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Cabaret seating

Theatre style seating

14+ (over 14 years only) **16+** (over 16 years only)

Standing concert (limited seating)

• No age restrictions under 14s must be 18+ (over 18 years only) accompanied by an adult

Tickets

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Purchase tickets with a credit/debit card on 01524 582803 (see VIC opening hours below). Booking fee applies.

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All tickets are on sale at: www.lancaster.gov.uk/platform-tickets Limited shows are on sale at: www.seetickets.com (Booking fee may apply)

Call in

Morecambe Visitor Information Centre, The Platform, Marine Road Central, Morecambe LA4 4DB Open: Mon - Sat, 9:30am - 1pm / 1.45pm - 5pm

Lancaster Visitor Information Centre Mon - Sat, 10am - 4pm

The box office is open 45 minutes before an event. The venue operates a no refund policy. Tickets may be exchanged or gift vouchers issued.

Disabled facilities

Full level access, toilet facilities for wheelchair users and hearing loops. Guide dogs and registered service dogs are welcome. We appreciate advance notice if customers will be arriving in wheelchairs so that arrangements can be made. Customers with a disability and their carers are entitled to the concession price when available.

Group discounts

Sales of 20 or more tickets will receive one free ticket. No other special offer can be used with this offer and discounts do not apply to workshops. School parties are entitled to the concessionary rate and one adult/ teacher per 10 children will be admitted free. Ask at the box office for more information.

Family discounts

Family tickets admit two adults and two children (under 16 years) or one adult and three children. There is no charge for 'babes in arms'.

Accommodation

The VIC can assist with accommodation enguiries on: 01524 582808.

Public transport

Morecambe railway station is only a few minutes walk away. Timetable and fare enquiries: 08457 484 950.

There is a bus stop outside the venue. For timetable enquiries: 08712 002 233.

There are public car parks adjacent to the venue. Parking is free after 6pm Cycle parking is available outside.

Contact us

Venue hire: 01524 582829 Admin: 01524 582804

Centre Stage Fashion Show

Local dance and gymnastics wear shop "Centre Stage" is joining together talented groups from dance schools, high schools and gymnastics clubs for an amazing evening's entertainment for all the family. All money raised from the event will be donated to a local charity.

Saturday 12 March 6pm £6. **1**0

Promenade Concert Orchestra presents Music from the Palm Court

Seaside holidays in Scarborough or Whitby, Llandudno or Blackpool provided wall-to-wall musical entertainment years ago, as did the Palm Courts of Harrogate, Eastbourne and Hastings, where the English tradition of light-orchestral music was developed. Come and re-live those happy days!

Sunday 13 March 3pm £15, £13 concession, £7 child. 00

Yves Lambert Trio

Yves Lambert, well-known for his charisma and generosity on stage, is considered a reference point when it comes to Ouebecois folk music. For him the content is essential to keep his music vibrant and not being caught in any one rigid style of expression. He has a great capacity for versatile interpretation ... he can sing rock music, or children's songs, or more bluesy arrangements - and all the while representing traditional music.

Thursday 17 March 7.30pm £14. **10**

Animals and Friends Live

House of The Rising Sun' ... 'We Gotta Get Out Of This Place'....'Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood' and 'Boom Boom' (as featured in the James Bond movie, 'Skyfall'). Featuring from the original Animals: John Steel, Mick Gallagher, Danny Handley and Scott Whitley

Friday 18 March 8pm £17. **00**







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From the Jam 'That's Entertainment Acoustic Show'

Bruce and Russell, joined by pianist Tom Heel, will perform a selection of songs from The Jam's extensive back catalogue as well as a question and answer session. The Jam were the sound of the British youth in the late 70s and this intimate show is a rare opportunity to hear those songs in this stripped down way. Supported by Joe McCorriston.

Saturday 19 March 7.30pm £20. 10 U

Morecambe Band Easter Concert

Enjoy this annual performance of traditional brass band music.

Keep up-to-date with Morecambe Band's performances at www.morecambeband.co.uk

The Merseybeats

Bright-More Promotions proudly presents the original group The Merseybeats with The Paul Hayes Collection plus The Monkeymen. It's going to be a great night of rock 'n' roll.

Club Tropicana

Recreating the music from the electric eighties and capturing all the fun of the decade. A great night of DJs and dancing. Expect hits from Madonna, Spandau Ballet, Duran Duran and Michael Jackson.

Sunday 27 March 8pm - 1am £10. **(5)** 18+









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Swing Commanders

The Swing Commanders take the best mid twentieth century songs, from Glenn Miller to the singing cowboys of old, and give them a high energy makeover, with mid song instrument swapping and lots of humour. If you enjoy vintage style, lively music and good old fashioned entertainment, you'll have a ball!

Friday 1 April 8pm £13, £12 concession. **①** ①

Blackbeard's Tea Party with support - Douglas Francis

Traditional songs and folk tunes are given a heavy rock edge with playful arrangements and driving dance rhythms. This is all mixed up in an engaging, high-octane stage show that frequently leaves audiences cheering for more.

Saturday 2 April 7.30pm £12.50. **© ()**

Laurence Jones plus support

"Blues cub with man-size talent" and "Head boy of the new blues breed" are just two of the many positive media quotes describing 21-year-old Laurence Jones, who took the UK blues scene by storm with the release of his exciting debut album "Thunder In The Sky."

Saturday 9 April 7.30pm £15. **1**

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

Plop is a baby Barn Owl. Plop is exactly the same as every barn own except for one thing. Plop is AFRAID of the DARK.

Join Plop as he journeys into the night-time world of campfires, fireworks, starry nights and moonlit adventures. Especially for little people aged 3-7 and their grownups. Come join us - it's going to be a hoot!

Wednesday 13 April 2pm £6, Family ticket £20.









Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham

Aly was a member of the 'Boys of the Lough'. Accordion player Phil has been named as one of Scotland's 25 most influential people and he has worked with Mark Knopfler, James Taylor and Midge Ure. Together they are simply the best traditional musicians you are ever likely to hear.

Saturday 16 April 7.30pm £14. **1 0**

Dan McKinnon

Dan hails from the Canadian Maritimes, an area rich in the musical and cultural traditions of the North Atlantic. His warm baritone voice, superb guitar arrangements and original compositions have won this native Nova Scotian widespread praise. Dan's thoughtful compositions and smooth melodies cover the entire folk spectrum, with themes traditional, historical, contemporary and universal.

Thursday 21 April 8pm £12. **1 U**

About Theatre Present 'Showstopping Shakespeare'

Join About Theatre as they take you on a musical journey through the show stopping stage productions based on the works of William Shakespeare. Find out how the Bard does Broadway with hit numbers from West Side Story, The Lion King, Something Rotten, Kiss Me Kate and Return to the Forbidden Planet in a night of musical theatre for all the family.

Friday 22 April 7.30pm £10. **1 U**

The Bard on the Beach Historical and Artisan Market

Enjoy a variety of stalls from across the ages in this historical and artisan market presented in conjunction with The Bard By The Beach Morecambe Shakespeare Festival. Including theatrical performances throughout the day come and shop Renaissance style over the weekend.

Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 April 11am-5pm (Saturday) 10am – 5pm (Sunday) £1 suggested donation.







Saba Douglas Hamilton: A Life with Elephants

Join Saba Douglas-Hamilton, the highly acclaimed elephant conservationist and wildlife TV presenter of This Wild Life and Big Cat Diaries for an evening of exciting animal stories and intimate behind the scenes tales of life in Kenya with her young family.

Thursday 28 April 7.30pm £17.50, £15.50 concessions.

The Icicle Works

Named after the 1960 short story "The Day The Icicle Works Closed" by science fiction author Frederik Pohl, The Icicle Works joined Liverpool's early 1980s 'neopsychedelia' wave, which also propelled Echo & The Bunnymen and The Teardrop Explodes to stardom.

Disco Inferno

The party to end all parties with soulful disco tunes from the 70s and 80s. Local DJs will be recreating this amazing boogie wonderland.

Ferocious Dog

Ferocious Dog offer a full-on six-piece sound that encompasses folk infused with rock, reggae and Celtic vibrations. The combination of instruments creates a palette of sound that offers infinite variations: going in hard to get people up and moving, or slipping into melodic passages and dub-like fusions. This band sold out Rock City, Nottingham in 2015!

Saturday 7 May 7.30pm £12.50. **S** 18+





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12.45pm - 1.3<u>0pm</u>



Enjoy a lunchtime concert performed by local musicians.

ERMYSTEAD BAND: Tuesday 3 May

CHRIS ANDREWS (TRUMPET) & CHARLES EDMONDSON (PIANO): Tuesday 10 May

QUAY CHANGE: Tuesday 17 May

VAL BAULARD AND THE BOSCATS: Tuesday 24 May

Calan

business.

£15. **00**

Fiddles, guitar, accordion, bagpipes and step dancing explode into life as Calan perform songs and tunes from their new album - Dinas. Infectious guitar rhythms and high voltage routines give way to beautiful and haunting songs.

The Upbeat Beatles are second to none - powerhouse

The guys have an easy, happy rapport with any crowd,

giving them a reputation to be envied as the best in the

vocals, precision harmonies and tight musicianship.

Friday 13 May 8pm £12.50. **1**0





The Mindbenders

Saturday 14 May 7.30pm

The Upbeat Beatles

Hit makers from the 60s perform all their hits including their number 1 'A Groovy Kind of Love'. Featuring special guest Thunder Jackson and top rock 'n' roll band The Paul Hayes Collection.

10th North Lancs Soul Festival

NLSF celebrates its 10th Anniversary in style with 12 hours of soul. Daytime: Gonna be a Big Thing - contemporary soul music with a quality mix of sensational sounds from the past five decades. Evening: Sophisticated Soul - So Soulful 70s meets Rare Grooves and Modern Soul flavas from the past five decades.

FREE day time 12pm-6pm Outside (weather permitting)

Saturday 21 May 8pm-2am. **S** 18+ £8 advance, £10 on the door.

Promenade Concert Orchestra presents 'Music From the Shows'

Anticipating the thrill of the summer season shows in Morecambe and Blackpool, audiences looked forward to hearing shows from London or New York as well as the cinema. This programme will include: 'The Girl Friend', 'Gigi', 'Maid of the Mountains' and 'My Fair Lady'. There will also be two young professional soloists from the Royal Northern College of Music.

Sunday 22 May 3pm £15, £13 concessions, £7 child. **1 U**

The Troggs

The Troggs have always been remembered for 'Wild Thing', but it is just one of their many UK hits. 'With A Girl Like You', 'I Can't Control Myself', 'Anyway That You Want Me', 'Give It To Me' and 'Love Is All Around'.

Friday 27 May 7.30pm £15. 14+

The Sons of Pitches

The Sons of Pitches is a multi-award winning British vocal group combining soaring solos, impeccable harmonies and sensational beatboxing to stunning effect. They were crowned winners of the BBC2 TV show 'The Naked Choir' and captivate audiences with highly creative vocal gymnastics and inventive pop covers, original numbers and improvised songs. Plus support.

Saturday 28 May 7.30pm £20. **1 U**

Steampunk Weekend

Witness The Platform transformed into a dark circus of delights with 'Deet Beats', 'Ravens Morris', 'The Carnival of Curiosity', 'Victor & The Bully' and the astounding 'Ash Mandrake'. Including fire eaters and much much more, it is not to be missed!

Saturday 4 - Sunday 5 June 11am-4pm £3 Tickets on the door.









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Ritchie Parrish Ritchie 'UnTangled Again'

For years, Steve Ritchie, Al Parrish and Rob Ritchie rocked the UK folk music scene as the rhythm section of the Canadian powerhouse band, Tanglefoot. Now the three best friends have re-connected as Ritchie Parrish Ritchie. Along with percussionist Beaker Granger, their sound echoes the legacy of Tanglefoot while moving in exciting new directions.

Friday 10 June 8pm £14. **1**0

Andy Fairweather Low and the Lowriders

Andy Fairweather Low's pedigree is the stuff rock dreams are made of. He first came to prominence as the lead singer in Amen Corner. They had success in the 60s with; 'Bend Me Shape Me', 'Hello Suzy' and '(If Paradise is) Half As Nice'. His first solo album in 24 years 'Sweet Soulful Music' was released late in 2007 followed by 'The Very Best Of Andy Fairweather Low'. He is one of the UK's most distinctive artists, endorsed by many of the world's greatest talents.

Friday 17 June 7.30pm £20. 10

Battle of the Somme Anniversary Evening

As part of Armed Forces Day commemorations and the 100 year anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, 'Searching for Matthew' is a one act play based on the true story of soldier Matthew Livesey and his sister Lizzie. Matthew was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Follow Lizzie as she sets out to try and find his grave. Followed by a film brought to us by the Imperial War Museum.

Wednesday 22 June 7.30pm £5. 10

Raymond Froggatt "A Life in Song"

This intimate evening with self-penned songs and true stories will give you a glimpse into the real Raymond Froggatt. A true survivor of the many vagrancies of the music business and life itself, whether self-inflicted or not.

Friday 24 June 7.30pm £15. 10





In these special acoustic performances Barbara and her pianist Nick Holland explore her catalogue of songs at an intimate level. The pair let the words and melodies take centre stage as they perform a wonderful range of material drawing on her folk roots, contemporary greats and some of her classic hits. Supported by Anthony Turner.

Saturday 25 June 7.30pm £22. **1**

T J Higgs

Join one of the UK's most celebrated mediums TJ Higgs for an evening of Mediumship. TJ is a true medium. The evidence and validation she gives to her audience is undeniable. TJ's accuracy and ability as a medium is simply astonishing. Come and see for yourself.

Friday 1 July 7.30pm £20, £18.50 concession.

The Moonlight Serenade Orchestra 'It's a Swing Thing'

With special guests the MSO's very own Andrews Sisters. The Moonlight Serenade Orchestra UK returns to their favourite venue bringing you an evening of classic 1930s – 1950s Big Band swing, elegant vocals and the gentle humour our bandleader Kevin Cunningham is known for. Dancing shoes optional but encouraged!

Saturday 2 July 7.30pm £14.50. **1** U

Talon 'The Best of Eagles'

In 2016 Talon presents a brand new production of their award winning 'Best of Eagles'. This stunning production is a show of two halves with the first half delivering a world class laid back vibe with an in-depth look at the early Eagles roots. The second half arrives in style with a complete change of mood and pace featuring classic Eagles greatest hits from their timeless back catalogue

Friday 8 July 8pm £20. **1** U









Bright-More Promotions present Rock Back the Clock Wild Weekend

Featuring eight great rock 'n' roll bands including: The Cats from the Attic, Dead Kat Bounce, Searchin, Dirty Hands, Reelin and Rockin, Beats Working, Original Replica and Revive 45.

Friday 22 July and Saturday 23 July 7.30pm £14 per night including hot supper. **G** 14+



The Counterfeit Sixties

Re-live the sounds of the swinging 60s as Britain's No.1 tribute show brings alive the magic of the past. The show encompasses everything from the period, from the clothes that were worn, to flashbacks from television history, coupled together with their unique lighting show and video footage making it the ultimate sixties show.

Saturday 20 August 7.30pm £16. £14 concession. **① ①**

Lancashire Hotpots 'Nowt Like The 80s Tour'

Do you remember the 80s? A decade of Rubik's Cubes, shoulder pads and Walkmans. The Lancashire Hotpots do and they're back to bring you a show full of music and comedy that's as daft as a Sinclair C5! Expect all your usual favourites including Chippy Tea and I Fear Ikea as well as some 1980s styled musical fun.

Saturday 6 August 7.30pm £14 advance, £16 on the door. ① ①

Tipitina with the One Voice Choir

Tipitina deliver their own unique take on the blues, barrelhouse, boogie and gospel of New Orleans, in the footsteps of Professor Longhair, Dr. John, James Booker, Fats Domino and Allen Toussaint. The hallmark of One Voice Community Choir is a mix of gospel and inspirational classics fused with original compositions, taking contemporary gospel music to a whole new level with its unique blend of harmonies.

Saturday 13 August 7.30pm £12.50. **1 U**

Flanders and Swann Drop Another Hat

This two-man musical show performed by Michael Bernstein and Colin Stevens pays homage to Michael Flanders and Donald Swann; those two great wits, composers and performers who were at the heart of 50s and 60s satire in the form of the theatrical revue.

Sunday 14 August 2.30pm £14 advance, £12 concession, £6 child. **① ①**





Marty MacDonald's Toy Machine

Everyone at Marty MacDonald's Farm is delighted with the special delivery that's arrived – the Toy Machine that makes all of the toys in the world. Join Marty, Sally the Scarecrow, Pongo the Pig, Molly-Moo the Cow and Sheena the Sheep in a fun, musical, interactive adventure. Perfect for little ones aged 2-7 years.

Wednesday 24 August 2pm £8 adult, £7 child, £26 family.

Motown Magic

Expect music from Detroit record label Berry Gordy for the funkiest and most soulful Sunday of the year. Featuring performers recreating some classic tracks from this era. Featuring the Diane Shaw Band plus DJ Steve Middlesbrough and guest support.

Free daytime event 12pm-5pm Outside (weather permitting)

Juke Box Jive

We're gonna rock around the clock tonight with great music from the rock 'n' roll era. Starring The Black Cat Trio, Ricky Aron plus special guests.

Free daytime event 12pm-5pm Outside (weather permitting)

Sunday 28 August 7.30pm-12am £10. **S** 18+







Community Events

Morecambe and Heysham Canine Society Dog Show 28 March. Doors open 9.30am. Judging starts at 10am. Contact Sally Lines 01524 415479

Morecambe Stamp Fair 30 April 10am – 4pm Free entry. Stamps, postal history, post cards and accessories. Refreshments available. Organised by the Morecambe and District Philatelic society

Morecambe Bay Flower Club, Floral Art Demonstration

1st Wednesday of every month at 6:45pm £5 unless advertised alternate price

Old Time Modern Sequence Dancing

every Thursday 2pm - 4pm £3 including tea and biscuits **Give Blood:** 18 May 2pm - 3.45pm & 4.45pm - 7.45pm

31 August 1pm - 2.45pm & 3.45pm - 7.45pm

Armed Forces Weekend

26 June 10am – 4pm Free entry. Model railway exhibition inside the Platform as part of a programme of events taking place along the promenade.

WI Coffee morning: 30 June 9am - 12pm

£1 entry

Catch the Wind Kite Festival

16 – 17 July 12pm - 5pm More Music's annual spectacular on Morecambe Prom returns, with live music, entertainment, games, arts and crafts plus kites of all shapes, sizes and colours filling the sky over the beach. **Free event** For more information visit: www.moremusic.org.uk /<u>CTW2016</u>





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