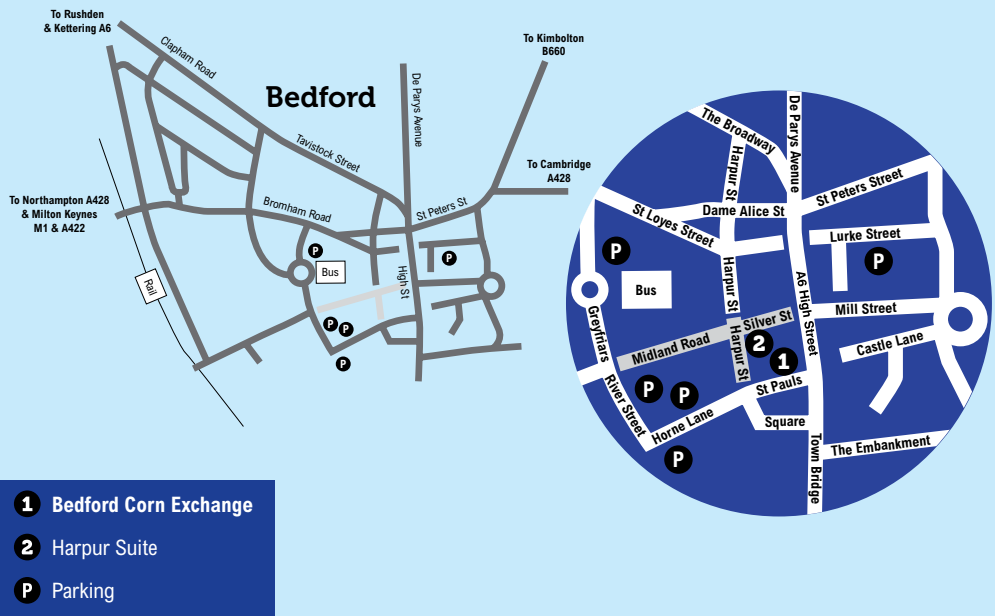
- Top quality bars
- Full in house catering team
- Audio and visual equipment

Bedford Corn Exchange is now licensed to hold civil wedding ceremonies in the historical Old Town Hall. For more information please contact Tracey or Emma on 01234 344813.

For further information or to hire a room, please visit www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk or call **01234 344813**

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P Parking

By rail

There are regular rail services to Bedford from St Pancras, with trains arriving and departing every 30 minutes. Bedford Corn Exchange is approximately a fifteen minute walk from the train station, and a taxi service also operates. For further information please contact National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950.

By car

Bedford Corn Exchange can be easily accessed from the M1 and A1.

From the M1 - Exit at Junction 13 and follow the A421 towards Bedford. Follow signs for the town centre.

From the A1 (North) - Exit at the Black Cat Roundabout and follow the A421 to Bedford. Follow signs for the town centre.

From the A1 (South) - Exit at the Sandy Roundabout, follow the A603 to Bedford. Follow signs for the town centre.

By coach

A Stagecoach service operates between Cambridge and Oxford via Milton Keynes and Bedford. A service also operates from Northampton. Bedford Bus Station is approximately a five minute walk from Bedford Corn Exchange. For further information please contact Stagecoach on 0871 200 2233.

A number of car parks are within easy reach of Bedford Corn Exchange and are shown on the map (see previous page). Please note that car park charges apply.

Bedford car park opening times

Allhallows Multi Storey Car Park, Brace Street, Bedford MK40 1LX

Monday to Saturday: 7.00am to 8.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am to 6.00pm

Duckmill Lane Car Park, Duckmill Lane, Bedford MK42 0AU

Open 24 hours

Riverside Square Car Park, Horne Lane, Bedford MK40 1PY

Open 24 hours

Melbourne Street Car Park, Melbourne Street, Bedford MK42 9AN

Open 24 hours

St Peter's Street Car Park, Goldington Road, Bedford MK40 2PR

Open 24 hours

Queen Street Multi Storey Car Park, Bedford MK40 2HH

Monday to Saturday: 7.00am to 8.00pm

Sunday: Closed

River Street Multi Storey Car Park, River Street, Bedford MK40 1PX

Monday to Saturday: 7.00am to 8.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am-6.00pm

Lurke Street Multi Storey Car Park, Bedford MK40 3HZ

Monday to Saturday: 7.00am to 8.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am to 6.00pm

River Street Multi Storey Car Park Special Parking

For selected shows at Bedford Corn Exchange River Street Multi Storey Car Park will now be open late for Bedford Corn Exchange patrons ONLY.

The following shows have been confirmed:

Philharmonia Orchestra
The Drifters
Russell Kane
Milton Jones
Sean Lock

This does depend on ticket sales so please contact the Central Box Office on 01234 718112 for more information and to confirm before making arrangements.

Bedford also has a Park and Ride service, with a site in Elstow. This facility has a spacious car park, CCTV on site, and a waiting room with toilet facilities. The buses operate from Elstow into Bedford Town Centre seven days a week.

For further information email Parking Services: parkingshop@bedford.gov.uk

DATE	SHOW	TIME	PAGE
Friday 4 January	New Year Viennese Spectacular	7.30pm	7
Wednesday 9 January	Tea Dance Winter Ball	2.00pm	6
Friday 11 January	The Drifters	7.30pm	7
Wednesday 16 January	Philharmonia Orchestra	7.30pm	8
Friday 25 January	Bedford Comedy Club	9.00pm	8
Friday 25 January	Ceroc	7.45pm	6
Saturday 26 January	A Festival of Britten	7.30pm	8
Sunday 27 January	Hawkwind	7.30pm	9
Wednesday 6 February	Jimeoin	8.00pm	9
Friday 8 February	ABBA Forever	8.00pm	10
Saturday 9 February	Lee Hurst	8.00pm	10
Wednesday 13 February	Tea Dance	2.00pm	6
Friday 15 February	Philharmonia Orchestra	7.30pm	12
Sunday 17 February	Wedding Showcase	11.00am	12
Friday 22 February	Bedford Comedy Club	9.00pm	12
Friday 22 February	Ceroc	7.45pm	6
Friday 1 March	CASH (A Tribute to Johnny Cash)	8.15pm	13
Saturday 2 March to Saturday 9 March	Bedfordshire Festival of Drama, Speech and Music	Various	14

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Sunday 10 March	Romanticism From Europe - East & West	7.30pm	14
Wednesday 13 March	Tea Dance	2.00pm	6
Saturday 16 March	Pianos & Choirs with Beethoven	7.30pm	15
Sunday 17 March	Russell Kane	8.00pm	15
Wednesday 20 March	Rich Hall	8.00pm	17
Friday 22 March	Bedford Comedy Club	9.00pm	17
Friday 22 March	Ceroc	7.45pm	6
Saturday 23 March	Philharmonia Orchestra	7.30pm	18
Sunday 24 March	Wrestling Spectacular	3.00pm	18
Saturday 6 April	An Evening with Joe Calzaghe	6.15pm	19
Wednesday 10 April	Tea Dance	2.00pm	6
Wednesday 10 April	Sean Lock	8.00pm	20
Friday 12 April	Showaddywaddy	8.00pm	20
Tuesday 16 April	Milton Jones	8.00pm	20
Friday 19 April	Marcus Brigstocke	8.00pm	21
Saturday 20 April	From The Jam - St. George's Day Festival	8.00pm	21
Sunday 21 April	Explosion 5	5.00pm	22
Friday 26 April	Bedford Comedy Club	9.00pm	22
Friday 26 April	Ceroc	7.45pm	6
Saturday 27 April	Chas and Dave	7.30pm	22