

the forum

spring/summer 2010

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Community Dance Classes

Spring & Summer 2010: Every Monday 11 Jan – 8 Feb & 22 Feb - 22 March & 19 April – 24 May

DARE Parent & Toddler – Movement Play / 2 – 2.45pm / Cost: £2 & £1 additional child / Age: 18 months – 4 yrs (pre-school)
Have fun with your toddler, moving, rolling, shaking, jumping, reaching, leading and following to a range of funky, soulful music from around the world. Come along and have the time of your life!

DARE Infant Dance – Wriggle 'n' Jiggle / 4 – 4.45pm / Cost: £2 / SCHOOL YEARS: Reception, 1 & 2
Imaginative movement inspired by a range of themes, props, music and stories. A fun, energetic class for infants who love to wriggle and jiggle.

DARE Junior Dance – Jumpstart / 5 – 6pm / Cost: £2 / SCHOOL YEARS: 3 – 6
Dance yourself dizzy with the chance to learn Streetdance, Jazz and Contemporary dance styles. You will also have the chance to make your own dances by adding your own ideas and your own style.

DARE 2 Youth Dance Company / 6 – 8pm / Cost: £3 / SCHOOL YEARS: 7 – 11 & Sixth Form
This is a fun dance session where you will learn a variety of dance styles including Jazz, Street and Contemporary and have the opportunity to create your own dances.

Meet new friends! Have fun! Learn new moves 'n' grooves!



Sing Your Heart Out

Weekly singing sessions with Ali Rigg

Tuesdays 7-9pm

Tickets £4 / £2.50 concessions

2, 9, 16, 23 February / 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March

26 Group Performance

13, 20, 27 April / 4, 11, 18, 25 May / 8, 15, 22, 29 June
6, 13, 20 July

Have you a habit of singing? - in the bath or in the street - fancy feeding your addiction?

If so come along to Sing Your Heart Out for a weekly fix of singing songs from around the world in a friendly, fun and harmonious atmosphere

Recommended dose: for adults aged 18 - 108 every Tuesday from 7-9pm at the forum, Barrow tel 820000 for further information

Known side effects: boosts vocal confidence, vocal ability, vocal range and vocal technique

Lesser-known side-effects: boosts your immune system and social life

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Dance Nights

Hosted by
Jason Parkinson

**February -
June. Every Thursday**

**4, 11, 25 February
4, 11, 18, 25 March
15, 22, 29 April
6, 13, 20, 27 May
10, 17 June**

£5 for one session / £7 for all night

5.30-6.15pm Dance Attack A fun and energetic dance session for boys and girls aged 7-13 years old. Cost £2 per session or £3.50 for both sessions.

6.15-7pm Cheerleading Learn the moves and grooves of the latest dance craze from the USA. The children will learn routines using music from hit films like 'High School Musical' and 'Hairspray' and current chart hits. They will also get the chance to compete if they wish. Suitable for 7-13 year olds. Cost £2 or £3.50 for both sessions.

7.00-7.45pm Beginners Ballroom

7.45-8.30pm Beginners Salsa

8.30-9.15pm Improvers/Intermediate Ballroom & Latin

9.15-10pm Improvers/Intermediate Salsa

10.00 - 10.30pm Practice Session

Silverscreen

FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY 1PM

The Reader (2008)

Starring Kate Winslet, Ralph Fiennes and Jeanette Hain

Law student Michael Berg re-encounters his former lover as she defends herself in a war-crime trial.



FRIDAY 5 MARCH 1PM

Angels and Demons (2009)

Starring Tom Hanks, Stellan Skarsgaard and Ewan McGregor

Tom Hanks returns to the role of Robert Langdon in this film based on ANGELS AND DEMONS, Dan Brown's first novel to feature the now-famous symbiologist.



FRIDAY 9 APRIL 1PM

Easter Parade (1948)

Starring Fred Astaire, Judy Garland and Peter Lawford

Strolling along 5th Avenue or going on the bum as A Couple of Swells, Judy Garland and Fred Astaire lead a parade of music and gotta-dance fun in this never-ending delight co-starring Ann Miller and Peter Lawford. Don't let this colourful Easter parade pass you by!



FRIDAY 7 MAY 1PM

The Boat That Rocked (2009)

Starring Bill Nighy, Kenneth Branagh and Philip Seymour Hoffman

Celebrated filmmaker Richard Curtis (Notting Hill, Love Actually) brings the incredible story of a band of rogue DJ's who captivated British radio listeners in the 60's, playing the music that defined a generation and boldly defying the government that tried to shut them down.



FRIDAY 4 JUNE 1PM

Valkyrie (2008)

Starring Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh and Bill Nighy

Tom Cruise stars in this suspense film based on the true story of Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg and the daring and ingenious plot to eliminate one of the most evil criminals the world has ever known.



FRIDAY 2 JULY 1PM

Gigi (1958)

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Starring Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jourdan

The plans of two older women for a high-spirited girl are upset when she falls for the handsome guardian they have selected for her. Music and lyrics by Lerner and Loewe.

FRIDAY 6 AUGUST 1PM

The Green Mile (1999)

Starring Tom Hanks, David Morse and Bonnie Hunt

Prison guard Paul Edgecomb had never before encountered someone like John Coffey, a massive man convicted of brutally killing a pair of nine-year-old sisters. As the story unfolds, Paul Edgecomb learns that, sometimes, miracles happen in the most unexpected places.



Tickets £3 including refreshments

There are a selection of events included in the scheme – look out for the logo. For more information contact the Box Office on 01229 820000



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*Subject to availability

2Faced Dance Company present **Still Breathing**

Friday 5 February 7.30pm

Tickets £7/£5 concessions/£3 children

After the critical acclaim and sell out success of previous production 'State of Matter', the award winning 2Faced Dance return with a highly charged, gritty new work, choreographed by Artistic Director Tamsin Fitzgerald.

Stunning athleticism, explosive abstract breaking and masculine vulnerability combine in a piece which explores the space we occupy. Set to an electrifyingly intense and specially commissioned score this is an hour of unstoppable seemingly impossible movement performed by the all male company described as:

'Fitzgerald has forged her own distinctive language

***The Guardian**

"They dance like adrenalin junkies"

The Times



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www.2faceddance.org.uk

Comedy Store Management proudly presents

Tom Wigglesworth's Open Return Letter To Richard Branson

Saturday 6 February 8pm
Tickets £12 / £10 concessions



EDINBURGH COMEDY AWARD NOMINEE 2009

Direct from a sell-out run at the Edinburgh festival. Having witnessed a Virgin Train Manager abusing his position, (to the extent that Hitler would've watched admiringly and taken notes), Tom writes to Richard Branson about one random act of kindness which caused good to triumph over evil. A cross between Sideshow Bob and Mark Thomas, join Tom as he recounts his hilarious and heartwarming true story involving the world's biggest jobsworth, his fellow passengers and a brown paper bag from the onboard canteen.

"Magical storytelling... engaging, inspiring and exquisitely performed. This is an hysterical and accomplished piece of work which will stay with you for days."

★★★★★ Time Out

"Formidable...hilarious and touching. The Gods of Comedy chose Tom Wigglesworth for greatness"

★★★★★ Scotsman



The Day of the Dead The Brand new extravaganza

Sunday 7 February 7.30pm

Tickets £19 / £16 concessions / £12 rear rows

Following on from the huge success of The Asylum, The Circus of Horrors has had a major revamp & is back rocking & shocking with a brand new show 'The Day of the Dead'. Set in Mexico during the early 1900's, the casts of chaosmongers transport the body of their doyen Dr Haze to a remote area of Mexico.

Amid a backdrop of an Aztec Temple, Witch-doctors, Voodoo Acrobats, Pickled People, Bendy Bodies, Demon Dwarfs, and flying Vampires erupting, chained, from a tank of blood to perform their amazing Blood Curdling stunts. The Undead Ringmaster Doktor Haze will guide you through a hell of a tale with the help of the live devil driven rock n' roll of The Interceptors From Hell and a huge uncontrollable cast

Unsuitable for under 16's

www.circusofhorrors.co.uk

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www.tomwigglesworth.co.uk

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Lion Dance Opera Face Changing
Chinese Folk dance Vast juggling
Martial arts Juggle hat – Duet Acrobatic
Hand to Hand acrobatic act
Tai Chi fan dance
Chinese Magic act
Dragon dance

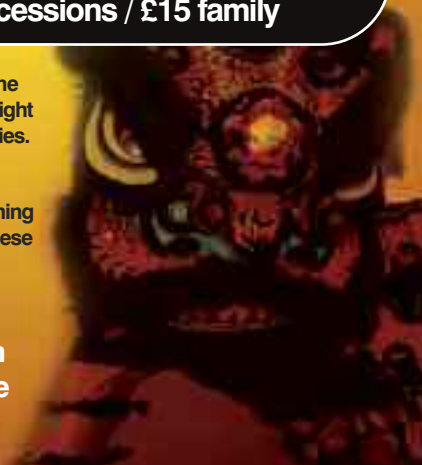
Chinese New Year Celebration



Daytime events - Free Admission
Monday 15 February Evening Showcase 7pm
Tickets £6 / £3 concessions / £15 family

Celebrate 2010, the year of the tiger, with a varied day and night of traditional Chinese festivities. During the day local schools and community groups will perform, followed by an evening showcase of traditional Chinese performers.

For more information
contact the box office
(01229) 820000



Chris Haylett for Cheeky Productions presents

COME ALONG
DRESSED UP AS A
CHARACTOR FROM
YOUR FAVORITE
MUSICAL!

THE GREATEST KIDS SING-A-LONG EVER!

Tuesday 16 February 4pm & 7pm
Tickets £10 / £8 children / £34 family

This explosive show is jam packed with all those favourite songs from West End musicals and films that kids and adults just love to sing along too. This fast paced show is guaranteed to get everyone joining in; with bags of audience participation it is definitely a night you will remember!

With a large cast of singers and dancers supported by the five piece Pete Faint Show Band the whole production just simply oozes quality! With over 25 songs from musicals such as Joseph, Grease, Aladdin and an explosive musical finale of High School hits!

A fantastic new show for 2010 from Hit Entertainment and Premier Productions

The Little Big Club

LIVE IN CONCERT!!

Wednesday 17 February 3.30pm

Thursday 18 February 11am and 1.30pm

Tickets £14 / £12 concessions / £44 family

The Little Big Club Live In Concert brings together world-renowned pre-school properties live on stage for the first time in a 70 minute stage show.

The line up of characters in this all new show includes Barney, Bob the Builder, Angelina Ballerina, Pingu, Fifi and the Flowertots and Fireman Sam. With beautifully written and choreographed shows, The Little Big Club Live In Concert has something for the whole family!



the ashton group's...



Saturday 20 February 7.30pm

Tickets £4.50 / £3.50 concessions

The Selkie Boy**

by Kevin Fegan and Barrow Senior Youth Theatre

A teenager goes missing while camping on Piel Island. Two years later he turns up with a strange story. Is he lying, is he mad or did something happen that night in the chilly waters of the Irish Sea?

A beautiful, strange story told with puppetry and live action

**Selkies are creatures that transform from seals to humans by shedding their skins.



'FORGET-ME-CHOC'

by Sarah Miller and Barrow Junior Youth Theatre

Nothing exciting or strange ever happens in Back Tarnside until one day...

The Jones Family return home to find someone living in their house; no-one remembers them - or anything at all!

What caused this calamity? Why is the lady in the big house building that enormous extension? Call for detective Norm!



One Man Lord of the Rings

Written and performed by Charles Ross

Tuesday 2 March 7.30pm

Tickets £12 / £10 concessions / £8 children



Charles Ross, creator of One Man Star Wars Trilogy, returns with his equally hilarious follow-up – One Man Lord of the Rings – in which he recreates the enchanting world of Middle-earth, armed with nothing more than a pair of elbow pads and his outrageous imagination. No props or costumes are required as Ross hurtles through the Tolkien trilogy, in just 3,600 seconds of unbelievable kinetic entertainment. If you've seen the films, read the books and named your first-born Frodo, don't miss Ross' zany take on the ever-popular epic saga.

'If you liked The Lord of the Rings trilogy, you'll love Charlie Ross' version - and if you didn't, well, at least his is shorter' - Sir Ian McKellen

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Barbara Dickson in concert

Book early to avoid disappointment

Thursday 4 March 7.30pm

Tickets £21

2008 saw Barbara celebrating 40 years as a professional musician. As a multi-million selling recording artist with an equally impressive Olivier award-winning acting career, Barbara Dickson has firmly established herself as one of the most versatile performers in the UK.

Barbara hopes to have her autobiography published at the end of 2009.

"Barbara Dickson shows what true class is all about" The Stage

www.barbaradickson.net



Spring Wine Tasting Evening

Friday 5 March 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50

A Chile Spring Wine Tasting



The ELO Experience

A Tribute To Jeff Lynne & The Electric Light Orchestra

Friday 5 March 7.30pm

Tickets £16.50 / £14 concessions

The ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA GREATEST HITS TOUR featuring the fabulous ELO EXPERIENCE.

30 years on, and the music of Jeff Lynne and the Electric Light Orchestra is still regularly played on radio stations throughout the world. A group of talented musicians are currently touring UK theatres bringing the most popular songs back to the stage. This show, recently back from Las Vegas, is not to be missed.

Read reviews and comments at www.elotribute.com



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Phil McIntyre Entertainment presents

The Hairy Bikers' Big Night Out

Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 March 7.30pm

Tickets £19.50/£17.50 concessions

Join The Hairy Bikers for an evening of cooking, chatting and laughs. Stars of BBC2's The Hairy Bikers Cookbook, The Hairy Bikers Ride Again and The Hairy Bikers Come Home and The Hairy Bakers which was watched by more than 4 million viewers.

This successful year was rounded off with a one hour Christmas Special, and Dave even won BBC's Celebrity Mastermind, while Si took an admirable second place in the BBC2's Weakest Link.

2009 has been busy for both with a giant 30 part series on BBC2 called The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain, coming next Mum Knows Best in early 2010 and now the Bikers are embarking upon their national tour, bikes and pans at the ready.

www.hairybikers.com



box office 01229 82 00 00

U.DANCE Cumbria Festival



Tuesday 9 March 7.30pm
Tickets £5

U.DANCE Cumbria is an annual dance festival which brings together school children from all over Cumbria to perform and celebrate their achievements in dance. This performance at the forum will feature the work of Barrow schools and youth dance groups from Reception to Year 10. Similar performances are taking place at other theatres across Cumbria during March.

All the young people involved in the festival have been working hard with their school teachers, visiting dance artists and youth dance leaders to choreograph a varied programme of dances for you. We do hope you enjoy this fantastic show!

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Photo courtesy of John Baxter

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Moscow Ballet - La Classique

The Sleeping Beauty

Sunday 14 March 7.30pm

Tickets £18.50 / £16 concessions / £12 children

Tchaikovsky's sumptuous music fills the air and wondrous characters come to life before your very eyes.

Fairytale characters abound alongside a King, a Queen, Good and Evil Fairies, Fairies of Gold, Silver, Diamonds and Sapphire plus the inevitable handsome Prince, all weave their magic.

Princess Aurora, The Sleeping Beauty - a story lovingly repeated throughout generations but never before performed so magnificently as with this colourful spectacle of Russia's finest...Moscow Ballet - La Classique.

www.moscowballetlc.com



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Stephen Venables 'In the Steps of Shackleton'

Tuesday 16 March 7.30pm
Tickets £12.50 / £11 concessions

"Venables is superb on the terror and exhilaration of climbing"
The Sunday Telegraph

In the last ten years, internationally acclaimed mountaineer Stephen Venables has twice repeated Sir Ernest Shackleton's famous crossing of South Georgia. One of the great epics of exploration, Shackleton's treacherous expedition to cross Antarctica via the South Pole is a tale of escape and survival more miraculous than any fiction.

The first Briton to climb Everest without supplementary oxygen, Stephen brings Shackleton's extraordinary expedition to life, using his highly acclaimed photos and natural gifts as a storyteller to illustrate this treacherous journey and capture the thrill of climbing, skiing and sailing in a place of such haunting beauty.

"Stephen is a superb lecturer - his slide shows are brilliantly illustrated, fast-paced, gripping, witty and full of fascinating historical background."
Sir Chris Bonington

www.stephenvenables.com www.speakersfromtheedge.com

Theatre Tours International & Feather Productions Presents:

Morecambe - The Man What Brought Us Sunshine

By Tim Whitnall. Directed By Guy Masterson. Starring Bob Golding

Thursday 18 March 7.30pm
Tickets £13 / £11 concessions

*"Golding's is a tour-de-force tribute to Eric Morecambe. * * * * **
The Daily Telegraph

Direct from the West End, Bob Golding's extraordinary portrayal commemorates the 25th anniversary of Eric Morecambe's untimely final curtain, celebrating the wonderful life of Britain's best loved comic. A moving portrait of an affectionate lad with funny bones, a born entertainer, a big-hearted perfectionist... the tall one with glasses. Featuring the multi-talented Bob Golding - who could have been born to play Eric - penned by the brilliant Tim Whitnall and directed by solo-maestro Guy Masterson, Morecambe is a must-see for all fans of classic British comedy. So come laugh, come cry, and celebrate "the tall one with glasses" who had that twinkle in his eye and shared it with us all.

www.morecambetheplay.com

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Halfway to Paradise

The Billy Fury Story

Friday 19 March 7.30pm
Tickets £17.50/£16.50 concessions

To mark the 50th anniversary of Billy Fury's first single release, 'Maybe Tomorrow', his own band - the original Fury's Tornados remember him by performing live his unbelievable 29 hit singles - "Last Night Was Made For Love", "I Will", "Jealousy", "Halfway To Paradise" and many more - along with the stunning Colin Gold. "A Voice blessed by heaven" - Brian Matthew. Unmissable.

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www.billyfurystory.co.uk



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The Apprenticed Actors Company

Play number 1...

writer as yet unknown!

Wednesday 24 March 7.30pm
Tickets £4.50 / £3.50 concessions

This year we ran a competition to find 3 young playwrights to write 3 new plays for the Apprenticed Actors Company*.

At the time of going to press the competition is not yet over and so we don't yet know who the writer of the first play will be!

...will it be Adam or Jamie from Barrow, Jonathan from Dalton, Sarah from Millom or Alex from Whitehaven?

What it will be is a fresh, young play with edge and ambition.

*The Apprenticed Actors Company provides young people between the ages of 16-21 with the opportunity to experience what it would be like to work in small scale touring theatre and be paid to do it.



Barrow Borough Council/Soundwave present

Up & Comin' Live

Wednesday 17 & Wednesday 31 March

Tickets £2.50

Up & Comin' showcases the best new bands from the Up & Comin' out-of-school project delivered by musician Neil Armstrong and Kirsten Taylor and each gig features three bands from either Furness Academy, St Bernards and Dowdales playing alongside locally established headline acts from the thriving Barrow live music scene.

Under 18's Music Night

Strictly Afternoons

Hosted by Jason Parkinson

Thursday's 25 March, 29 April, 27 May, 17 June
Time: 1.30pm / Tickets £3.00 (including refreshments)

An afternoon of sequence, ballroom and latin American dance styles for the young and the young at heart.



Warren Productions present

An Evening with Pam Ayres

Tuesday 30 March 7.30pm

Tickets £17.50

Pam Ayres brings her current show to the forum, thirty-five years after she first appeared on the "Britain's Got Talent" TV show of its day, "Opportunity Knocks".

Pam's shows sell out wherever she appears, and her current show includes material from her bestselling books, *SURGICALLY ENHANCED*, *WITH THESE HANDS*, and *THE WORKS*, along with new poems and stories.

Pam's books still regularly appear in the bestseller charts, and many of her poems feature in school textbooks around the world.

She's a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio 4 in programmes such as Just A Minute, Quote Unquote, Loose Ends, and three of her own series *Ayres On The Air*. On TV Pam has recently been seen on *QI*, *The One Show*, *The Paul O'Grady Show* and *Countdown*.

www.pamayres.com



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An Evening With The Stars Of Strictly Come Dancing

Brian Fortuna & Kristina Rihanoff Live On Stage

Hosted By Mike Newman Jnr

Thursday 8 April 7.30pm

Tickets £18.50/£17 concessions £15 children

Two of the professional dancing stars of BBC TV's 'Strictly Come Dancing', Brian Fortuna & Kristina Rihanoff bring to the forum, their amazing new show which will include dancing demonstrations / exhibitions, a question and answer session, audience participation and much, much more.

So get out your sequins and 'quickstep' along to this fantastic presentation.



Show Me Chris & Pui

Chris & Pui - the hottest double act on Children's TV

Saturday 10 April 11am & 2pm

Tickets £8/£6 concessions

Cbeebie's Chris & Pui, the hottest double act on Children's TV bring their fantastic family roadshow to the forum. Fresh from their hit show Show Me, Show Me, they invite you to join them, as they discover musical instruments, play joining-in games, sing songs and bring some of their on-screen antics to the stage. Children are encouraged to bring along their teddy bear, doll or figure to share in the fun.

Suitable for 2- 7 year olds

Running time: Approx 50 minutes

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2010 Here We Go Again!

Sunday 11 April 7.30pm
Tickets £16

One Aussie bloke presents 4 pretently Swedes and a trip to the theatre you'll never forget! Join in all the fun with Rod Stephen's production - 'BJÖRN AGAIN - 2010 Here we go Again' featuring ABBA's hits and songs from MAMMA MIA together with the legendary voice of host Tony Blackburn playing all the UK hits of 1988. This is the greatest party night out for every one of all ages.

"BJÖRN AGAIN has been going for twice as long as ABBA did!"
Benny Andersson (The Observer OMM, Mamma Mia Film Interview London 2008)

"BJÖRN AGAIN....the first time i heard that i thought it was a very funny name!" Björn Ulvaeus (Manchester Evening News 2008)

"Thanks for the great show" Kylie Minogue (New Years Eve Wembley Arena 06)

www.bjornagain.com

Hull Truck Theatre presents a brand new play,

Me & Me Dad

written by Nick Lane

A story of friendship, fish pie and flick-to-kick football

Tuesday 13 April 7.30pm
Tickets £10/£8 concessions



Andy Green's dad needs a recipe for toast. He thinks that tortilla fought King Kong and that Tiramisu played midfield for Brazil in the 1974 World Cup. In short, he's rubbish. Good at Subbuteo; hopeless with spaghetti.

So when Andy's mum dies, Andy does the decent thing - he takes a month off work and moves back home with his dad to teach him how to cook. Fighting memories - and occasionally each other - and risking the sanity of friends and neighbours, not to mention Andy's new girlfriend, the pair boil pans, set grills on fire and worse in an attempt to prevent a diet of pickled beetroot and jam sandwiches (not necessarily in that order).

Can their relationship survive?
Or is this is one kitchen nightmare even Gordon Ramsay couldn't fix?

www.hulltruck.co.uk

Play contains strong language



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Emily Smith Plus support

Saturday 17 April 7.30pm
Tickets £10 / £8 concessions

Scots Singer of the Year 2008/9' Emily Smith has firmly established herself as a leading light in the Scottish folk scene.

Since winning the 2002 'BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year Award' she has released three critically acclaimed albums, toured extensively with her band on the international folk circuit and is recognised not only as one of Scotland's finest interpreters of traditional song but also as a talented songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.

She has recorded live sessions for BBC Radio 2's Bob Harris, Aled Jones and Mike Harding and recent television work includes performing on BBC 1 Scotland's Hogmanay show.

"as far as I'm concerned she can walk on water"

Mike Harding, Radio 2

www.emilysmith.org

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Cabaret style Seating

Go West 25th Anniversary Tour

Sunday 18 April 7.30pm
Tickets £20

Peter Cox and Richard Drummie enjoyed a string of top 10 hits in the mid '80s and early '90s with Go West, including; 'We Close Our Eyes', 'Call Me', 'Don't Look Down', 'Faithful' and the iconic 'King of Wishful Thinking' (which featured in the film 'Pretty Woman' and broke the band in the United States). Go West are back for a national tour celebrating their 25th anniversary.





Monday 19 April 7.30pm
Tickets £19.50/£17.50 concessions

Having played to over 3 million people in 43 countries around the world and produced by The National Dance Company of Ireland, this stunning special edition 10th anniversary production, features breathtaking dance with the very best music and song of the Emerald Isle as performed by many of the world's finest dancers and musicians. Together with beautiful costumes and wonderful production this fully live phenomenon delivers the premier Irish dancing experience! Not to be missed!

www.theforumbarrow.co.uk

The Man who Cycled the World - Mark Beaumont

Wednesday 21 April 7.30pm
Tickets £13/£11 concessions

The Man who Cycled the World is the remarkable story of adventurer Mark Beaumont. In 2008, he broke the world record for cycling solo around the world, an epic journey of over 18,000 miles, cycling 100 miles per day for over half a year. In 2009, Mark set out on his second ultra-endurance solo challenge; to cycle the length of the American Cordillera. On this 15,000 mile expedition, Mark will not only be cycling down the longest mountain range on the planet, but will also be climbing the continents two highest peaks, Mt McKinley in Alaska and Aconcagua in Argentina, making his second self-filmed documentary for BBC1 - Cycling the Americas.

The Man who Cycled the World is Mark's story of his adventures, a personal rollercoaster of mental and physical endurance as well as a fascinating insight into the world we live in.

"A true man of the world" DAILY MAIL

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Off The Wall

The Music of Pink Floyd – 10th Anniversary Tour

Thursday 22 April 7.30pm

Tickets £16.50

Off The Wall, one of Europe's leading Pink Floyd shows, are back on the road in the UK for their spectacular 10th anniversary tour. Performing all the old favourites, fans of all ages won't be disappointed. Off The Wall play the music of Pink Floyd in their own innovative style, recreating classics from the 60's to the present day, backed up with superb sound and dramatic visual effects. To further celebrate their 10th anniversary Off The Wall will be joined by special guests and friends throughout the tour.

Described by the BBC as *"Possibly the best gig experience you will ever have."*

Off The Wall bring together seven of the best, to create a "Floyd" experience, that fans old and new, will want to repeat time and time again. Lets Rock!!

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Love Barrow Love Music

Gerry Cross The Mersey

An evening with Gerry and Pacemakers

Saturday 24 April 7.30pm

Tickets £16.50

Join in this musical journey through the life and times of one of our greatest 60s icons – Gerry Marsden. Gerry & the Pacemakers topped the UK and US charts for much of the 60s. Gerry talks about his early beginnings in Liverpool, those heady days of the 60s and up to the present. Hear all Gerry's greatest hits mixed with stories, jokes and anecdotes from his years at the top. This is a roller coaster ride of fun, music and nostalgia not to be missed.



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Ever wondered what happens behind the scenes of your favourite reality shows? The show they tried to ban is back! But this time it's here to stay!

Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 May 7.30pm
Tickets £18/£16 concessions



From the fantastic team that brought you the hit-comedy 'The Naked Truth', and written by Dave Simpson of "Girls Night Out" fame. PopStar is the Ultimate Feel-Good Comedy Musical that takes a hilarious look at the phenomena of modern day talent shows – With superb performances from an amazing cast, including Sam Kane (as Ricky), John Altman (as Ray) and Sarah Jane Buckley (as Gina), this show will keep you guessing right up until the very last minute. Thrill at the excitement in front of the TV camera's, where you will see our rising stars sing all your favourite hits from the last 3 decades, and marvel at the true stories and relationships behind all of the contestants.

This show takes you on a roller coaster ride, showing you the highs and lows of life in the spotlight and tells the inside story of what makes a wannabe star strive for fame and fortune. From the house to the studio and back again, this fast paced show has fantastic live performances that will keep you laughing and guessing until the final moments. Although be warned—each night there might be a different result!

"This production has the wow factor" and audiences all over the UK, have been laughing, crying and screaming for more!

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Plus support

LIMEHOUSE LIZZY

Presenting the very best of Thin Lizzy

Friday 7 May 8pm

Tickets £14/£12 concessions

Renowned for an action-packed pyrotechnic-fuelled explosion of a show, Limehouse Lizzy continue to keep the spirit of Celtic rock icon Philip Lynott and his band Thin Lizzy alive and well and dominating stages worldwide. Attention to detail, playful audience interaction and that all important X-factor that leaves you with the feeling of witnessing the real thing have led to their performance being described as "beyond tribute", by both audience and critics alike.

Expect more of the Celtic influenced tracks like "Whisky in the Jar" and "Black Rose", amongst the usual razzamatazz and classic tracks "The Boys are Back in Town", "Sarah" and many more.

"Limehouse Lizzy's Wayne Ellis, an uncanny ringer for Phil Lynott..."

The Guardian

www.limehouselizzy.com

www.myspace.com/limehouselizzy

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Love Barrow Love Comedy

Off the Kerb Productions presents

Sean Lock - Lockipedia

Saturday 8 May 8pm

Tickets £17

Lockipedia Is a brand new stand-up show from the comedian Sean Lock.

Lockipedia Is a very unreliable, misleading but highly entertaining information resource.

Lockipedia Is Sloppy Knowledge.

Lockipedia Is what Sean 'knows' about stuff.

Lockipedia Can only be accessed live.

Lockipedia Is funny.

Star of BBC2's 'QI' and team captain on Channel 4's '8 Out Of 10 Cats'.

****Guardian ****Time Out

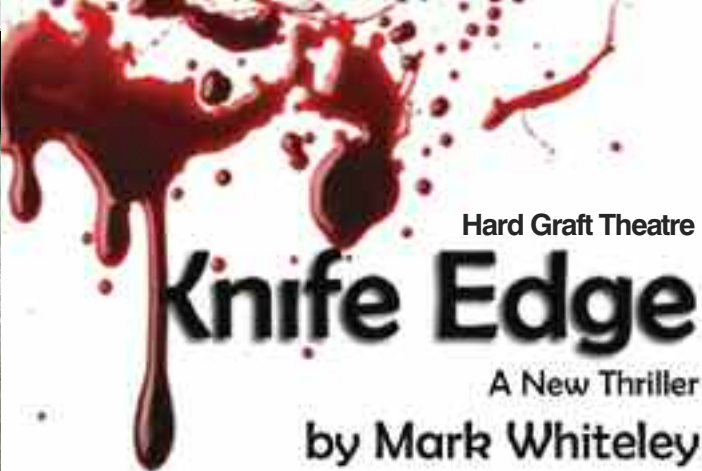
****Evening Standard

Image courtesy of Andy Hollingworth



Book early to avoid
disappointment

www.offthekerb.co.uk



Hard Graft Theatre

Knife Edge

A New Thriller

by Mark Whiteley

Tuesday 18 May 7.30pm
Tickets £7/£5 concessions

In January my son was stabbed on his way home from work. He died on the pavement before the ambulance arrived. There were many witnesses but not one had the courage to stand up in court. We all know who is responsible. Therefore I have no alternative.

I challenge John Stefanovich to a duel to the death here on 18th May 2010

Yesterday I was an ordinary printer. Today I am Judge, Jury and Executioner.

Brian Shelton
Barrow in Furness



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MHA Presents

Stewart Francis

“Tour De Francis”

Friday 21 May 8pm
Tickets £14



Great Comedians Come in Cycles

As seen on MOCK THE WEEK, MICHAEL MCINTYRE'S COMEDY ROADSHOW and 8 OUT OF 10 CATS.

"A brilliant comic brain...this stand-up cracks some of the best one liners I've ever heard"
Guardian

"One of the funniest comedian's in the world".
The Late Late Show

www.stewartfrancis.com



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Back by popular demand!

Billy Ocean

Live in Concert

Saturday 22 May 8pm
Tickets £26.50

We are thrilled to be welcoming Billy Ocean back to the forum after a sell out performance last October.

Billy Ocean is the biggest Black recording star Britain has ever produced, one who has sold over 30 million records in his lifetime.

Hits include: Love Really Hurts without You, Caribbean Queen, Suddenly, When the Going Gets Tough, There'll be Sad Songs (to make you cry) and many more.

Early booking advised.

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Love Barrow Love to party

www.billyocean.co.uk



Barry Walker's Smackee present

Phantom & The Musicals!

Thursday 27 May

Tickets £15/£14 concessions

Barry Walker's Smackee make a welcome return bringing you all the latest and greatest from London's west end & Broadway in this action packed 2 hour presentation.

All the classic greats of yesteryear and today are included for your enjoyment. From the music of the maestro Andrew Lloyd Webber, to the magic of Les Miserable, plus classic greats such as West Side Story, Calamity Jane, Chicago, Evita, Grease, Mama Mia, to name but a few are here for your entertainment.

So sit back and enjoy a night of musical splendour that you just cannot afford to miss. We guarantee you will not be disappointed!



DARE DANCE Summer Show

Saturday 29 May 7.30pm

Tickets £3.50

DARE presents an evening of DANCE devised and developed in partnership with 'Artists in Residence' IRIE! DANCE THEATRE and CHATARANGAN. This evening will offer something for everyone who loves dancing. Dances from Africa, the Caribbean, and across Asia will feature in this performance by DARE's community and education groups.

Community groups are open to all ages and abilities, if you would like to get involved call DARE on 833228.



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Lakes Alive
www.lakesalive.org

FREE

Fri 4 – Sun 6 June
Barrow's International Circus Festival returns!
Town Centre & Barrow Park.

ZIRCUS PLUS

Main Sponsor: Northwest Regional Development Agency
In partnership with: Barrow Council
Funded by: Legacy Trust Lottery Funded, Arts Council England

Love Barrow Love Circus

tutti frutti and York Theatre Royal present

Whatever Next!

By Jill Murphy, adapted by Juliet Forster



Friday 4 June 11am & 1.30pm Children qualify for **A Night Less Ordinary**
Tickets £6/£4 concessions

“Can I go to the Moon?” asked Baby Bear.
“No you can’t,” said Mrs Bear. “It’s bathtime. Anyway, you’d have to find a rocket first.”

Undeterred, Baby Bear finds a rocket, packs a picnic and visits the moon, accompanied by a friendly owl he meets along the way. Using puppetry, movement, object animation, a bit of juggling and a lot of imagination, Whatever Next explores the joy of imaginative play and the wonders of space.

tutti frutti and York Theatre Royal bring this much-loved children’s classic to life, accompanied by a specially composed, magical musical score. Whatever Next?

Age Range: 3-7 year olds and their families
Running time 50 minutes



www.theforumbarrow.co.uk

Treadwell & PMG present

The Drifters in Concert

Saturday 5 June 7.30pm

Tickets £20

One of the biggest selling and longest serving bands of all time, The Drifters have over 214 million singles and 114 million albums across the world.

The line up of The Drifters has undergone many changes with more than 60 different singers, including icons such as Clyde McPhatter, Ben E King, Rudy Lewis and Johnny Moore.

Hits include classics such as 'Saturday Night at the Movies,' 'There Goes My First Love', 'Under The Boardwalk,' 'You're More Than A Number in My Little Red Book', 'Hello Happiness', 'On Broadway,' 'Kissing In The Back Row' and many more.

This dynamic non-stop show combines classic songs, top flight choreography and world class musicians with some of the group's newer material from recent releases as well as the stunning new track 'Do You Dream of Me.'



www.theofficialdrifters.com

London Classic Theatre present

The Caretaker

by Harold Pinter

Tuesday 8 June 7.30pm

Tickets £10/£8 concession

Davies, an elderly drifter, is given shelter by the kindly but vulnerable Aston. He quickly makes himself at home in the squalid, junk-filled attic, but an uneasy peace is fractured by the arrival of Mick, Aston's quick-witted, streetwise younger brother. As the shadows lengthen and the three men reveal more about the past and themselves, a battle of wits begins that will have irrevocable consequences for them all.

London Classic Theatre first produced The Caretaker in 2004. The tour was both a critical and commercial success and this revival will be the centrepiece of their tenth anniversary year.

www.londonclassictheatre.co.uk

"One of the 20th century's great plays, a tragic comedy of stunning individuality"
Daily Mail



Summer Wine Tasting Evening

Friday 11th June 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50

Summer drinks
for the garden

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Peppa Pig's Party

Saturday 3 July 1pm & 4pm

Sunday 4 July 10am & 1pm

Tickets £12.50 children / £14.50 adults
£50 family (Group of 4, max 2 adults)



Oink oink - it's Peppa Pig!

Peppa is a playful little piggy who lives with her younger brother George, Mummy Pig and Daddy Pig. Through everyday adventures she plays games, makes new friends and enjoys her absolute favourite activity – jumping up and down in muddy puddles! Today it's a bright and sunny day. It's a very special day. It's Peppa Pig's birthday. Come and join the fun with Peppa and George, Suzy Sheep, Danny Dog and Emily Elephant. A charming, original and imaginative show, full of brand new songs, muddy puddles, and oinks!

This BAFTA award-winning children's TV show is recreated live on stage featuring beautifully true-to-life puppets, for first time, from the producers of LazyTown Live! and Roald Dahl's The BFG.

Peppa Pig ©Astley Baker Davies Ltd/E1 Entertainment Ltd 2003



Summer Mix

Monday 9 – Friday 20 August



SUPERHEROES OF CARNIVAL

...with the Barracudas Carnival Artists

Fun activities for children and young people

Blonde Phantom, Saturn Girl or Captain Marvellous are waiting for you to help them save the planet

- ★ Use your super powers to fight the evils of boredom
- ★ Amaze your friends with your new found skills
- ★ Make extraordinary creative objects and learn superstitwalking
- ★ Transform yourself with your own superhero/superheroine costume
- ★ Discover the power of music
- ★ Circus Skills Workshop

No-one is too small to be a Superhero of Carnival

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The Lady Boys of BANGKOK

Fantasy and Feathers Tour 2010

"A show that is outrageously extravagant, wittily unique and above all great fun...its fun, fun, fun all the way."

Manchester Evening News

Monday 2 August 7.30pm
Tickets £19/£17 concessions

After its fantastic success in 2009 this fantastic Party Night returns to Theatres in 2010 with a brand new production with over 400 new costumes in a glamorous and exciting new stage production.

Combining the heady spice of Bangkok's exotic nightlife with the glamorous showgirl appeal of Los Vegas this spectacular and flamboyant show is performed by 16 of the world's most beautiful showgirls, every single one of them a Thai male, in a glamorous and funny review show – you won't believe your eyes. Seen by over 1 million people "THE LADY BOYS OF BANGKOK are here to entertain you!"



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Love Barrow Love Cabaret

www.ladyboysofbangkok.co.uk

the forum & Duggie Chapman Associates

Aladdin

And his wonderful lamp

Schools performances

Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 December

Thursday 16 – Thursday 30 December

Tickets on sale from
Monday 1 February

Early Bird Offer

Receive £1 off all tickets purchased
before 31 August



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Gift Vouchers

Gift vouchers are available in £1, £5 and £10
and would make the ideal gift

On-line ticketing

Coming soon for 2010

Sodexo

A World Leader in food and facilities management services

Food...drink...functions & conferences

Pre-show meals are available on a selection
of our events, please contact Sodexo on
(01229) 876480 for more information

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Amateur Productions & Other Events

Dance Fever presents

An Evening of Variety 2010

Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3 February 7.30pm
Tickets £6/£5 concessions

After our very successful 1st show last year, join us for an evening of song, dance and fun with our talented cast of all ages.

Furness Youth Theatre

Saturday Morning Drama Group

Saturdays from 6 February

Furness Youth Theatre holds drama classes for young people aged 8 to 15 on Saturday mornings starting at 10am. We are preparing for a musical play at the end of April. Please phone Liz on 585433.

www.furnessyouththeatre.com

Wedding Daze

The Bridal Show 2010

Wednesday 10 February
Doors Open 6pm
Tickets £3

Tickets available from the forum and Wedding Daze. Telephone: 01229 811085

Proceeds to breast cancer care

Barrow Savoyards proudly present Gilbert & Sullivan's

Ruddigore or The Witch's Curse

Monday 22 - Saturday 27 February 7.30pm

Tickets Monday - Wednesday £6 / Thursday - Saturday £9 / £7 concessions. Family tickets (Thurs - Sat only) £25 for 4 tickets

The witch's curse has ruined everyone's lives but with the help of the ghosts that haunt Ruddigore Castle, the plot will be unravelled and in true G&S style somebody will live happily ever after.

Please note, Monday is School Groups Night. Arts council free tickets are available for the Wednesday night only



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Thursday 11 – Saturday 13 March 7.30pm
Tickets £6.50/£5 concessions

Fasten your seat belts and join A590 Youth Theatre (Seniors) in Bob Carlton's smash West End hit musical.

Abbey Musical Society

The Likes of Us

Tickets will be on sale from
Monday 25 January

Monday 22 – Saturday 27 March 7.30pm
Tickets £8/£7 concessions

A brand new show released by Lord Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Sir Tim Rice. The first musical they wrote together tells the story of Dr Barnardo fighting to help homeless children in Victorian London. The beautiful melodies and show-stopping chorus numbers carry your emotions from sadness to joy, with much hilarity on the way.

Psychic Frontiers Ltd

Evening of Clairvoyance with Stage Psychic Medium Shaun Dennis

Monday 15 March 8pm
Doors open 7.30pm
Tickets £14/£13 concessions

Shaun is capable of providing staggering levels of accurate clairvoyance including names, areas, roads of residence, special dates and house numbers. It is Shaun's wish during the show, to raise our awareness of the other world, and make people realise how our spirit loved ones are still part of our lives.

www.shaundennis.com



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A590 Youth Theatre (Juniors)



Music by Alan Menken. Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice



Thursday 15 - Saturday 17 April 7.30pm
Tickets £6.50/£5 concessions

Aladdin Jr is filled with magic, mayhem, flying carpet rides and an Academy award-winning score.

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Furness Youth Theatre Peter Pan

**Thursday 29 April -
Saturday 1 May 7pm**
Tickets £6/£5 children

A fun-filled fantasy for
all the family.

(family tickets and block
bookings available)



Mayor's Charity Cabaret Evening

Friday 30 April 7.30pm
Tickets £30

An evening of varied live
entertainment, disco and
carvery buffet

Barrow Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society



Lyrics by Howard Ashman
& Tim Rice. Music by Alan Menken.
Book by Linda Woolverton



Matinee Performance 2pm

Monday 10 - Saturday 15 May 7.30pm
Tickets Monday £8 / Tuesday - Saturday £9.50
£8 concessions / Family Ticket £30

Directed on Broadway by Robert Jess Roth

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Denis Horan's Swing Thing

Monday 17 May 7.30pm
Ticket prices £8/£6.50 concessions

Join Denis Horan and the Barrow Rat Pack for one night only
backed by the superb swing band "INTERACTIVE".

Performing songs from Sinatra and co to Michael Buble and
Take That. With sensational dancers this is a magical evening
not to be missed.

CAST Youth Theatre

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Written by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman

Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 June 7.30pm
Tickets £6 / £5 concessions

Little Shop of Horrors is a wickedly funny, family-friendly stage musical about Seymour, a Skid Row floral assistant who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an unusual plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood.

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Barrow Carnival

Saturday 26 June

- Dancing competition 9.30am in the forum.
- Stalls and attractions 10am in the town square and courtyard.
- Crowning of the Carnival Queen 11am in the Town Hall (invitation only).
- Parade starts from Ramsden Square, Duke Street 12noon.
- Parade progresses - Abbey Road, Dalkeith Street, Buccleuch Street, Rawlinson Street, Cavendish Street, Duke Street, finishing in the Town Square taking approximately one hour.
- Dancing competitions will take place in the forum throughout the day. Tickets available from the dance troupe or Furness Rotary Club.
- Prize giving 5pm in the Town Square.
- Stalls and attractions will finish at 5.30.

Please note some streets will be closed during the parade.

Abbey Musical Society

Summer Show 2010

Tuesday 6 & Wednesday 7 July 7.30pm
Tickets £7.50/£6.50 concessions

Our All New Summer Show devised by Colin Smith, Musical Director Angela Guntrip & Choreographer Sarah Powell.

A musical evening to suit all, come along and see our new format Summer Show

The Deemon Performance Academy Show 2010

Friday 9 & Saturday 10 July 7.30pm
Saturday matinee 1.30pm Tickets £8

Once again an action packed revue, performed by the area's young stars of the future.

The academy students perform musical theatre to the highest standard, including exciting dance numbers. The 75 strong cast promise to deliver a vibrant and exciting show for all ages.

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Exhibitions



A Variety of Paintings

February & March

By Alan Tobell

Alan is a self taught artist and has been painting for about three years. He paints mainly in acrylics although he intends to bring oils into his work. He enjoys all aspects of painting. Alan hopes visitors to the forum will enjoy looking at his paintings as much as he has enjoyed painting them.



Print the Town

April

By Liam Costa

Liam has studied a fine art degree at Manchester Metropolitan University, specialising in print making. His work is influenced by his surroundings and with Barrow providing many landmarks and images that he feels would be wrong to ignore, these form the basis for this exhibition.



Furness Model Railway Club

48th Model Railway & Transport Exhibition

Good Friday 2 April 10am - 5pm
Easter Saturday 3 April 10am - 5pm
Easter Sunday 4 April 10am - 5pm

TICKETS

£4 Adult | £3 Senior Citizen

£2 Children | £10 Families (2 adults & 2 children)

Advanced tickets are available before Easter from the Forum's booking office at a 10% discount. The 48th Exhibition will feature, at least, 8 working model railway layouts.

EXHIBITS INCLUDE:

'Loch Dour' 'OO' Gauge British layout, built by a FMRC member, featuring DCC operation with sound.

'Apethorn Junction' 'O' Gauge layout built by a member of Lancashire & Yorkshire DCC Model Group.

Sykes Bridge Shed 'O' Gauge layout featuring 1950's BR Steam Plus other layouts, trade stands and displays



Routes & Shoots signal films

Signal Films will be exhibiting digital pieces created by local people, featuring work produced as part of the Mediabox youth scheme.

May & June

Those who have taken part in the schemes will have had the chance to use professional equipment to create a range of media products including film, digital stories, a marketing campaign and digital art work, gaining new specialist skills in film and art direction, production, camera, sound, editing, digital photography, animation, journalism and graphic design.

Themes for Mediabox projects have been developed through a dialogue between Signal Films and local young people and will explore issues affecting young people in and around Barrow.

Also showcased will be pieces created by local people as part of digital residencies and courses in new digital media.

Lakeland Light

July & August

By Mark Laird

A love affair with the mountains and wild places of the Lake District, portrayed through colour and light.

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All held in the studio, unless otherwise stated. Starting at 7.30pm.
Admission free and open to the public. For further details please contact Keith Higham: 01229 831324

Marl-Applications of LED's

Speaker: Graham Round
General Sales Manager of
Marl International Ltd
Wednesday 10 February 2010
Organised by PESC, IET

Gondola - 150 Years

Speaker: John Eaton,
Operations Manager.
Thursday 18 February 2010
Organised by BDAE

Autonomous Vehicles

Speaker: Mr Billy Beggs,
BAE SYSTEMS
Wednesday 24 February 2010
Organised by RINA

Earth Rise: How Man First Saw The Earth

Speaker: Dr. Robert Poole
Reader in History
University of Cumbria
Wednesday 3 March 2010
Organised by CMI, PESC

The Thirlmere Hundreds

Speaker: John Butcher
Regional Operations Manager
United Utilites Group Plc
Wednesday 10 March 2010
Organised by IMechE, PESC, ICE

Clinical Convergence with Engineering

Speaker: Margaret Parton
Thursday 18 March 2010
Organised by BDAE

Marine Energy Devices

Speaker: Michael Todman
Tidestream Partnership Ltd
Wednesday 24 March 2010
Organised by PESC, IMechE, IET

Current Oil & Gas Drilling – Engineering Challenges Peak Oil – Myth or Reality

Speaker: Peter Rogerson
Thursday 15 April 2010
Organised by BDAE

Partial Air Cushion Supported CATamaran

Speaker: Mr. Christopher Ross,
QinetiQ,
Wednesday 28 April 2010
Organised by RINA

Spring/Summer Lectures February to August 2010

IMechE Institution of Mechanical Engineers | PESC Professional Engineers South Cumbria | CMI Chartered Management Institution
RINA Royal Institution of Naval Architects | BDAE Barrow & District Association of Engineers | IET Institution of Engineering and Technology
ICE Institution of Civil Engineers



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In Person: the forum is in Duke Street, opposite the Town Hall. The Box Office is open between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday and from 9.00am to 4.00pm on Saturdays.

By Telephone: For reservations, credit and debit card bookings, please call the Box Office on 01229 820000. All reservations must be paid for within 7 days.

Discounts: Discounts are available for most events if you are under 16, in full time education, over 60, registered unwaged and registered disabled.

'A night less ordinary': is an Arts Council England scheme which will provide 618,000 free theatre tickets to anyone under 26, in more than 200 venues across England, between February 2009 and March 2011. Forum twenty eight is proud to announce that they are participating in this scheme. For more information visit our website.

Registered Unemployed People £1 Theatre Tickets: Each theatre event has 50 tickets at £1 which are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Look for the £1 symbol.

Children: Children under 14 attending events must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Under 2's are welcome at events however they will not be issued with a ticket. Parents/guardians must notify the box office when booking.

Group Bookings: A discount is available for most events to pre-booked groups of ten or more.

Refunds: We are unable to refund money on tickets, nor are we able to exchange tickets already sold.

Latecomers will be asked to wait for a suitable break in the performance before taking their seats.

Access: the forum is fully accessible and has adapted toilet facilities and lift. The front row is designated for those with restricted mobility, early booking is essential.

Hard of Hearing: There is an induction loop system in the main theatre, please set your hearing aid to T.

Blind People: Guide dogs are welcome throughout the forum.

How to book

February - August 2010

February

Tue 2 & Wed 3 Dance Fever - Evening of Variety
2Faced Dance Company
Fri 5 - Still Breathing
Fri 5 Silverscreen - The Reader
Sat 6 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letter to Richard Branson
Sun 7 Circus of Horrors - The Day of the Dead
Wed 10 Lectures begin - see page 38
Wed 10 Wedding Daze - Bridal Show 2010
Fri 12 - Sat 13 Deemon - Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
Mon 15 Chinese New Year Celebration
Tue 16 The Greatest Kids Sing-a-Long Ever!
Wed 17 & Thur 18 The Little Big Club Live in Concert
Sat 20 Ashton Group's Theatre Factory
Mon 22 - Sat 27 Barrow Savoyards - Ruddigore

March

Tue 2 One Man Lord of the Rings
Thur 4 Barbara Dickson in Concert
Fri 5 Silverscreen - Angles and Demons
Fri 5 The ELO Experience
Fri 5 Spring Wine Tasting Evening
Sat 6 & Sun 7 The Hairy Bikers' Big Night Out
Tue 9 U Dance Cumbria Festival
Thur 11 - Sat 13 A590 Seniors
- Return to the Forbidden Planet
Sun 14 Moscow Ballet
- La Classique The Sleeping Beauty
Mon 15 Shaun Dennis - Stage Psychic Medium
Tue 16 Stephen Venables 'In the Steps of Shackleton'
Wed 17 Up & Comin' Live
Thur 18 Morecambe
- The man what brought us sunshine
Fri 19 Halfway to Paradise
- The Billy Fury Story

Mon 22 - Sat 27 Abbey Musical - The Likes of Us
Wed 24 Ashton Groups Apprentice Actors Company
Thur 25 Strictly Afternoons
Tue 30 An Evening with Pam Ayres
Wed 31 Up & Comin' Live

April

Fri 2 - Sun 4 Furness Model Railway Exhibition
Thur 8 An Evening with the Stars of Strictly
Come Dancing Brian Fortuna & Kristina Rihanoff
Fri 9 Silverscreen - Easter Parade
Sat 10 Show Me Chris & Pui
Sun 11 Bjorn Again - 2010 Here We Go Again!
Tue 13 Hull Truck - Me and Me Dad
Thur 15 - Sat 17 A590 Juniors - Aladdin
Sat 17 Emily Smith
Sun 18 Go West 25th Anniversary Tour
Mon 19 Rhythm of the Dance
Wed 21 The Man Who Cycled the World - Mark Beaumont
Thur 22 Off the Wall - The music of Pink Floyd
Sat 24 Gerry Cross the Mersey - An Evening with Gerry and the Pacemakers
Thur 29 - Sat 1 May Furness Youth Theatre - Peter Pan
Thur 29 Strictly Afternoons
Fri 30 Mayors Charity Cabaret Evening

May

Wed 5 & Thur 6 Theatre Productions
- Popstar the Musical
Fri 7 Silverscreen - The Boat that Rocked
Fri 7 Limehouse Lizzy
- presenting the very best of Thin Lizzy
Sat 8 Sean Lock - Lockipedia
Mon 10 - Sat 15 Barrow Amateurs - Beauty & the Beast

Fri 14 Charity Dance in aid of Toybox Children's Charity
Mon 17 Denis Horan's Swing Thing
Tue 18 Hard Graft 'Knife Edge'
Fri 21 Stewart Francis 'Tour De Francis'
Sat 22 Billy Ocean Live in Concert
Thur 27 Strictly Afternoons
Thur 27 Smackee - Phantom of the Musicals
Sat 29 DARE Dance Summer Show

June

Fri 4 Silverscreen - Valkyrie
Fri 4 Tutti Frutti Whatever Next!
Fri 4 - Sun 6 Lakes Alive - Zircus Plus
Sat 5 The Drifters in Concert
Sun 6 Furness Lions Dancing Competition
Tue 8 London Classic Theatre 'The Caretaker'
Fri 11 Summer Wine Tasting
Tue 15 & Wed 16 Cast Youth Theatre
- Little Shop of Horrors
Thur 17 Strictly Afternoons
Sat 26 Barrow Carnival

July

Fri 2 Silverscreen - Gigi
Sat 3 & Sun 4 Peppa Pig's Party
Tue 6 & Wed 7 Abbey Summer Show
Fri 9 & Sat 10 Deemon - Performance Academy Show 2010
Sat 17 DARE Dance - Summer Show

August

Mon 2 The Lady Boys of Bangkok
Fri 6 Silverscreen - The Green Mile
Mon 9 - Fri 20 Summer Mix - Superheroes of Carnival

September

Mon 6 - Wed 8 Theatre Productions - The Naked Truth