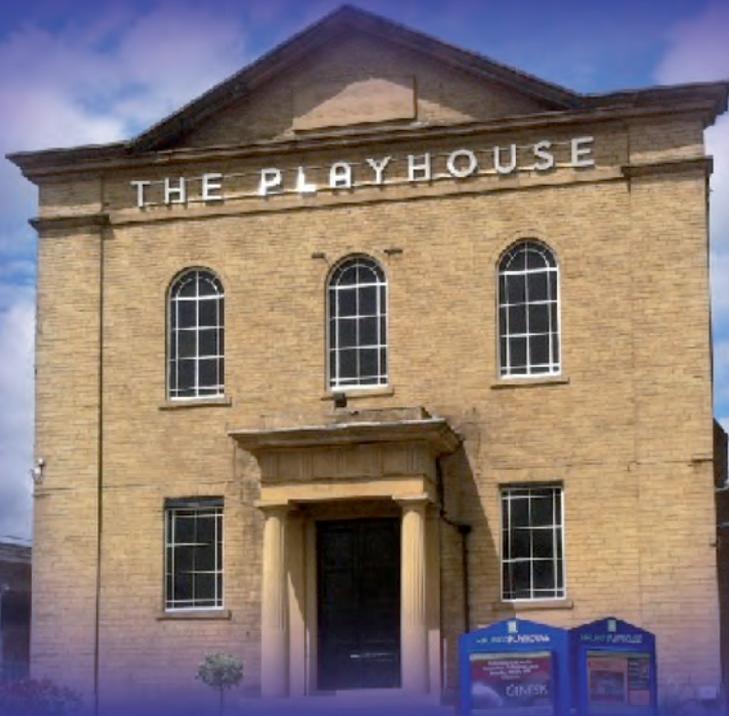


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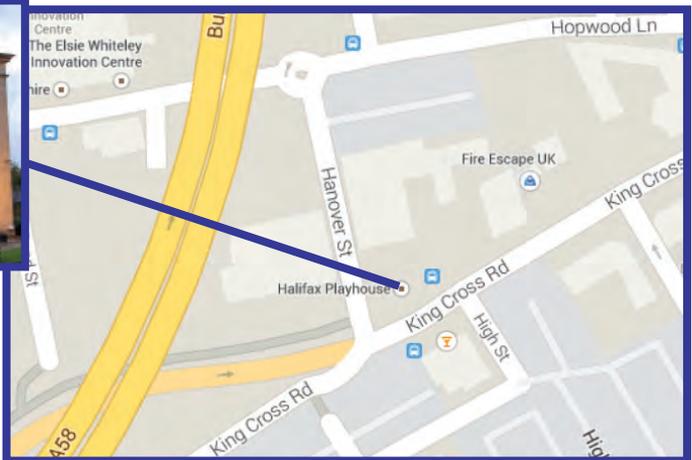




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We have been looking forward to welcoming you back to **The Playhouse** and we will continue to follow Government guidance for the safety of us all.

We are proud to announce that our opening show will be the Thespians production of **One Man, Two Guvnors** running from Tuesday 31 August 2021 for the week - details below.

Another date for your diary is **Saturday 28 August**. The Playhouse will be open all day to welcome you back into the building with performances to watch, tours to take, things to learn, tickets on sale, and much more. All our volunteer department heads will be available to talk to and to find out how this wonderful Grade II listed building is run as a Theatre. See our website and social media for details.

The 2021-22 season brings you a wide range of entertainment, both amateur and professional productions and includes a first for the Playhouse, with live wrestling! See inside for all the details.



**Tuesday 31 August to
Saturday 4 September
Main Stage**

7:30pm & 2:30pm Saturday matinee

Halifax Thespians

present an amateur performance in association with Concord Theatricals

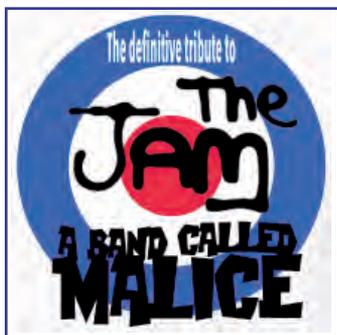
One Man, Two Guvnors

By Richard Bean. Directed by Gerard Marescaux

Based on Carlo Goldoni's *The Servant of Two Masters* writer Richard Bean's play is a delight. Slapstick, silliness, song and satire all come together to create this glorious celebration of British comedy.

It is 1963 and fired from his skiffle band, Francis Henshall becomes minder to Roscoe Crabbe, a small time East End hood, now in Brighton to collect £6000 from his fiancée's dad. But Roscoe is really his sister Rachel posing as her own dead brother, who's been killed by her boyfriend Stanley Stubbers. Holed up at the Cricketers' Arms, the permanently ravenous Francis spots the chance of an extra meal ticket and takes a second job with one Stanley Stubbers, who is hiding from the police and waiting to be re-united with Rachel. To prevent discovery, Francis must keep his two guvnors apart. Simple?

Tickets: £7 to £14. No booking fee.

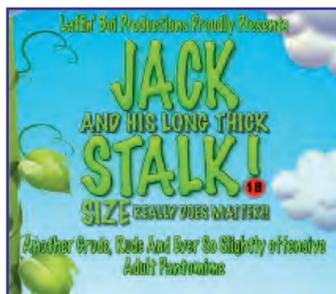


Saturday 11 September
at 7:30pm

A BAND CALLED MALICE - Tribute to The Jam
National Tribute Award Finalists in 2019, A Band Called Malice has taken the tribute world by storm in their quest to become the number-one-choice tribute act to The Jam. This talented trio is the real deal and guarantees to take you back to *When You're Young* with an evening of single releases and album tracks, from The Jam's early *Fire and Skill* years, through to their very last release.

As Jam fans themselves, A Band Called Malice's show is full of energy, angst, aggression, passion and the soul of their idols.

Tickets: £14.00



Sunday 12 September
Main Stage at 7:30pm

Laffin' Boi Productions presents another crude, rude and ever so slightly offensive show!

Jack And His Long Thick Stalk!

High in the clouds lives the evil giant BFG, and the 'F' doesn't stand for friendly! Down below Dame Tess Tickle is trying to make ends meet and is forced into sending her prize cow Buttercup to market. Will Buttercup end up in the Giant's pot? Will the Giant's henchman kidnap another member of the audience? Or will Jack save the day and succeed in marrying Jill his one true love? This show is suitable for over-18s only, it does contain bad language and is not for the easily offended. **Tickets: £13 (Groups £11)**



Friday 17 September
Main Stage at 7:30pm

LDN WRESTLING

2021 will see the debut of the bone-crunching superstars of LDN Wrestling. They will be bringing a host of top American wrestling starts to the ring to face the very best of home-grown talent and fans' favourites, in a two hour rip-roaring entertainment for all the family to enjoy.

If you've been before, you know how good it gets. If you haven't, give it a try; we guarantee that the kids will be talking about it for weeks afterwards.

Family-friendly prices to make this the best value ticket in town. **Tickets: £15, £12 Over 60s & £45 Family of 4**



Saturday 18 September
Main Stage at 8:00pm

THE STRAITS UK

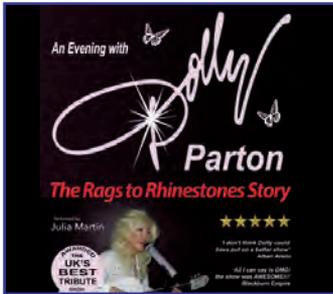
Performing the music of Dire Straits

The Straits UK are a five-piece tribute band originating from Newcastle Upon Tyne. Join them and relive the unmistakable guitar and keyboard sounds of the *Alchemy*, *Wembley '85*, and *On Every Street* tours and much, much more!

In fact, close your eyes and you'd be forgiven for thinking it was Knopfler himself playing ...

A MUST FOR ALL DIRE STRAITS FANS!!

Tickets: £15.00

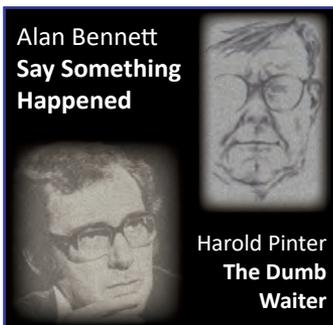


Sunday 26 September
Main Stage at 7:30pm

An Evening with DOLLY PARTON

The Rags to Rhinestones Story is a smash hit dynamic theatre production. It is performed by the award-winning Miss Julia Martin, who in 2019 was presented with the accolade of the UK's No1 Dolly Parton tribute. The show has been described by audiences as totally authentic in every way, and not only captures Dolly's incredible stage presence, mannerisms, charisma and unique comedy one-liners, but also delivers a spectacular evening of entertainment, that no true Dolly fan will want to miss.

Tickets: £15.00



Tue 5 to Sat 9 October
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat matinee
Playhouse Bar Studio

Halifax Thespians present

Alan Bennett's Say Something Happened

June (a well-meaning but very inexperienced social worker) visits Mam and Dad to offer the council's help. It transpires that June is probably more in need of Mam and Dad's help than they are of hers!

Harold Pinter's The Dumb Waiter

One of his most recognized and acclaimed plays, Harold Pinter's *The Dumb Waiter* is a humorous and provocative story of two hit men as they wait in a basement for their next assignment. Told through Pinter's unmistakable wit and poignant pauses, *The Dumb Waiter* is recognized for its exceptional writing and subtle character development.

Tickets: £7 to £14.

An amateur performance presented in association with Concord Theatricals



Saturday 16 October
Main Stage at 7:30pm

JULIA MARTIN *THIS IS ME*

Having spent 26 years travelling the globe entertaining for heads of state, cruise companies and leading hotels of the world, with award-winning tribute shows to Shirley Bassey, Celine Dion, Dolly Parton, and Tina Turner, Julia Martin is now touring UK theatres with her sensational new show *This Is Me*. The show has been described by the BBC as “Simply Outstanding”. So, sit back and allow yourself to be taken on an astonishing musical journey which includes songs from West End Musicals, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Adele, Shirley Bassey, Celine Dion, Dolly Parton, Dusty Springfield, Tina Turner, and many more iconic legends. **Tickets: £15**

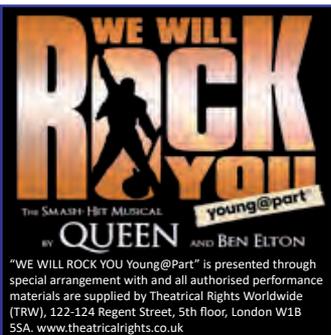


Saturday 23 October
Main Stage at 2:30pm

Little Red Riding Hood

A family Halloween Pantomime
Styletrax Entertainments proudly present a Spooktacular version of the fairy tale *Red Riding Hood & the Big Bad Wolf*. Can Red Riding Hood’s friends, Grannie Hood, Frankie Stein, Harry Chopper and Scuffy the Dog save her from the evil plan the Wolf, and his sidekick Ratty, have in store for her? Halloween dress is not compulsory but is VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED. Come and join the cast in this Spooky story with lots of laughter, singing and dancing.

Tickets: £12; £10 over 60’s; £9 Student/Child and £45 for a family of 4.



Wed 27 to Sat 30 October
7.15pm & 2:15pm Sat matinee
Main Stage

Halifax Amateur Theatre Youth

We Will Rock You young@part

“The show is live, dangerous and more than anything else: it rocks!” Brian May

Featuring more than 20 hit Queen songs including *Another One Bites the Dust*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *We Will Rock You*, *Somebody To Love* and many more, *We Will Rock You* follows two revolutionaries Galileo and Scaramouche as they try to save rock ‘n’ roll in a post-apocalyptic world where musical instruments are banned and conformity is enforced by the Globalsoft Corporation, led by Killer Queen. A show that’s a fist pumping, foot-stomping anthem to individuality.

Tickets: £16, £13 concessions

The Smash Hit Musical by **QUEEN** and **Ben Elton**



Friday 5 November
Main Stage at 7:30pm

A Celebration of Simon and Garfunkel

As heard on BBC Radio. Introducing singer songwriters Tim Chu and Ian Bailey performing “the UK’s leading non tribute show”.

“What a fantastic show with two great guys, two voices and two guitars delivering the best acoustic interpretations of Simon’s classic songs” Sally Naden, BBC Radio.

“Tim and Ian capture the ‘Simon and Garfunkel’ sound perfectly. This is a two for the price of one show, original talent and timeless songs”

Tickets: £12.50



Saturday 6 November
Main Stage at 7:30pm

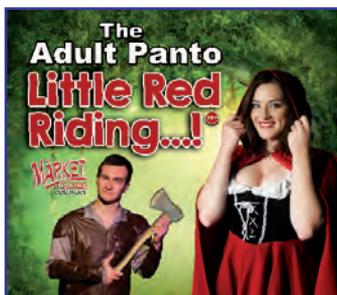
RIO GOLD

Spandau Ballet & Duran Duran Tribute Band

This top five piece band consisting of: Vocals, Guitar, Keyboards, Bass, Drums and Sax have a wealth of musical experience.

Their shows always deliver 110% and are filled with energy and excitement whilst fully reproducing the authentic sound of these two iconic bands.

Tickets: £15



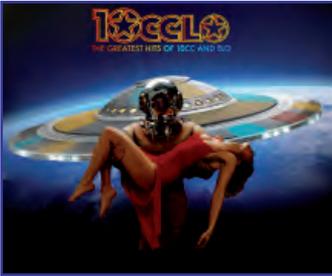
Wednesday 17 November
Main Stage at 7:30pm

The Adult Panto Little Red Riding ...!

An Adult Panto with a difference. Oh yes, it is! Following the sell-out success of their 2020 show *Peter Panties*, the Market Theatre Company are out to corrupt another fairy-tail classic beyond recognition with an Adult Panto like no other. The fearless company of 3 actors bring you an evening of corny jokes, raunchy plots and blatant sexual innuendo using a minimum of set props and costume.

Prolong that all too short seasonal spirit and get ready for another evening of slick, fast-moving, farcical fun and bawdy sexual innuendo (did we mention the innuendo?) for adults only. Not suitable for under 16’s.

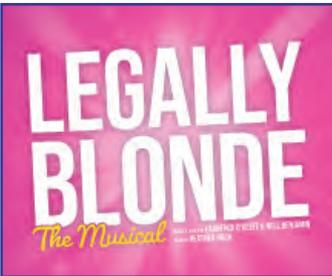
Tickets: £18, £16.50 concession



Saturday 20 November
Main Stage at 7:30pm

The Greatest Hits of 10CC and ELO

10CCLO are the world's only tribute to both the legendary 10CC and ELO in one incredible hit-packed 2 hour show. Both bands have enjoyed worldwide rock classics for the last four decades, and have remained in the hearts of millions of fans. Remember *Dreadlock Holiday*, *Mr Blue Sky*, *I'm Mandy Fly Me*, *Evil Woman*, *The Things We Do for Love*, *Wild West Hero*, *Life Is a Minestrone*, *Art for Art's Sake*, *Turn to Stone*, and *I'm Not in Love?* The hits just keep on coming! 10CCLO bring their own unique approach to the music playing full-on two-hour shows with fantastic visuals, that include all of both bands' greatest hits. **Tickets: £20**



Wed 24 to Sat 27
November - Main Stage
7:30pm, 2.00pm Sat mat

Halifax Light Opera Society

Legally Blonde *The Musical*

Book by Heather Hach, Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin. Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

Legally Blonde chronicles the journey of the famously perky Elle Woods, a fashion-savvy, UCLA sorority girl who finds her life turned upside down when she is dumped by her boyfriend Warner. In an effort to prove to Warner that she is more than just some blonde bimbo, she follows him to Harvard Law School. This award winning musical is ridiculously enjoyable from start to finish. **Tickets only available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/halifaxlightopera**



Wed 1 - Sat 4 December
Main Stage at 7:15pm,
2:15pm Sat mat

Halifax Amateur Operatic Society

This amateur production by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)

ELF the musical

Based on the 2003 Christmas film, *Elf the Musical* is the hilarious tale of Buddy the Elf, immortalised by Will Ferrell, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole. Unaware that he is actually human, Buddy's enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity, and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. This modern day Christmas classic will ensure you embrace your inner Elf.

Tickets: £18/£16 Premier Seats & £16/£14 Standard



Halifax Thespians present *CINDERELLA*

A family pantomime by Chris Brearley and Paul Bennett

Welcome to beloved story of Cinderella with her friend Buttons, her appalling Ugly Sisters, the Charming Prince and Dandini and a Fairy Godmother to see that Cinderella gets her hearts desire. A family pantomime full of fun, dance, slapstick and songs

December 2021 - Main Stage Tickets: £7 to £14
Performance dates and times
to be announced

Halifax Thespian Membership £15.00 a year

The Playhouse is an independent theatre owned and run by the Halifax Thespians and we are a member of the Little Theatre Guild of Great Britain. We perform up to 8 regular productions each year both on main stage and in the Playhouse Bar Studio, as well as numerous rehearsed readings and plays.

Benefits of membership include:

Discounted ticket prices on all Thespian shows (non-transferable):

- For the 8 principal shows (6 main stage & 2 bar studio)
- £1.00 off all other Thespian shows (learnt or script-in-hand performances)

Opportunity to get involved in all aspects of running a theatre

Training and support to learn new skills

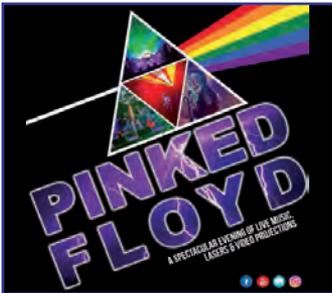
Meet like-minded people ... and much more!

Full membership details, prices and forms are on our website www.halifaxplayhouse.org.uk



Playhouse Stage-Training (ST) is a group aimed at those aged 16+ who have a passion for all things theatre. Whether you have lots of experience or none at all, ST aims to share knowledge and experience through regular workshops and amateur productions to help anyone with an interest in performing arts (as a whole) to learn and develop techniques and key skills.

Contact us at: stagetrain@halifaxplayhouse.org.uk for more details, please like our facebook page for upcoming information and events www.facebook.com/PlayhouseStageTrain/

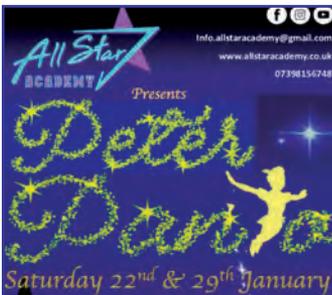


Saturday 15 January 2022
Main Stage at 7:45pm

Pinked Floyd - A tribute to Pink Floyd

This seven-piece tribute band from just over the Pennine's make their Playhouse debut with an engaging and energetic performance celebrating the magical music of **Pink Floyd**. A stunning light and video show complement their exciting and amazingly accurate performance of music spanning the entire output of the Floyd, with a selection of tracks from nearly all the albums represented in the 2½-hour set. All your favourites are featured, and maybe a couple of less familiar tracks for the real aficionado.

Tickets: £18 / £15 concession



Saturday 22 & 29 January
Main Stage 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Peter Panto 2022

is a magical retelling of J. M. Barrie's classic children's novel **Peter Pan** ...Oh yes it is! with a knee-slapping, light-hearted comedic twist.

Featuring tongue in cheek pantomime humour, mild peril from our villainous Captain Hook, and vibrant performances from our very talented All-Star Academy students!

Tickets £14, £7 (Children, Students, OAPs); £10 each (Groups 10+) and £38 (Family Ticket 2 adults 2 children)



Friday 28 January
Main Stage at 7:30pm

Don't Stop Queen Now is the North of England's finest tribute to the music of Queen. With this smash hit show, relive the magic of Queen or discover it for the first time as they play all of the hits such as *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *We Are The Champions*, *We Will Rock You* and of course, *Don't Stop Me Now*.

Don't Stop Queen Now's energetic and true-to-life performance brings Queen's 40+ year reign to life in a show that's guaranteed to get you up and dancing! Tonight, you're gonna have yourself a real good time...

Tickets: £22.50

ON LINE 24/7

Tickets for each half season can be booked online at anytime. Visit our website to see the links to specific shows or visit.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/HalifaxPlayhouse
for Thespian shows and

www.ticketsource.co.uk/HalifaxPlayhouseHirers
for our hirers' shows.

BY PHONE 01422 365998

Outside of the box office hours shown below, messages will be picked up within 48 hours. We accept all major debit and credit cards for which there is no transaction charge.

BY TEXT 07436 895205

You can also text us to book tickets. Please tell us which performance and how many tickets. We will text to confirm your reservation and then contact you to arrange payment.

IN PERSON

At the Halifax Playhouse Box Office, King Cross Street, Halifax HX1 2SH

The Box Office is open from 1pm to 5pm on the Saturday before each show week then 1pm to 5pm on the final Saturday.

On performance days it is also open from 30 minutes before curtain up, i.e. 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Seats for all forthcoming shows can be booked.

BY POST

Please make cheques payable to 'Halifax Thespians' and send to The Box Office, Halifax Playhouse, King Cross Street, Halifax HX1 2SH. Please enclose an SAE and allow four working days for the tickets to arrive.

PRICES

Ticket prices for visiting companies are available online or via the Playhouse box office.

HALIFAX THESPIAN SHOWS

For the 2021/22 season you will **not pay** the 10% Ticketsource fee so make the most of our 24/7 online box office.

On the first night and Saturday matinees of each Thespian production you can buy tickets at the reduced rate of **two seats for £21**.

For all other performances tickets are now **£14.00**. All can be booked in advance.

Please note that two of our eight principal productions will be performed in the Bar Studio.

MEMBER DISCOUNT

Paid-up Thespian members are entitled to a discount on their ticket for all Thespian shows. Main stage shows are **£10.00**.

This is non transferable. Become a Thespian member for just **£15.00** - see details on page 10.

BAR STUDIO

Prices for other Thespian plays in the Playhouse Bar Studio are **£6.00** for rehearsed plays.

All 'script-in-hand' ones are **£5.00**, whether they are on main stage or in the Bar Studio.

Members get a **£1.00** discount off these prices.

CHILD UNDER 16 / STUDENT with NUS card

Prices are **£7.00** for children under 16 and Students with an NUS card.

Limited Wheelchair spaces (carer goes free).
Contact the Box Office for other discounts

Aug 31-Sep 4	Halifax Thespians One Man, Two Guvnors 7.30pm & 2.30pm Saturday matinee	Main Stage
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Sep 12	Jack And His Long Thick Stalk Adult Panto at 7:30pm	Main Stage
Sep 17	LDN Wrestling at 7.30pm	Main Stage
Sep 18	The Straits Dire Straits Tribute at 8:00pm	Main Stage
Sep 26	An Evening With Dolly Parton at 7:30pm	Main Stage
Oct 5-9	Halifax Thespians Say Something Happened and The Dumb Waiter 7.30pm & 2.30pm Saturday matinee	Bar Studio
Oct 16	THIS IS ME. An evening with Julia Martin at 7:30pm	Main Stage
Oct 23	Little Red Riding Hood Halloween Panto at 2:30pm	Main Stage
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Jan 22 & 29	Allstar Academy Peter Panto 2.30pm & 7.30pm	Main Stage
Jan 28	Don't Stop Queen Now at 7:30pm	Main Stage
Feb 15-19	Halifax Thespians - Play to be confirmed	Main Stage
Feb 23-26	Halifax Light Opera Juniors - The Wizard of Oz	Main Stage