

Event highlights in Cardiff and the Capital Region

Cardiff and the capital region have a thriving calendar of year-round events. Cardiff is now established as a leading destination for a whole range of sports, arts, cultural and musical festivals. Below is a taste of what are on currently and what are coming up. Check out our 'What's On' page on www.visitcardiff.com which has an online events calendar which has a comprehensive list of what is happening in and around the city. Just search by date or event type - the choice is yours.

During The Year

Workshops, Retreats & Conservations

Flat Holm Island (Off the coast of Cardiff)

Departures from Channel View Leisure Centre, Jim Driscoll Way, Cardiff CF11 7HB (Bay)

T: +44(0)29 2035 3917 www.cardiff.gov.uk/flatholm

Just 5 miles from Cardiff, Flat Holm Island is a different world with a wealth of history and wildlife. Art, photography and yoga workshops are organised on the island which include boat transfers to/fro, guided tours of the island, refreshments and lunch. For a longer visit, conservation weekends for adults or family are also available on the island and this includes a 2 night self-catering accommodation.

Throughout The Year

World Rhythms

- ❖ **Norwegian Church Arts Centre, Harbour Drive, Cardiff CF10 4PA (Bay)**
T: + 44 (0)29 2045 4899 www.norwegianchurchcardiff.com

- ❖ **St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)**
T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

Under the 'Roots Unearthed' Programme, St David's Hall and the Norwegian Church Arts Centre, celebrate the diversity of musical influences and genres from different parts of the world.

Throughout The Year

Events at Techniquest

Stuart Street, Cardiff CF10 5BW (Bay)

T: +44(0)29 2047 5475 www.techniquest.org

Techniquest has a variety of events for the family, this include Toddler Days, science discovery sessions to wonders of the night skies.

Throughout The Year

Talks & Lectures

- ❖ **National Museum Cardiff, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 4NP (City centre)**
T: +44(0)29 2039 7951 (Closed on Mondays) www.museumwales.ac.uk

- ❖ **Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)**
T: +44(0)29 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com

- ❖ **St Fagans : National History Museum, St Fagans CF5 6XB (outskirts)**
T: +44 (0)29 2057 3500 www.museumwales.ac.uk

Museum of Wales and Cardiff Castle, hold a variety of talks and lectures throughout the year. These talks are presented by specialists in their fields covering archaeology, excavation, history and conservation, just to name a few. Pre – booking at these talks are recommended.

Throughout The Year

Medieval Enactments and Open-Air Theatres

Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com

Cardiff Castle has an wide-ranging events programme from spectacular medieval re-enactments and open-air theatre to family, adult and children's workshops inspired by the 2000 years of history at Cardiff Castle.

Throughout The Year

Free Performances

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0)870 040 2000 www.wmc.org.uk

Most days at lunchtime and early evening you can catch music ranging from jazz, traditional, classical, world, choirs, brass and much else through to readings and performance literature at the foyer of Wales Millennium Centre.

Throughout The Year

Lunch Time Concerts

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

Outstanding variety of musical repertoires with each concert lasting approximately 50 minutes, ranging from soloists, duets, trios, string quartets to full ensemble.

Throughout The Year

A2: Arts Active Programmes

- ❖ **St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1AH (City centre)**

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

- ❖ **New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)**

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

New Theatre & St David's Hall, organise a series of diverse programmes used as a powerful catalyst for creative endeavours, to encourage people, from the youngest to oldest, to engage in and enjoy arts activity. Activities range from learning to play a variety of musical instruments to dance workshops

Throughout The Year

Workshops & Classes

Norwegian Church Arts Centre, Harbour Drive, Cardiff CF10 4PA(Bay)

T: +44(0)29 2045 4899 www.norwegianchurchcardiff.com

From learning the Argentine Tango, singing to watercolour painting, the Norwegian Church Arts Centre offers a series of workshop and classes for those who are keen to take up a new hobby or interest

24 May – 25 July 2009

Welsh Artist of the Year 2009

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

The Welsh Artist of the Year competition was founded during the millennium year to promote and celebrate the wealth of artistic ability in Wales. Originally intended as a one off event, the competition is now in its ninth year. Initiated by St David's Hall, it provides a valuable platform for artists to exhibit their work in the heart of the Welsh capital

SUMMER 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

July – August 2009



Cardiff Festival

Various venues in Cardiff city centre and Cardiff bay

Cardiff Festival Office T: +44(0)29 2087 2087 www.cardiff-festival.com

This is an annual month long festival, which include:

8 July -1 Aug	Everyman Open Air Theatre Festival <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Gondoliers▪ King Lear▪ Toad of Toad Hall
26 July – 29 Aug	The Sound of Music
30 July – 2 Aug	Horrid Henry
30 July – 2 Aug	Admiral Big Weekend
1 Aug	Cardiff MAS Carnival
15 Aug – 16 Aug	Grand Medieval Melee
16 Aug	Classic Motorboat & Car Rally
29 Aug – 31 Aug	Cardiff Harbour Festival
26 Sept – 27 Sept	The Great British Cheese Festival
22 Oct – 25 Oct	Rally of Great Britain

17July – 18 August 2009

1st Cardiff Cider Festival

The Great Hall, Cardiff University, Cardiff CF10 3QN (City centre)

T: +44(0)1225 330304 www.ciderfestivals.co.uk Activities on at various times

Real cider and perry festival with live music at all sessions. The 1st Cardiff Cider Festival with over 90 real ciders and perries including award-winning ciders from Ben Crossman's, Rich's, Thatchers, Broadoak and Heck's (Somerset), Gwatkin (Herefordshire), Gwynt Y Ddraig (Wales), and Mr. Whiteheads (Hampshire) - as well as hog roast rolls and cheese platters, and a range of soft drinks for the drivers. As well as the cider and perry, the Cardiff Cider Festival will offer the best in local entertainment.


26 July – 29 August 2009

The Sound of Music

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0)870 040 2000 www.wmc.org.uk

Performances are Tue - Fri 7.30pm, Thu 2.30pm and Sat 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Sun 3pm



Connie Fisher returns as Maria in the world's best loved musical, The Sound of Music. This lavish and critically acclaimed production, direct from the London Palladium, tells the story of the Von Trapp family's flight across the mountains and works its magic once again, for young and old alike. With its unforgettable score that includes some of the most memorable songs ever performed on the musical stage including 'My Favorite Things', 'Do-Re-Mi', 'Climb Ev'ry Mountain', 'The Lonely Goat herd', and of course the glorious title song 'The Sound of Music', it's the perfect family treat! Connie is currently not scheduled to perform on Tuesday evenings and Thursday matinees

29 July – 2 August 2009

Spongebob Squarepants : The Sponge Who Could Fly (Suggested age 5 years +)

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performances are Wednesday 7.00pm, Thursday 4.00pm & 7.00pm, Friday 4.30pm & 7.30pm, Saturday 4.30pm & 7.30pm, Sunday 11.00am & 2.00pm

Take a look at what's surfacing on stage direct from the hit television show it's 'SpongeBob SquarePants - the Sponge Who Could Fly'. Join SpongeBob, Patrick and their zany Bikini Bottom pals in a new musical as SpongeBob embarks on his dream to fly with the jellyfish. Will he take flight or will his dream come crashing down to the ocean floor? It's a tale too exciting to be kept undersea. So dive in to the Welsh premiere of the exciting musical about dreams, friendship and soaring to new heights.



30 July – 2 August 2009

Horrid Henry – Live and Horrid (Suggested ages 6 and over)

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performances are: Thursday 11.00am & 2.30pm; Friday & Saturday 2.30pm & 6.00pm; Sunday 1.00pm & 4.30pm

Horrid Henry Live and Horrid! is based on the much-loved books by Francesca Simon and the hugely popular CITV series by Novel Entertainment. For the first time ever on stage, Henry takes his rightful place in the spotlight!



31 July – 2 August 2009

Admiral Cardiff Big Weekend

Cardiff Civic Centre, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3ND (City centre)

www.cardiff-festival.com

Admiral Cardiff Big Weekend gets better and better with some of the summer's top festival acts lining up over 3 days on the FREE live music stage and the UK's largest travelling funfair filling Cardiff's civic centre with traditional family attractions and mind-blowing white knuckle ride.



1 August 2009

Cardiff MAS Carnival

From Canal Path Park, Butetown, through Bute Street, St Mary Street, Castle Street and finale at City Hall lawn at the Admiral Cardiff Big Weekend

www.cardiff-festival.com

It's the 20th Anniversary of the Cardiff MAS Carnival with hundreds of flamboyant costumes and carnival creations, masks and head-pieces, giant puppets and mobile sculptures - all dancing through the streets of Cardiff with a grand finale at the Admiral Cardiff Big Weekend on City Hall lawn.

5 – 6 August 2009 (Rescheduled dates from February 2009)

Roy 'Chubby' Brown

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

Roy 'Chubby' Brown is a modern-day phenomenon! The King of controversial comedy with his trademark patchwork suit, he will surprise, amuse and astonish audiences. Branded too rude for television, his live acts go from strength to strength and bring shock and awe techniques to an ever increasing audience. Guaranteed to make your toes curl, your eyebrows raise and put hairs on your chest, his shows sell out faster than ice cream in a heat-wave but come with the warning - IF EASILY OFFENDED PLEASE STAY AT HOME!

6 – 7 August 2009

Come Fly With Me

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Show starts 7:00pm

This is a comedy starring Mark Moraghan. Come Fly With Me is an exciting new Big Band Musical Comedy based on the exploits of a Pan Am aircrew in Las Vegas in the early 1960s. This dynamic new production mixes the glamour of MGM musicals with the style and coolness of the Rat Pack.

8 August 2009

Summerdance 09

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk Performance 7:30pm

Two stunning new dance pieces will be premiered as part of this exhilarating evening of contemporary dance directed by Diversions' Artistic Associate, Roy Campbell-Moore, with exceptional live music from WNO Young Players. Summerdance 09 is the culmination of two weeks of intensive training with some of Wales' most talented young dancers

8 August 2009 - 2 May 2010

Coca Cola Football Championship 2009/2010 Season

Cardiff City Stadium, Leckwith Road, Cardiff CF11 8AZ (City outskirts)

www.cardiffcityfc.co.uk

Cardiff City plays its first home game for the new season against Scunthorpe in its new home ground Cardiff City Stadium. This first game kicks off at 3 pm. For full details of fixtures, please visit the club website.

9 August 2009

Animal Farm

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts 7:00pm

A satirical fable of epic proportions, Animal Farm delights, with a wonderful array of characters and a message that truly resonates. This new adaptation of George Orwell's classic is brought you by an exciting cast of new young actors as part of Black RAT Productions' Theatre Summer School '09. Black RAT Productions is fast becoming recognised as a company that promotes both established and emerging talent.

9 August 2009

The Cardiff Multicultural Mela 2009

The Oval Basin, Cardiff Bay (Bay)

www.cardiffmela.com

The third annual, free of charge 'Cardiff Multicultural Mela' will take place on Sunday 9th August 2009 at the OVAL BASIN in Cardiff Bay. Originating as Cardiff's first ever, outdoor Multicultural Mela showcasing a wide diversity of cultures, music, dance, arts, fashion and food to name a few. Although the Mela's roots are Asian cultures, this is a festival for all and aims to educate, share and celebrate all cultures. Event confirmed headline artists are H Dhami, Navin Kundra, Mumzy, Kazz Kumar, Young Archie Assignment, Reenie many more. Hosted by the BBC Asian Network's Adil Ray & Sonny Ji.

11 August 2009

Carling Cup 1st Round: Cardiff City v Dagenham & Redbridge

Cardiff City Stadium, Leckwith Road, Cardiff CF11 8AZ (City outskirts)

www.cardiffcityfc.co.uk

Kick off is 7:45pm

15 August 2009

UK Challenge Final & BMC Final

Cardiff International Sports Stadium, Leckwith Road, Cardiff CF11 8AZ (City centre)

www.welshathletics.org

Please check the Welsh Athletics website for updates and details

15 – 16 August 2009

Grand Medieval Melee

Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com Activities start at 10:30am



For some serious time-travelling, stroll around the colourful encampment and enter a medieval world – a world of sword fighting, archery, field and table games and soldiers' drills. Authentic costumes and armour to try on, archery techniques to hone, this event is sure to be a highlight of the summer holidays.

16 August 2009

Classic Car & Motorboat Rally

Cardiff Bay www.cardiff-festival.com



Don't miss the chance to view a variety of spectacular classic cars and motor boats. Boats will be on display all weekend with many taking to the waters of Cardiff Bay for demonstrations and displays. Classic Cars will join the display on the Sunday, inviting the public to come along to meet car owners and enthusiasts and join them in this celebration of motoring!

22 August 2009

U2 360° Tour

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

www.millenniumstadium.com

The U2 360° tour is sponsored by BlackBerry® and it is the band's first stadium outing since the Vertigo Tour 05/06 and follows the release of their acclaimed album, No Line On The Horizon. Their 12th studio album, No Line On The Horizon is already number 1 in the UK, Ireland, France, Germany, Belgium, Finland, Japan and the Czech Republic with further chart positions to be announced later. Produced by Live Nation Global Touring, U2 360° will visit 14 cities across Europe including dates in Milan, Gothenburg, Amsterdam, Paris, Nice, Dublin, Chorzow, Berlin, Gelsenkirchen, London, Sheffield and Glasgow before finishing at Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on 22nd August.

29 - 30 August 2009

Cardiff Mardi Gras

Behind Cardiff Castle CF10 3RB (City centre) www.cardiffmardigras.co.uk

After a gap year the new energised Mardi Gras committee is ready to ensure Cardiff's 10th Mardi Gras, in 2009, will be the best ever. Whether you live in the city, in the rest of Wales or beyond, The Cardiff Wales Mardi Gras is for you and welcomes people from all walks of life regardless of age, gender, colour or sexuality. Whether you're a family of four on a day out or Cymru's Campestr Carnival Queen – there's something for everyone.

29 – 31 August 2009

Cardiff Harbour Festival

Roald Dahl Plass, Inner Harbour, Various (Bay) www.cardiffharbour.com



Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the end of the summer at this annual festival of all that is nautical. Three days of family fun will include water-based activities, demonstrations, music and entertainment on the Bay edge. Climb aboard the tall ship visiting the harbour, or join in the children's workshops including the famous Best Dressed Pirate's competition.

AUTUMN 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

2 September 2009

Idiots of Ants

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL(Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts at 8pm

Following another critically acclaimed sell-out Edinburgh Festival run, Idiots of Ants return with their uniquely off-kilter take on the world around them. A show that deals with all the important questions in life: is tea an appropriate subject for an opera? Should you let clowns decorate your house? And, most importantly, as the world's financial markets collapse should the hope of the nation rest on a boy with a girl's sense of humour?

3 September 2009

An Evening with Engelbert Humperdinck

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

Sixties pop star in the Tom Jones/Julio Iglesias mould, whose number one hit 'Release Me' prevented The Beatles' 'Penny Lane/Strawberry Fields Forever' from topping the charts in 1967. He has played for the Queen of England, several US Presidents and numerous Heads of State, has a Golden Globe award, is a star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame and has an entry in the Guinness Book of Records.

3 – 6 September 2009

UK School Games 2009

Venue to be confirmed www.ukschoolgames.com

The UK School Games is a multi-sport event for the UK's elite young athletes of school age. The programme consists of 9 sports which are competed in a four-day Games environment designed to replicate the feel of major event such as the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. Cardiff, alongside Swansea and Newport will be hosting the 2009 games and 2,000 school age children are expected to take part.

4 September 2009

Musicals in Motion

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

This truly unique show captures the essence of the West End and Broadway where live performers seamlessly interact with action on a large screen. With fully choreographed dance routines, authentic costumes and a range of computer generated sets, be ready for a full musical show featuring 37 numbers from 22 musicals, creating a new concept in theatrical entertainment.

4 September 2009 - 30 May 2010

Magners League 2009 - 2010

Cardiff City Stadium, Leckwith Road, Cardiff CF11 8AZ (City outskirts)

www.cardiffblues.com

Cardiff Blues hosts Edinburgh in the first home game of season in the new Cardiff City Stadium, a home Cardiff Blues shares with Cardiff City Football Club. For details of the fixtures for the season, please visit the club website.

9 September 2009

FIFA World Cup 2010 Group 4 Qualifying Round: Wales v Russia

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2043 5851 www.millenniumstadium.com Kick off time to be confirmed

10 September 2009

The Cardiff Castle Collections by Matthew Williams

Education Centre, Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com Talk starts at 6pm

The Castle Collections contain some splendid treasures, some of which have been only recently acquired. This talk will show off some of the gems from this most remarkable building.

11 September 2009

Tim Minchin 'Ready for this?' (Age 16 and over)

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

After a sold out UK tour last Autumn, uberminstrel Tim Minchin lugs his piano back out on the road to give those poor souls who missed out another chance to see his biting and brilliant show. Back from a massive Australian tour, Tim wants to know if you are Ready For This, without really specifying what this is.

12 September 2009

Jane McDonald

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

Presenting a magical evening of Music and laughter, starring Britain's best loved diva, International recording artiste and television star Jane McDonald, together with her fabulous musicians and singers, in this sensational, Smash hit concert. This is definitely an evening not to be missed.

12 September 2009

Victorian Day

Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com Activities starts at 10:00am

You are taken back to the Victorian heyday of Cardiff Castle, when Lord Bute and genius architect, William Burges, walked the grounds planning their neo-Gothic extravaganza. Meet these intriguing characters and eavesdrop on their conversation and talk to the maids and butlers who are part of the household staff. Stroll around the grounds and discover Jack Black, a royal cat catcher, a man on his penny farthing and don't be too surprised to see Queen Victoria herself, accompanied by her Lady-in-Waiting, Lady Charlotte Ponsonby. Victorian parlour games for children, a Magic Lantern show (limited places), croquet on the lawn and brass band music - all-in-all a very civilised day out! FREE entry if you come in costume yourself, plus a prize for the best adult and child's outfit.

12 September – 3 October 2009

Welsh National Opera (WNO) : La traviata 2009

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk

Dates of performances are 12, 14, 18, 29 Sept & 1, 3 Oct – performances are at 7:15pm

A finely crafted and beautifully detailed new staging of Verdi's heartbreaking tragedy. Cast includes Myrto Papantanasu as Violetta and Alfie Boe as Alfredo. WNO's performances have English and Welsh surtitles so it's easy to follow all the action.

14 September 2009

John Edward Seminar

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7pm

John Edwards has captivated audiences worldwide. On his internationally distributed talk shows, Crossing Over with John Edward and John Edward Cross Country, he uses his unique abilities to connect people with loved ones who have passed on. Deeply compelling, often startling and occasionally humorous, John's down-to-earth approach has earned him a vast and loyal following. Please note no alcohol will be served at this event.

15 – 20 September 2009

Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performances are :Tues 7.30pm; Weds & Thurs 2.00pm & 7.30pm; Fri 5.00 & 8.00pm; Sat 2.00pm, 5.00pm & 8.00pm; Sun 2.00pm & 5.00pm

Retelling the Biblical story of Joseph his eleven brothers and the coat of many colours, this magical musical is full of unforgettable songs including Any Dream Will Do, Close Ev'ry Door To Me and One More Angel.

17 September – 4 October 2009

Welsh National Opera (WNO) : Madame Butterfly 2009

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0)8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk

Performance dates and times are 17, 19, 26, 30 Sept 7.15pm & 4 Oct 4pm

A ravishing, classic production of Puccini's moving opera. WNO's performances have English and Welsh surtitles so it's easy to follow all the action.

18 September 2009

The Swiss Ambassador's Award Concert

The Reardon Smith Theatre, National Museum Cardiff, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NP (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.scfb.co.uk Concert starts 7:30pm

The Swiss Ambassador's Award Concert is performed by the Gémeaux Quartett. The Gémeaux Quartett was founded at the Basel Academy of Music in 2003 by four young musicians who were drawn together by their passion for string quartets. Since then the quartet has won many awards at various chamber music competitions, most notably the City of Lucerne's Mozart prize, 1st prize at the Basler Orchestergesellschaft Competition in 2006, 1st prize at the Migros Cultural Society's 2007 chamber music competition and its most recent success, 3rd prize and the public prize at the 57th ARD music competition 2008. For tickets, please call 029 2087 844 (St David's Hall Box office) or book online on www.scfb.co.uk. Tickets include a complimentary sparkling Swiss wine during interval.

21 – 24 September 2009, 18 November 2009

Michael McIntyre

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: + 44(0) 29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

Michael took the comedy world by storm last year selling out shows around the UK including an impressive five nights at London's Hammersmith Apollo. Michael's brilliantly engaging delivery and effortless rapport with the audience have led to him to be hailed, by audiences and critics alike, as the best new stand up to emerge in a decade.

22 – 26 September 2009

Absurd Person Singular

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performance evenings 7.30pm; Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday Matinees 2.30pm

The biggest West End comedy hit of 2008 is coming to take Cardiff by storm as Bill Kenwright's critically acclaimed 'Savagely Funny', 'Seriously Hilarious', and 'Dazzling' production of Alan Ayckbourn's Absurd Person Singular.

25 September 2009

Last Night of the Poms featuring Les Patterson and Dame Edna Everage **Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)**

T: +44(0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

Dame Edna Everage has been one of the most idolised and admired women in show business for many a year. Famed for her catchphrases such as "Hello Possums" and "Call Me Old Fashioned", Dame Edna soon became TV's most loved housewife. Still in 2009 she holds this regard amongst the world's public, and has become the face of leading make-up brand M.A.C. Cosmetics. From sell out world tours to hit TV shows, there is no denying Dame Edna is a natural born star! Sharing the bill with the glamorous Dame Edna Everage is Australia's Number One Cultural Supremo Sir Les Patterson.

25 – 27 September 2009

Entente Florale Awards

City Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3ND (City centre)

The Entente Florale is an international horticultural competition established to recognise municipalities and villages in Europe for excellence in horticultural displays. Trophies are presented annually by tourist boards and horticultural societies of European countries. The award presentation for 2009, will be hosted in Cardiff.



26 – 27 September 2009

Great British Cheese Festival

Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)

Festival Hotline T :+44(0)2920 872 087 www.cardiff-festival.com

Britain's biggest cheese market will continue to dominate the event with over 450 cheeses from across the British Isles but visitors can also enjoy an extraordinary diversity of food and drink in the other markets. These include food from Britain market, local heroes & rare essentials markets, Cook & Book Shop and the Cardiff Arms Inn serving real ale, perry, cider and English wine. Almost certainly ensuring that there will be something to suit everyone's palate at this festival

27 September – 2 October 2009

Welsh National Opera (WNO) : Wozzeck 2009

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk

Performance dates and times are 27 Sept 4pm & 2 Oct 8pm.

The return of this acclaimed production of a 20th century masterpiece. A profoundly affecting theatrical experience. WNO's performances have English and Welsh surtitles so it's easy to follow all the action.

29 September - 3 October 2009

Rain Man

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performances evenings 7.30pm, Thursday Matinee 2.30pm; Saturday Matinee 4.00pm

Neil Morrissey (Men Behaving Badly, Waterloo Road) stars in Dan Gordon's superb stage adaptation of Barry Morrow's 1988 Oscar winning road movie.

30 September 2009

The Best of British Variety Tour 2009

St Davids Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

The Best of British Variety Tour is back for it's second year in 2009 after the huge success of last years inaugural tour. After popular demand Cannon & Ball are back to headline alongside a brand new line up of talent that is Tom O'Connor, Faith Brown, Bucks Fizz, Roger De Courcey and Norman Collier.

1 October 2009

Behind the Scenes at Cardiff Castle by Matthew Williams

Education Centre, Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com Talk starts at 6pm

The cellars and attics of the castle contain a few surprises that are rarely seen by the public. This is a unique chance to learn more about these hidden spaces.

3 October 2009

A Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular - presented by In The Flesh

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 7:30pm

In the Flesh present a spectacular stage presentation of over two and a half hours featuring tracks from Pink Floyd's classic albums from The Piper at the Gates of Dawn through to Meddle, The Dark Side of the Moon, Wish You Were Here, Animals and The Wall. Expect more than a few surprises in this incredible show - this seven piece band have toured to glowing praise for their attention to detail with a hugely impressive sound complimented by saxophones and backing vocalists. Their lighting rig even features the trademark circular projection screen, effects lighting and for the first time ever an array of industrial lasers guaranteed to blow you away! This is an amazing show for all Floyd fans and is not to be missed!

4 October 2009

Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

An extraordinary line-up of Buena Vista Social Club® stalwarts, together in an 11 piece band direct from Havana to present some of the finest Cuban music ever made. This special concert takes audiences on a musical excursion from the original Buena Vista Social Club® recordings in 1996 up to the present day. Each of these artists has an individual take on the gamut of Cuban Music, and they've each put their own stamp on son montunos, danzón, cha cha cha, boleros and Cuban jazz. Having honed their skills over many years, their passion for the music has remains undiminished.

5 – 10 October 2009

Jackie the Musical

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performances are Monday – Thursday 7.30pm; Friday 6.00pm & 9.00pm; Saturday 2.30pm & 7.30pm

It's the 70s and Jackie magazine with its breathless pop news and teen advice is every girl's weekly bible. Jackie magazine comes alive in this brand new musical featuring all your fave 70s pop tunes.

6 October 2009, 20 October 2009

Cliff Richard and the Shadows

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44 (0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk Doors open 6:30pm

In 2009, exactly 50 years later, Cliff and The Shadows will be back on the road – 20 years since they last performed together in concert. Cliff and The Shadows dominated the British popular music scene in the late 50's and early 60's, enjoying both solo and joint success. Between them they achieved no less than 19 No.1 hits. They appeared together in the movies 'Summer Holiday' and 'The Young Ones' from which came million-selling hit singles and albums. 50 years on Cliff Richard, Hank Marvin, Bruce Welch and Brian Bennett take to the stage together for the very last time on this tour. Don't miss it!

6 October 2009

Paolo Nutini

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(00 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Show starts 7:30pm

In 2006 Paolo Nutini exploded onto the music scene with his unique, raw sound. His million selling debut album These Streets established the young Scotsman as a leading light among the new wave of singer-songwriters. If you've seen CSI, Grey's Anatomy or Scrubs then chances are you're already familiar with his music and hits such as Last Request, Jenny Don't be Hasty and Rewind have secured legions of adoring fans on both sides of the Atlantic. Back on tour, he performs tracks from his new album Sunny Side Up. Produced by Paolo Nutini and Ethan Johns (Kings of Leon, Ryan Adams, Ray LaMontagne). Sunny Side Up sees Nutini continuing to mine his arresting brand of soulful modern pop.

7 October 2009

James Roberts: Wardrobe Diaries

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Show starts 8:00pm

Wardrobe Diaries is a brand new show that celebrates acrobatic skill and strength through progressive dance theatre. The show features six chinese poles, two tonnes of jumbled clothing and an international cast of performers. The show is conceived, produced and directed by ex-NoFit State ImMortal performer James Roberts, and supported by NoFit State Circus, Wardrobe Diaries, which is a rich mix of Circus, contemporary dance and some good old fashioned imagination.

7 – 10 October 2009

Iris Prize Festival

Various venues (City Centre) www.irisprize.org www.thefestivalscompany.co.uk

Founded by The Festivals Company the Iris Prize Festival returns to Cardiff for its third year and will showcase the best new gay and lesbian film talent from around the world and will include screenings, masterclasses, parties and the now legendary closing night awards show.

Submissions will open to compete for the Iris Prize - Cardiff's International Gay and Lesbian Short Film Prize in January 2009. To compete for the world's largest prize for a gay and lesbian short film in the world - valued at £25,000

8 October 2009

Michael Ball

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T:+44(0) 29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

Michael Ball, Britain's leading musical theatre star, multi-platinum recording artist, TV and radio presenter and Olivier Award winner celebrates an outstanding 25 years in music To celebrate this auspicious anniversary, Michael will play a series of concert dates in September and October. The tour kicks off on in September at the New Theatre in Oxford before rolling out through England, Scotland and arriving in Cardiff on 8 October 2009.

8 October 2009

An Evening with Joan Baez

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

The most accomplished interpretive folksinger of the 1960s, Joan Baez has influenced nearly every aspect of popular music in a career still going strong. Baez is possessed of a once-in-a-lifetime soprano, which, since the late '50s, she has put in the service of folk and pop music as well as a variety of political causes.

9 October 2009

Mariinsky Opera Gala with Bryn Terfel

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts at 7:15pm

Bryn Terfel joins Maestro Gergiev and the Mariinsky Opera for a Gala evening. A concert performance of the final act of Wagner's Walküre - including the iconic Ride of the Valkyries and Wotan's powerfully moving 'Farewell' - follows an array of operatic favourites.

9 – 11 October 2009

Tom Jones

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44 (0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk Doors open at 6:30pm

Tom is a living legend who has befriended, collaborated and hung out with practically every key character in the music and showbiz worlds; he has the rare ability to cut across generations and genres, appealing to young and old, mainstream and cutting edge alike. One of the great performers of both the 20th and 21st centuries, he's widely recognized as one of the godfathers of modern soul, a man without whom the likes of Amy Winehouse and Mark Ronson, Joss Stone and Duffy would never have existed.

10 October 2009

Mariinsky: The Nutcracker & Iolanta

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts at 7:15pm

The enduringly popular Nutcracker and Iolanta are two of Tchaikovsky's most uplifting stage works, originally conceived by the composer as an evening double bill. This concert echoes their world premières at the Mariinsky Theatre in 1892.

11 October 2009

Mariinsky: Verdi's Requiem with Bryn Terfel

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts at 5:00pm

The celebrations close with Gergiev and the Mariinsky Chorus and Orchestra joined by Terfel once more, for a performance of one of the great icons of Western classical music - Verdi's Requiem. Few choral works have captured the public imagination in the way this work has, promising a dazzling afternoon.

12 October 2009

Alun Cochrane is Daydreaming (at night)

St Davids Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 8:00pm

Alun has appeared on a range of TV and radio shows including BBC Two's Never Mind The Buzzcocks, BBC One's Have I Got News For You and Mock The Week, Channel 4's 8 Out Of 10 Cats and Radio 4's Just A Minute as well as various stand-up spots on the Paramount Comedy Channel.

13 – 17 October 2009

Never Forget

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk

Performances are Tue - Wed 7.30pm, Sat 2.30pm, Thu & Sat 7.30pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm

Having hosted the world première of Never Forget in the summer of 2007, Wales Millennium Centre is delighted to welcome back this spectacular musical direct from its acclaimed West End run.

29 September 2009 - 12 May 2010

Orchestral Concert Series

St Davids Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

St David's Hall with its excellent acoustic is home to two great seasons of classical music concerts each year. An orchestral concert is a unique experience. When a conductor, soloist and eighty players come together, it is often a one-off event, heard once, twice or three times at the most, creating a wonderful sense of occasion and electricity. The 2009/2010 Orchestral Concert Series will be host to the Hallé, Philharmonia Orchestra, Orchestra of Welsh National Opera, Moscow State Symphony Orchestra and Academy of St Martin in the Fields in a series that will undoubtedly be one to remember, packed with uplifting, unique and unmissable music.

13 – 17 October 2009

The Pitmen Painters

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performances are evenings 7.30pm; Thursday & Saturday Matinees 2.30pm

Written by Lee Hall (Billy Elliot) this critically acclaimed smash-hit comes to the Cardiff following sell-out seasons at Live Theatre, Newcastle and the National Theatre, London. In 1934, a group of Ashington miners hired a professor to teach an art appreciation evening class. Rapidly abandoning theory in favour of practice, the pitmen began to paint. Within a few years the most avant-garde artists became their friends and their work was acquired by prestigious collections; but every day they worked, as before, down the mine.

16 October 2009

The Nolan Sisters: In The Mood Again Tour

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

Long before the Spice Girls, Bananarama, Girls Aloud or the Sugababes another girl band rocked the UK and international charts with their infectious pop music that really put us in the Mood for Dancing. The tour is predicted to be a huge success with a mix of the biggest feel good girl group anthems, the Nolan's biggest hits and fabulous stage routines featuring Coleen, Bernie, Linda and Maureen accompanied by some rather gorgeous male dancers making the extravaganza an evening to remember attracting new fans as well as die hard supporters of the Nolan Sisters.

17 October 2009

Russell Kane (Age 16 and overs)

Sherman Cymru, Senghennydd Road, Cardiff CF24 4YE (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2064 6900 www.shermancymru.co.uk Show starts at 8:00pm

Fresh from his sell-out 2009 tour 'Gaping Flaws' and one month residency at the prestigious Melbourne comedy festival, Russell returns with his highly anticipated new show.

18 October 2009

Cardiff Half Marathon

Across the city of Cardiff www.cardiffmarathon.org

The Cardiff Half Marathon is a Barnardo's Cymru led event in partnership with Cardiff County Council and the South Wales Echo. The event welcomes runners from all over the UK, which shows that it is fast becoming known in the running calendar. Fund raised benefit charities, good causes and communities across the spectrum.

20 – 24 October 2009

Orbit Theatre: The Producers

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatreCardiff.co.uk

Performances are evenings 7.30pm, Thursday & Saturday Matinees 2.30pm

From the mind of comedy genius Mel Brooks, it's the crazy story of Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom, a pair of Broadway producers seeking to con their investors by staging a show so terrible that it closes on the opening night. Full of larger-than-life characters, hysterical situations and a jaw-dropping Springtime for Hitler sequence that has to be seen to be believed, you're guaranteed a rib-tickling visit to the New Theatre.

21 October 2009

The Proclaimers plus Support

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T:+44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallCardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

2007 saw The Proclaimers play their biggest ever UK tour and collaborate for Comic Relief with Peter Kay and their number one fan Matt Lucas, to top the charts with their classic anthem 'I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)'. 2009 sees the twins and band back on the road following the June release for their new album 'Notes & Rhymes' (W14/Universal).

21 – 24 October 2009

Cape Town Opera : World Premiere Gershwin's Porgy & Bess

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk

Performance dates and times are Wed - Sat 7.30pm & Sat 2pm, Thu 2pm

Opera in three acts by George Gershwin, DuBose and Dorothy Heyward and Ira Gershwin. A rare chance to see George Gershwin's universally loved 'people's opera', Porgy & Bess, which has emerged as one of the great icons of American music theatre of the last century.

22 October 2009

Simon Amstell - Do Nothing

St Davids Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH 9 (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallCardiff.co.uk Show starts 8:00pm

Former C4 Popworld presenter, host of The Morning After Show and Mardi Gras comedy competition finalist. Currently presenting BBC2's Never Mind The Buzzcocks.

22 – 25 October 2009

Rally of Great Britain

Various venue www.walesrallygb.com

The FIA World Rally Championship is a rallying series organised by the FIA, culminating with a Champion Driver and a Champion Manufacturer at the end of the season. Widely regarded as the most challenging motor sport competition on the planet, drivers travel around the globe, battling it out on some of the most unforgiving terrains and enduring extreme weather conditions, to be crowned the world's greatest driver.

23 October 2009

Paul Potts

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44 (0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk Doors open at 6:30pm

Britain's Got Talent winner Paul Potts has spent most of his life feeling 'insignificant'. Bullied at school for being 'different', he realised growing up that he had one true friend and that was his voice. Singing was his escape. But it was also a gift that was destined to go largely undiscovered, due to a crushing lack of self-confidence that has dogged this hard working and humble man throughout his 36 years. More than 13 million viewers tuned in to see Paul win the final of Britain's Got Talent.

23 October 2009

Alesha Dixon

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

Along with her phenomenal UK support, Alesha is one of a few UK artists also enjoying international success with 'The Boy Does Nothing': sitting in the continent's Top 10 airplay for 4 months; hitting the Top 5 iTunes charts and debuting straight in at No.2 on the French charts this week.

26 October 2009

Gary Moore

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

Gary Moore is acknowledged as one of the finest guitarists that the British Isles has ever produced. In a career that dates back to the sixties Moore has graced the line-ups of several notable rock bands including Thin Lizzy, Colosseum II and Skid Row, to name but three, and to this day maintains a highly successful solo career.

27 – 31 October 2009

The BFG (Suggested age is 6 and over)

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performances are Tuesday 7.00pm; Wednesday - Friday 1.30pm & 7.00pm; Saturday 11.00am, 2.30pm & 6.00pm

The BFG is classic Dahl and this brand new stage show promises to mix up heart-pounding adventures with life-long friendships, jumbly words and even some whizzpopping in front of the Queen - it's perfect half-term fun for chiddlers!

27 – 31 October 2009

New Adventures presents Matthew Bourne's Dorian Gray (Suitable for ages 14 and over)

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk

Performances - Tue, Wed, Thu, Sat 7.30pm & Fri 9pm and Fri 5.30pm & Sat 2.30pm.

Following the success of Edward Scissorhands, The Car Man and Nutcracker! New Adventures returns to transform Oscar Wilde's gothic fable into a darkly seductive dance theatre event from master storyteller Matthew Bourne. Set in the image-obsessed world of contemporary art and politics, this 'black fairytale' tells the story of an exceptionally alluring young man who makes a pact with the devil. Free post-show talk 28 Oct.

29 October 2009

The History and Restoration of Bute Park by Rosie James.

Education Centre, Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)

Tel: 029 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com Talk starts at 6pm

Bute Park once contained a Tan Yard, a Copper Works and a medieval Friary. Rosie James' fascinating insight into the Park's history also gives us a glimpse of its future.

30 – 31 October 2009

Hallowe'en at the Castle

Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com Tours start at 6pm

For the first time ever, the Castle lowers the drawbridge to invite the ghouls and ghosts into the Castle grounds. Spooky tours and tales, strange noises and mysterious figures will inhabit the Castle's secret tunnels and battlement walkways...take a tour if you dare. Tours must be booked in advance. Family tickets £20 (2 adults + 2 Children) and £23 (2 adults + 3 children). Please dress suitably, as elements of the event are outdoors. Parental guidance advised for younger children.

31 October 2009

Sparks in the Park – Bonfire Night

Bute Park, Cardiff (City centre)

Sparks in the Park, organised by the Cardiff Round Table, is the biggest fireworks display in Wales. Details of this event will be announced later.

1 November 2009

Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts 7.30pm

For more than 30 years, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has combined the intricate rhythms and harmonies of their native South African musical traditions with the sounds and sentiments of Christian gospel music to unrivalled acclaim. As part of the 5th Birthday celebrations at Wales Millennium Centre, the centre invites you to enjoy a thoroughly uplifting night of vocal magic with these amazing singers.

1 November 2009

The Specials

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

The Specials continue their 30th Anniversary celebrations with the announcement of the final dates of their tour. The band kick-off another set of shows on 1st November in Cardiff and continue around the country for the month. Their earlier dates in April and May of this year sold out in record time, and received spectacular reactions and reviews. With The Daily Telegraph praising 'one of the greatest live bands this country has ever produced'

1 November 2009

Banxy

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0)8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Show starts 7:00pm

No... it's not THAT one. But equally cool. Swindon boy Banxy presents new solo piece Ikky Wakk, which will form part of a triple bill of touring work alongside Kno Love Productions' Cool Rules and a brand new two-hander performed by Banxy and Curtis James of Kno Love. Three knock-out, individual Hip Hop theatre performances in one evening!

2 – 4 November 2009

Spymonkey: Moby Dick

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0)8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Show starts 8:00pm

Spymonkey's award-winning brand of comedy is a 21st Century mix of Fawlty Towers, Marx Brothers and Mel Brooks, overflowing with brilliant characters, visual humour, slapstick comedy and outrageous naughtiness. Four whalers find themselves trapped in the belly of a whale. As they ponder the irony of their fate they recount the story of Moby Dick, sparkling with their own fantastical flourishes. The novel's epic examination of good, evil, fate and obsession is lost on them. And then, mysteriously, found on them again. Don't miss this - it's too funny.

3 – 4 November 2009

Diversions, Dance Company of Wales

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performances - Tue 3 Nov 7.30pm & Wed 4 Nov 1pm.

To celebrate the 5th anniversary of the opening of Wales Millennium Centre, Wales' National Dance Company and Centre resident, Diversions returns to present a stunning triple bill of groundbreaking international choreography. Free post-show talk 3 Nov with Ann Sholem (Artistic Director).

3 – 7 November 2009

Porridge

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performances evenings 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat Matinees 2.30pm

After successfully bringing Dad's Army to the New in 2007, Calibre Productions return with a real 'coup de theatre' - the first ever professional stage adaptation of the BBC's hit comedy Porridge.

4 November 2009

Beverley Knight

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 7:30pm

Heavily influenced by soul greats such as Sam Cooke and Aretha Franklin, Beverley has released five studio albums to date. Widely labelled as one of Britain's greatest soul singers Beverley is best known for her hit singles "Greatest Day", "Get Up!", "Shoulda Woulda Coulda" and "Come As You Are". After receiving a host of awards, including three MOBO Awards, she was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004 at the Urban Music Awards in London. In addition to that, her contributions to the music industry and her work with various charities, earned her an MBE from Queen Elizabeth II in 2007.

5 November 2009

Grumpy Old Women : Chin Up Britain

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts 8:00pm

The Grumpies Fight Back - Yes they're back and they're grumpier than ever! A brand spanking new show from three of Britain's Top Grumps, including: Jenny 'the spleen burster' Éclair - the original grump and star of many grumpy shows including the West End run and the tour of Australia.

6 November 2009, 19 - 20 November 2009

Eddie Izzard (Suitable for 15 and over)

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

Eddie recently broke box office records selling out a five week residency in London's West End in less than forty-eight hours. STRIPPED which came hot on the heels of his American sell-out tour across 34 US cities - including three nights at New York's legendary Radio City Music Hall – was indisputably the hottest tickets of 2008 on both sides of The Atlantic. Now Eddie, the man who turned talking bollocks into an art form has announced he will tour the UK with STRIPPED. This will be Eddie's first UK tour in six years.

7 November 2009

2 Faced Dance: Still Breathing

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0)8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Show starts 8:00pm

Following on from Autumn 08's sell-out UK tour of State of Matter, 2FaCeD DaNcE return with a new work which taking their unique fusion of break, street and contemporary dance to a new level. Still Breathing is an exploration of the space we occupy in a world that is ever decreasing. An hour of highly-charged physical dance from award winning choreographer Tamsin Fitzgerald.

7 November 2009

2009 Invesco Perpetual Series: Wales v New Zealand

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

This is the first match to be played at Millennium Stadium

Kick off at 7:15pm

9 November 2009

Bryn Terfel : Bad Boys

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Performance at 7:30pm

A devilish selection of arias from the greatest villains in the worlds of opera and musicals. Accompanied by full orchestra and choir, from Scarpia (Tosca) to Méphistofélès (Faust), Iago (Otello) to Sporting Life (Porgy and Bess), no other baritone today brings to life these sinister roles so compellingly on the concert platform. Sinfonia Cymru Orchestra Gareth Jones conductor. Bryn Terfel's new album Bad Boys to be released on Deutsche Grammophon, Autumn 2009.

10 – 11 November 2009

Mark Morris Dance Group

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts at 7:30pm

An influential and internationally-celebrated choreographer, Mark Morris has become the benchmark of creativity for a new generation of dancers, choreographers and critics. Described by the Washington Post as America's "Mozart of Modern Dance" Morris has changed the way audiences see contemporary dance by animating his profound and sophisticated love of music through movement. As part of the Mark Morris Dance Group's 25th Anniversary Celebrations, the master of American contemporary dance returns to the UK with a selection of sensational pieces from his extensive repertoire. Free post-show talk 10 Nov.

11 November 2009

Vampires Rock

St Davids Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 7:30pm

Following on from the phenomenal success of the 2008 tour, Toyah Willcox will once again join the cast of Vampires Rock for the 2009 tour! Hailed by some of Rock's royalty including Brian May 'Queen' Paul Crook 'Meat Loaf' and Eddie Ojeda 'Twisted Sister' Vampires Rock is a show like no other. With a twist of rock and a hint of comedy, and jam packed with the greatest anthems you know and love, you're guaranteed to be on your feet! With a massive fan base and sales well over a million, Vampires Rock is theatre's best kept secret, that's about to explode the World over.

13 November 2009

Howard Jones with special guests The Morriston Orpheus Choir

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 7:30pm

80's icon Howard Jones returns to his Cardiff roots in a one off spectacular. The show will feature a live premiere of the new 'Ordinary Heroes' album, performed in its entirety by the artists featured in the studio recording, including a string quartet and the Morriston Orpheus Choir.

13 – 24 November 2009

Best of Wales Craftsmarkets

St Johns Street, Cardiff

Details to be announced at a later date.

13 November 2009

2009 Invesco Perpetual Series : Wales v Samoa

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

This is the second match to be played at Millennium Stadium

Kick off 7:30pm

15 November 2009

Welsh National Opera (WNO) Ode to Joy

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts at 6:00pm

Join Welsh National Opera as they celebrate five wonderful years in their home Wales Millennium Centre. A performance of Beethoven's joyful, rapturous symphony is the perfect way to toast past achievements and look forward to the future. The world-class Chorus and Orchestra of Welsh National Opera take the stage with a line-up of Welsh soloists conducted by Music Director Lothar Koenigs. They will also be joined by a specially formed community choir.

17 November 2009

Jimmy Carr - Rapier Wit

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Show starts at 8:00pm

A heady mix of artistic integrity, loyalty and avarice has put Jimmy back on the road. A 'rapier' is the long sword of a gentleman. 'Rapier wit' is defined as clever, quick, intelligent humour. Please note, Jimmy Carr doesn't have 'the long sword of a gentleman' and even if you like him, 'clever, quick and intelligent' is a bit of a stretch.

17 – 21 November 2009

Horrible Histories

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Frightful First World War performances are

Wednesday 1.30pm, Thursday 7.00pm, Saturday 7.00pm

Woeful Second World War performances are

Tuesday 7.00pm, Wednesday 7.00pm, Thursday 10.30am, Friday 10.30am & 7.00pm, Saturday 2.00pm

Using actors and amazing 3D special effects, these two astounding shows – Frightful First World War and Woeful Second World War - are guaranteed to thrill you and your children. Historical figures and events will come alive on stage and hover at your fingertips. Written by Terry Deary – the world's best selling non-fiction writer for children – this ground-breaking theatrical presentation will leave you gasping!

19 Nov 2009 – 3 Jan 2010

Bmibaby Cardiff Winter Wonderland

Cardiff city centre

bmibaby Cardiff Winter Wonderland is one of many elements of Christmas festivities in Cardiff, which include the Christmas Lights Switch On, Cardiff's Calennig New Year's Eve celebrations (with free live music stage, the Admiral family fire-show, and free buses); fabulous Christmas shopping opportunities in the city with extra Park & Ride facilities and much, much more.

19 November 2009

The Stylistics

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 7:30pm

With instantly recognisable hits such as 'Stop, Look, Listen to your Heart', 'You Are Everything' and 'Betcha By Golly Wow', The Stylistics are one of the most iconic groups in soul history. The group still features two of the original members (Herbert Murrell and Airrion Love) and is fronted by the brilliant Harold 'Eban' Brown, former singer with Wilbur Hart's Delfonics.

21 November 2009

2009 Invesco Perpetual Series: Wales v Argentina

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

This is the third match to be played at Millennium Stadium.

Kick off 2:30pm

21 November 2009

Christmas in the Bay

Various venues in the bay

With a traditional, festive atmosphere Cardiff Bay offers something for everyone this winter. Why not wrap up warm and take in the views of Cardiff's skyline as you walk across the Barrage, or visit the Inner Harbour where the choice of festive treats is endless. More details to be announced later.

22 November 2009

Kasabian

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

In what will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of 2009, Kasabian announce a 10-date UK Arena Tour in November to bring their phenomenal year to a spectacular close. Kasabian - Serge Pizzorno (Songwriter, Guitar, Vocals), Tom Meighan (Vocals), Chris Edwards (Bass) and Ian Matthews (Drums) release their epic new single 'Where Did All The Love Go?' August 10th - the follow-up to their No.3 single 'Fire', which has sold over 80,000 copies. Don't miss Kasabian in Cardiff this November.

22 November 2009

The Three Phantoms

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 7:30pm

This is show starring John Owen Jones, Scott Davies, Peter Karrie, in aid of The Llandaff Organ Appeal. Three artists who have starred as The Phantom in the West End join forces for a night of showstoppers – solos, duets and trio selections from Phantom of The Opera, Les Miserables and popular West End and Broadway shows.

21 November 2009

Lesley Garrett Christmas Gala Concert with the Manchester Camerata

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

Lesley Garrett is Britain's most popular soprano. She returns to St David's Hall for an evening of music for Christmas and the New Year, with favourite carols, seasonal songs and music by Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi, Puccini, John Rutter and Karl Jenkins.

22 November 2009

Al Murray's The Pub Landlord's Beautiful British Tour

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Show starts at 8:00pm

Following the five star success of his sell-out spring UK tour, including two nights at London's O2 Arena - Al Murray The Pub Landlord has extended time at the bar; adding new dates in autumn 2009 across the country.

24 – 28 November 2009

Kes

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: + 44 (0)29 2087 8889 www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Performances, evenings 7.30pm, Thursday & Saturday Matinees 2.30pm

Marking 40 years since the acclaimed novel became a classic of British cinema, this new production brings Barry Hines' haunting story of adolescence back to the stage.

25 November 2009

James Morrison

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

James Morrison, who won a Brit Award in 2007 for Best British Male has just unveiled a tour of the biggest UK venues he's ever played. The Arena tour will start in Cardiff. The new dates follow a very successful eight months for James that has seen him sell out two UK tours, one including the Albert Hall and has now sold over a million copies of his latest album 'Songs For You, Truths For Me' worldwide.

25 November 2009

The Lady Boys of Bangkok

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 7:30pm

Following its outstanding success in 2008 this fantastic Party Night returns with a brand new production. In the 10 years this show has toured the UK over 1 million people have seen the show and come back time after time. It's a night not to miss.

26 November 2009

An Evening with Jack Jones

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 7:30pm

Jack Jones is the double Grammy-winning easy listening giant nominated by Frank Sinatra as "one of the major singers of our time." His consistently sold-out world tours and fifty recorded albums are a testimony to the breadth and quality of his remarkable talent. His swinging renditions of contemporary pop and rock, as well as classic standards have packed out UK tour dates time and time again, with Jones charming audiences with his wit, sensitivity and vocal power. With the music industry witnessing a new golden era of stars from the easy listening tradition, Jones' 2009 tour is set to be a giant success.

27 – 29 November 2009

Lord of Dance

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44 (0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk Doors open at 6:30pm

Based on Irish folklore, a tale of good versus evil, expressed through dance, this show has catapulted the Irish dance to new dimension and world wide acclaim. Since its premiere in 1996, the show has broken records world wide and it is the biggest grossing tour in the history of entertainment.

28 November 2009

2009 Invesco Perpetual Series : Wales v Australia

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

This is the fourth match to be played at Millennium Stadium.

Kick off 5:15pm

28 November 2009

Independent Ballet Wales : How Green is my Valley

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0)8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts 8:00pm

Critics Circle Award winning company Independent Ballet Wales present a breathtaking version of one of Wales' best known stories. Based on the bestselling novel by Richard Llewellyn - an Oscar winning film and an authentic BBC Wales television series - this outstanding new production features choreography from Creative Wales Award winner Darius James and some of the best young dancers in Europe.

28 November 2009

Alison Moyet

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Event starts at 7:30pm

Alison is an outstanding singer whose career has stretched from Yazoo in 1982, through the multi-million selling solo hits from Alf, to the critically-acclaimed albums of Hometown, Voice and The Turn. The breadth of her range is truly remarkable – from electropop, to soaring ballads to sumptuous jazz - she has always delivered amazing performances.

WINTER 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

1 December 2009

An Audience with Sally Morgan

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Event starts at 7:30pm

Sally's psychic power has been with her since she was nine months old and now is rated as one of the world's top mediums. Her reputation has been built from her close relationship with many high profile celebrities. Early booking is advisable.

2 December 2009

The Bootleg Beatles

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 8:00pm

Re-live the sights and sounds of sixties as the world's premier Beatle band returns to.....with their spectacular two hour multi-media stage production featuring all the classic Beatle hits.

2 December 2009

Will Young

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

Following his hugely successful 2008 sell out tour and highly acclaimed summer festival appearances, Will is ready to astound audiences across the country once more. Will, the only male solo artist of the noughties to have 4 consecutive platinum studio albums in the UK, will be performing the favourites from his very enviable catalogue and no doubt also spring some surprises along the way.

4 December 2009

Status Quo

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44 (0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk Doors open at 6:30pm

Live Nation is proud to announce that Britain's best-loved rockers Status Quo will follow-up the enormous success of last year's "Pictures: 40 Years Of Hits" album with a 31 date UK Winter tour.

4 - 5 December 2009

Welsh Indoor Rowing Championships

Channel View Leisure Centre, Jim Driscoll Way, Grangetown, Cardiff CF11 7JA (Bay)

www.adventurecardiff.com

Two days of exhilarating action with adults and juniors competing in a series of individual and group races. World Records have been broken over the past two years making this is an exciting, dynamic and record breaking spectator event. Schools will be competing on 4 December and juniors and adults on 5 December. FREE for spectators.

4 December 2009, 11 December 2009

Christmas in the Bay

Various venues in the bay

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6 – 8 December 2009, 12 – 15 December 2009

Victorian Christmas Tours

Cardiff Castle, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB (City centre)

T :+44(0)29 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com

The year finishes with our much-loved Victorian tours which invoke the very essence of Christmas. The Castle apartments are beautifully decorated and our Victorian housekeeping staff will explain how the Bute household prepared for Christmas. Carols in the library with mulled wine and mince pies (or soft drinks) are the perfect end to this atmospheric evening, although, there is one more guest to meet as Santa waits under the Christmas tree to give presents and have photographs taken with the children. A great family event and guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit.

11 December 2009

Lily Allen

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44 (0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk Doors open at 6:30pm

Having recently returned to UK soil after a sell-out US tour, Lily Allen wasted no time in announcing a full UK tour in November and now, due to overwhelming public demand, she has extended the tour and added four extra for December. Don't miss Lily Allen when she calls into Cardiff.

11 December 2009 - 16 January 2010

Les Misérables (Ages 8 and over)

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk

Performance times are Mon - Sat 7.30pm, Thu & Sat 2.30pm. No performances Christmas Day. No eve performance 24 / 31 Dec. No matinee performance 12 / 17 Dec. Additional matinees: Wed 23 / Mon 28 / Wed 30 Dec

Cameron Mackintosh is delighted to announce that a new 25th Anniversary Production of the World's Longest Running Musical Les Misérables will embark on a major International Tour opening here at Wales Millennium Centre on 11 December 2009

12 December – 24 January 2010

Robin Hood

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8889 www.newtheatreCardiff.co.uk Various performances

John Barrowman is back for 2009! Following his record-breaking run in our 2006-07 pantomime, the New Theatre is delighted to announce the return of the Torchwood and Doctor Who star in the spectacular show for all the family, Robin Hood. Join John as Robin along with his Merry Men as they battle the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham in the pantomime that's packed with comedy, music, excitement and plenty of surprises.

16 December 2009

Paul Carrack

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallCardiff.co.uk Show starts at 8:00pm

Former Mike & The Mechanics frontman and Squeeze member and the voice behind world-wide hits such as Ace's 'How Long', Squeeze's 'Tempted' and timeless classic 'The Living Years', who has a reputation as a stunning live performer.

17 December 2009

Abba The Show

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44 (0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

ABBA – The Show follows the ABBA story from their Eurovision beginnings all the way to major chart success. It is performed by Sweden's Waterloo, a world renowned group who bring Abba to life, together with The National Symphony Orchestra of London conducted by Matthew Freeman.

18 December 2009

UB40

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44 (0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk Doors open at 6:30pm

UB40's live concerts have earned them a reputation as one of the best live bands in the world. The Birmingham based reggae legends, representative of a diverse and multicultural Britain, have sold more than 70 million records during their esteemed musical career, having achieved a remarkable tally of no fewer than 54 UK hit singles, including 17 UK Top 10 hits and an impressive three worldwide No 1's. In addition, UB40 are one of the few British bands to have broken the notoriously difficult U.S. market.

18 – 24 December 2009

The Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia: The Nutcracker

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

Performances are at various times. Please check with the venue.

In a magical production, this most famous of fantasy ballets begins as night falls on a traditional fireside scene on Christmas Eve. On the stroke of midnight we are transported to an enchanting world where nothing is as it seems, as toy dolls come to life and an army of soldiers does battle with a gang of mice and a Nutcracker is transformed into a handsome prince.

20 December 2009

Jools Holland & his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44 (0)29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk Doors open at 6:30pm

The Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra experience has become synonymous with the ultimate party atmosphere, and over the past years has seen Jools Holland perform to a staggering 4 million people, with the show becoming an annual must see event for fans around the country. Whether celebrating New Year, or literally any day of the week, Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra put on a show that you'll want to experience again and again

27 December – 2 January 2010

The Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia: Sleeping Beauty

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

Performances are at various times. Please check with the venue.

Every child's favourite fairy tale, this is the classic story of love and innocence, mystery and magic set to Tchaikovsky's sublime score. Stunning choreography, sumptuous costumes and wonderful sets form the fantasy world in which the Lilac Fairy struggles against the evil Carabosse.

31 December 2009 – 1 January 2010

Calennig – Cardiff's New Year Celebrations

Cardiff city centre

Cardiff Festival Office T: +44(0)29 20872087 E: events@cardiff.gov.uk www.cardiff-festival.com

Details to be announced later

14 January 2010

Beyond The Barricade

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

More information to be announced later

23 January 2010

For Those about to Rock - Live/Wire AC/DC and Limehouse Lizzy

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 8:00pm

Live/Wire - The AC/DC show with a big difference! Both the Bon Scott & Brian Johnson eras of the band are included - with two very individual singers in the same explosive performance! The band bring the full size DC show to the fans - complete with the cannons, the walkways, the backdrops and the drapes.

27 January 2010

TNA Wrestling's "Maximum iMPACT!"

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

After TNA Wrestling's biggest UK Arena Tour in January this year, the talent are back again with "Maximum iMPACT!" January 2010 tour, which is set to be bigger and better with six brand new dates across the UK. In January 2009, "The Olympic Gold Medallist" Kurt Angle, "King of the Mountain" Jeff Jarrett, Mick Foley, "The Samoan Submission Machine" Samoa Joe, "The Phenomenal" AJ Styles and many more returned to the UK and treated fans to some phenomenal bouts in some of the biggest arenas including the Manchester Evening News Arena and London Wembley Arena.

28 January 2010

John Bishop: Elvis Has Left The Building

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0)29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts 8:00pm

The multi-award winning comedian and star of For One Night Only, Michael McIntyre's Roadshow, Skins, The Late, Late Late and 8 out of 10 Cats performs his exciting and hilarious show that will have audiences begging for more.

13 February 2010

RBS Six Nations: Wales v Scotland

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

Kick off 2:00pm

13 – 20 February 2010

Welsh National Opera (WNO) :The Abduction from the Seraglio (Mozart)

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance is at 7:15pm

The Abduction from the Seraglio is one of Mozart's wittiest and most delightful creations. The joyous overture suggests a boisterous sense of fun, which is carried right through to the final curtain with stratospheric arias and blissful ensembles along the way. James Robinson's stylish production is irresistibly entertaining, setting the opera on the Orient Express of the 1920s en route from Paris to Istanbul. The Abduction from the Seraglio is sung in German with an electronic surtitles screen above the stage carrying a translation in English and Welsh.

16 February 2010

Stephen K Amos - The Feel Good Factor

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 8:00pm

Stephen K Amos comes to the Cardiff with a brand new show for 2010. It's full to bursting with more fun, warmth, bonhomie and love than ever before. Forget the credit crunch and welcome to The Feelgood Factor!

19 February 2010

JLS

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

JLS: Oritsé, JB, Aston, and Marvin are the most successful group of all time to enter The X Factor; the most popular show on British TV. From the outset it was clear that JLS were not usual X Factor fodder. They took their X Factor path one step at a time, from auditions to boot camp to the judges' houses right up to the live show knock-out rounds and eventually the final. It became similarly clear to everyone around JLS that they weren't in this for the short haul.

17 February – 5 March 2010

Welsh National Opera (WNO) : Tosca (Puccini)

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk

Performance dates and times are Wed 17 & Fri 26 February, Wed 3 & Fri 5 March at 7:15pm and 4pm on Sun 21 Feb.

Tosca has become one of the best loved of all operas. The combination of its fast paced plot, high tension and the poignancy of the great arias "Vissi d'arte" and "E lucevan le stelle" ensure that Tosca never fails to enthrall. Cast includes Elisabete Matos as Floria Tosca, Geraint Dodd as Cavaradossi, Robert Hayward as Scarpia. Sung in Italian with surtitles in English and Welsh.

25 February 2010

Lee Mack Going Out

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 8:00pm

Critically acclaimed BAFTA-winning comedian Lee Mack returns to the live stage with a hotly anticipated new show. Lee is best known to BBC One viewers as the star of multi-award winning Not Going Out and as team captain on Would I Lie To You?

27 February – 6 March 2010

Welsh National Opera (WNO) : Carmen (Bizet)

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T: +44(0) 8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk

Performance dates are Saturday 27 February Tuesday 2, Thursday 4 & Saturday 6 March at 7:15pm

Bizet's most famous creation is full to the brim with instantly recognizable music and paints a mesmerizing picture of a Spain teeming with fascinating characters. Carmen herself is one of the most charismatic and hard to resist characters in opera. For a century and a half audiences the world over have fallen in love with her. Moshe Leiser's production distils Bizet's masterpiece right down to its essence. Sung in French with surtitles in English.

26 February 2010

RBS Six Nations: Wales v France

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

Kick off 8:00pm

11 March 2010

Dave Gorman's Sit Down, Pedal, Pedal, Stop and Stand Up Tour

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 8:00pm

With a distinctive style of storytelling, Dave has emerged as one of the most unique, original and exciting comedy minds that the UK has produced. Not only is he one of the biggest contemporary comedians and sharpest raconteurs but he is also a hugely successful author.

15 March 2010

Katherine Jenkins

Cardiff International Arena, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff CF10 2EQ (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2022 4488 www.livenation.co.uk

Britain's favourite singer and the world's most successful classical crossover artist, the Welsh Mezzo Soprano Katherine Jenkins, today announces a major 11 date UK arena starting March 2010. Over the past six years, Katherine has defined the ever popular 'crossover' genre. With Marilyn Monroe style glamour, she has the business savvy of an opera Madonna and the humility and compassion that have made her everyone's favourite girl next door.

20 March 2010

RBS Six Nations: Wales v Italy

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

Kick off 2:30pm

2 April 2010

Joan Armatrading

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk Show starts at 8:00pm

Joan Armatrading's rich, distinctive voice, and passionate yet tender blend of soul, folk and world music have earned her a place in British music history.

19 June – 3 July 2010

Welsh National Opera (WNO) : Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

T:+44(0)8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts at 4:00pm

Performance dates are Saturday 19, Wednesday 23, Saturday 26, Tuesday 29 June, Saturday 3 July

Twenty-four hours in the life of a city. A meditation on the transformative power of art. A comedy. A celebration of young love. Wagner's monumental Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg is all this and everything else besides. Any production of this opera is a major event - in WNO's new production Bryn Terfel makes his role debut as Hans Sachs, the shoemaker and poet who is at its very heart.

25 June – 2 July 2010

Welsh National Opera (WNO) : Rigoletto (Verdi)

Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL (Bay)

Tel: +44(0)8700 402000 www.wmc.org.uk Performance starts at 7:15pm

Performance dates are Friday 25, Monday 28 June & Friday 2 July.

Rigoletto is one of Verdi's most powerful and direct operas but also contains some of his most appealing and memorable music. James Macdonald's vividly realised production sets Verdi's thriller in 1960s Washington DC, creating a tense and compelling evening at the theatre. Sung in Italian with surtitles in English and Welsh.

10 July 2010

FIM British Speedway Grand Prix 2010

Millennium Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS (City centre)

T: +44(0) 871 230 7155 www.millenniumstadium.com

British Speedway is the toughest speedway leagues in the world involving the very best riders from around the globe. Each team consists of seven riders and they clash over a series of 15 races. Speedway bikes are powered by 500cc single cylinder engines, used fixed gears and they have the acceleration to match Formula 1 cars. Catch this exciting race as it pulls into Cardiff. It is two and a half hours of guaranteed thrills, spills and all round entertainment under the floodlights of the world-class Millennium Stadium. Alongside the sporting action, is live music and a spectacular world championship firework display.

22 – 31 July 2010

Welsh Proms 2010

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

This year, the much loved Lloyds TSB Welsh Proms Cardiff celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Being one of the focal points in the city's cultural calendar and a hallmark of the Cardiff Festival, combining magical music with an irresistible party atmosphere, it will be even bigger and better this year.

1 – 3 October 2010

Ryder Cup Wales

The Celtic Manor Resort, Coldra Woods, The Usk Valley, Newport NP18 1HQ (City region)

www.rydercupwales2010.com

Ryder Cup is now regarded as one of the world's great sporting events, the Ryder Cup spans eight decades and 34 competitions and it is an event not to be missed when it comes to Wales. Home of Ryder Cup Wales 2010, Celtic Manor is one of Europe's leading golf and business resorts, with three top class courses, a £10 million clubhouse and floodlit golf academy. It's a fitting home for what is now regarded as the world's third largest sporting event and will be a focus for millions of enthusiasts from more than 100 countries around the world.

21 – 20 July 2011

Welsh Proms 2011

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF 10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

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19 – 28 July 2012

Welsh Proms 2012

St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff CF 10 1SH (City centre)

T: +44(0) 29 2087 8444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

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Future Events for Your Diary

2010

- The Cardiff Museum will open in the Old Library. The museum will tell the story of Cardiff – from Roman fort to 21st Century capital. www.cardiffmuseum.com

2012

- Olympic football comes to the Millennium Stadium as part of the 2012 London Olympics. <http://main.london2012.com/en>

Note:

The above list is an overview of main events taking place in Cardiff, and is not meant to be an extensive list. A more comprehensive list can be found on www.visitcardiff.com > What's on > Events calendar.

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