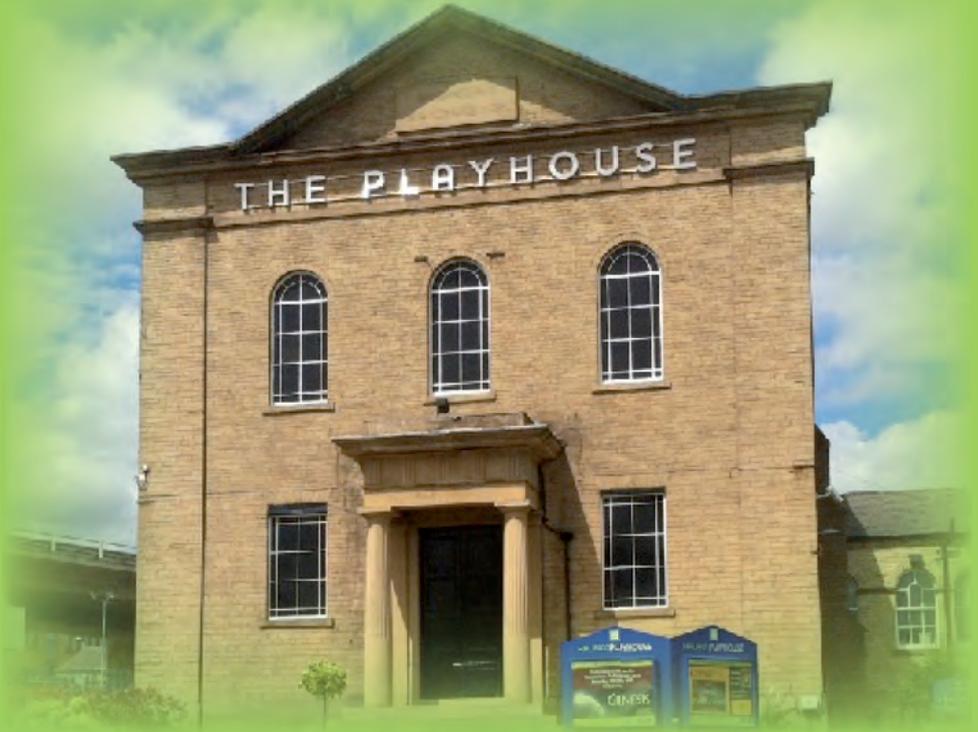


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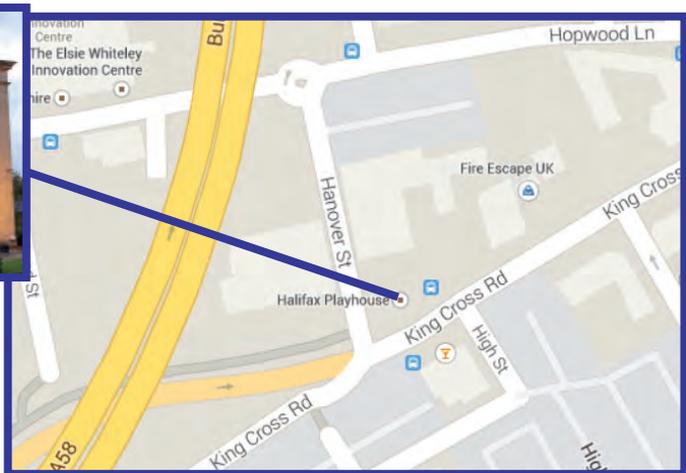
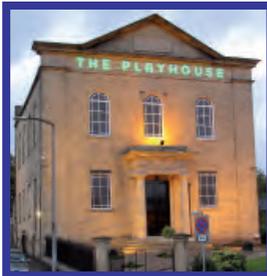
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Happy New Year and we welcome you to **The Halifax Playhouse**. The 2022 season brings you a wide range of entertainment, with a variety selection of both amateur and professional productions.

We will be cleaning and disinfecting the theatre before every performance and between performances and providing Hand sanitiser's throughout the theatre. We ask that you follow the latest Government Covid guidelines, which currently means wearing masks whilst in the building, except when eating or drinking.

We are proud to announce that our next show will be the Thespians production of Agatha Christie's **And Then There Were None** running from Tuesday 15 February.

Our new season proper starts in March with the acclaimed **The Cripple Of Inishmaan**, which despite the title, is an outrageously funny and acerbic comedy set in 1934 on the Irish island of Inishmaan and charts the local communities reaction to a Hollywood director coming to film a documentary on a neighbouring island.

This show sees the start of a change to a simplified ticket pricing structure with the Thespians' full price ticket reducing from £14 to £12. Details are on page 11.

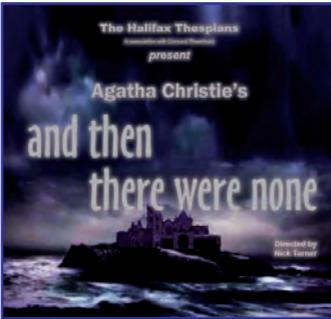
Other Halifax Thespian principal shows include the apocalyptic comedy **The Last Quiz Night On Earth** (and yes there is a quiz!), Nick Dear's adaptation of Mary Shelley's **Frankenstein** (not for the feint hearted) and the comedy whodunnit **Curtain Up On Murder**.

We also hold monthly Sunday afternoon **Open Mic** events in the bar. Join our email mailing list to get all the latest information - just contact [publicity@halifaxplayhouse.org.uk](mailto:publicity@halifaxplayhouse.org.uk) to get added.

The Halifax Playhouse is owned and run by the Halifax Thespians and so if you would be interested in joining please check out the membership details on page 10.

Once again we welcome you to a varied and enjoyable season of shows.

Chris Baldock, Publicity Manager



**Tuesday 15 to  
Saturday 19 February**  
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat matinee

**Halifax Thespians** present  
an Amateur performance in association with Concord Theatricals

## AGATHA CHRISTIE'S **and then there were none**

Directed by Nick Turner

Ten strangers are lured to a solitary mansion off the coast of Devon. When a terrible storm cuts them off from the mainland, and with their hosts mysteriously absent, the true reason for their presence on the island becomes horribly clear, as secrets from their past come back to haunt each and every one of them.

**Tickets: £7.00 to £14.00**



**Wednesday 23 to Saturday  
26 February - Main Stage**  
7:15pm & 2:15pm Thu & Sat. matinee

## Halifax Light Opera Society Juniors present **THE WIZARD OF OZ**

THE WIZARD OF OZ By L. Frank Baum. With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg. An amateur production by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC.

When a tornado rips through Kansas Dorothy and her dog, Toto are whisked away to the magical Land of Oz.

Join the Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion on the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City in this well known, enchanting and classic musical.

**Tickets: £15; £12 concessions**



**Sunday 27 February**  
**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 5 March**  
at 7:30pm

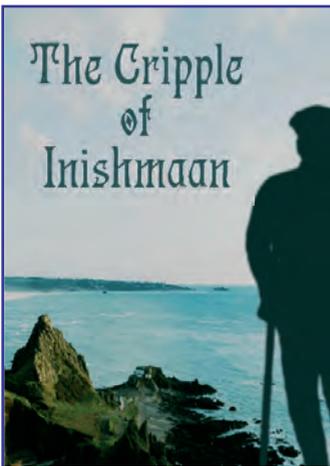
## RIO GOLD

### 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**



**Tuesday 15 to**  
**Saturday 19 March**  
**Main Stage**  
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat. Matinee

## Halifax Thespians present

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## The Cripple of Inishmaan

### An outrageously funny and acerbic comedy

by Academy Award-winning playwright  
Martin McDonagh

Directed by Neil Rawnsley

Told by the whole community, as is customary in such small communities, the humdrum life on Inishmaan is peeled open, one rumour at a time.

Set in 1934 on Inishmaan, one of the three remote islands forming The Aran Islands off the West Coast of Ireland, the local community is abuzz with excitement as word of the arrival of a Hollywood documentary film crew on neighbouring island Inishmore.

The locals all vie for the chance to be in the film, but there is no one as eager as orphan and cripple, Billy Claven.

With the odds stacked against him, Billy fights for his once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to escape a life of cruel mockery, endless patronisation, gossip and boredom.

**Tickets: £6.00 to £12.00**

Production sponsored by  
**Stone Dam Mills**  
FURNITURE & BEDS  




**Saturday 26 March**  
**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**



Based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold Perl. Book by Joseph Stein. Music by Jerry Bock. Lyrics by Sheldon Harnic. Produced on the New York Stage by Harold Prince. Original New York Stage Production Directed and Choreographed by Jerome Robbins.

**Tue 29 March to Sat 2 April**  
**Main Stage - Tue-Fri 7:15pm**  
**& 2:15pm Sat. Matinee**

**All Souls' Amateur Operatic Society**

## Fiddler on the Roof

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

It's 1905 and a small village in Imperial Russia. Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his wife, Golde, are blessed with five witty and beautiful daughters. The matchmaker Yente is busy making sensible marriage plans for them all but Tevye's bold daughters have their own ideas about who to marry.

This celebrated and much loved musical is packed with show-stopping songs including the hits 'If I Were A Rich Man', 'Tradition' and 'Matchmaker'

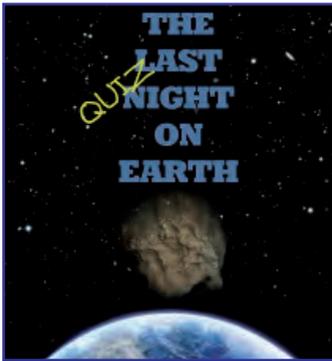
**Tickets: £14; Concessions £12; £7 Child on matinee**



**Sunday 3 April**  
**Main Stage at 7:30pm**

## An Evening with DOLLY PARTON

**The Rags to Rhinestones Story** is a dynamic, high energy theatre production that is widely accepted as the foremost tribute to Dolly Parton. It is performed by the award-winning Julia Martin, and has been delivered to audiences around the world. 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, £12.00 concession**



**Tuesday 5 to Saturday 9  
April - Main Stage**  
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat. Matinee

**Halifax Thespians** present  
an Amateur performance in association with Nick Hern Books  
**The Last Quiz Night On Earth**  
by Alison Carr. Directed by Nigel Town

It's the end of the world. The last night on earth.  
An asteroid is heading straight for us. Fancy going out with a bang? It's the final countdown.

Ladlady Kathy invites you to the last quiz night on earth with Quizmaster Rav. He's the host with the most. But with time ticking, some unexpected guests turn up out of the blue. Bobby wants to settle old scores and Fran wants one last shot at love. Expect the unexpected right until the bitter end.

**Tickets: £6.00 to £12.00** **IN THE BAR STUDIO**



**Saturday 16 April at 7:30pm**

**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 re-live the unmistakable guitar and keyboard sounds of the Alchemy, Wembley '85, and On every Street tours and much, much more! In fact, close you're eyes and you'd be forgiven for thinking it was Knopfler himself playing ... A MUST FOR ALL DIRE STRAITS FANS!! **Tickets £15.00**



**Sunday 23 April**  
**Main Stage at 7:30pm**

**Laffin' Boi Productions** presents another crude, rude and ever so slightly offensive adult pantomime!

**Sleeping With Beauty**

Written and directed by Karl Ridsdale  
Filled with rage the Evil Fairy Fanny Fart, vows to get her revenge on the King and Queen who banished her to live in the woods. She cooks up a wicked plot to kill their daughter Princess Beauty on her 21st birthday! Will the Good Fairy Fanny Flutter, with the help of Dame Dotty and her stupid son Fiddles, be able to save the day? Will true love conquer all? So come join us as we bring you a show full of laughter, music, dance and a lot of profanity! Over 18's only.

**Tickets: £14 (Groups 6 or more £12)**



**Tuesday 3 to Saturday 7 May**  
**Main Stage**  
 7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat. Matinee

Halifax Thespians present

# FRANKENSTEIN

Nick Dear's adaption of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein is  
 licenced by Rosica Collins Limited, London.

Directed by **Mike Bellenie**.

Childlike in his innocence but grotesque in form, Frankenstein's bewildered creature is cast out into a hostile universe by his horror-struck maker. Meeting with cruelty wherever he goes, the increasingly desperate and vengeful Creature is determined to track down his creator and strike a terrifying deal. Scientific responsibility, parental neglect, cognitive development and the nature of good and evil, are embedded within this thrilling, gory, deeply disturbing classic tale.

**Warning – this play contains scenes of a graphic sexual and violent nature. Not for the faint hearted.**

**Tickets: £6.00 to £12.00**



**Friday 20 May**  
**Main Stage at 7:30pm**

**CHUCKL** and Halifax Playhouse proudly presents

## Halifax Comedy Night

Join us as we bring you some of the biggest names in comedy, hand picked artists you're sure to love and stars of tomorrow you're yet to discover. Sit back, enjoy the show and get ready to laugh like your socks off!

The lineup includes **Robert White** (Britain's Got Talent Finalist), **Ignacio Lopez**, **Eric Rushton** and **Stephanie Laing**. Please note lineup may be subject to change.

**Tickets: £14.00**

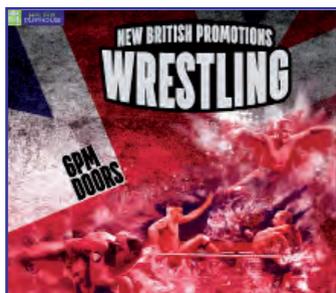


**Saturday 21 May**  
**Main Stage at 7:30pm**

**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**



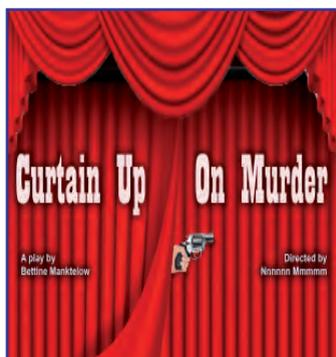
**Saturday 28 May**  
Main Stage at 6:30pm

## New British Promotions present LIVE PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

Live Professional Wrestling returns to Halifax and the Halifax Playhouse with an action-packed, family-friendly show featuring the best wrestlers from around the United Kingdom.

Perfect for a family outing or for seasoned wrestling fans, join us for over two hours of top-quality wrestling and have an opportunity to meet the wrestlers, too.

**Tickets: £8.00, £6.00 concession**



**Tuesday 7 to Saturday 11**  
**June - Main Stage**  
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat. Matinee

**Halifax Thespians** present  
an Amateur performance in association with Concord Theatricals

## Curtain Up On Murder

A comedy whodunnit by Bettine Manktelow

An amateur drama company is rehearsing in the theatre at the end of the pier. Storms rage overhead and the doors are locked- they are trapped!

Then a mysterious presence passes across the stage, and when the Assistant Stage Manager falls to certain death through a trapdoor, the remaining actors are thrown into disarray. Their panic increases when it becomes evident that a murderer is in their midst...

**Tickets: £6.00 to £12.00**



**Saturday 18 June**  
Main Stage at 7:30pm

## SIMPLY TINA AN EVENING WITH TINA TURNER THE MUSICAL JOURNEY TO THE QUEEN OF ROCK

**Simply Tina** is a smash hit theatre production that is widely accepted as the foremost tribute to Tina Turner. This dynamic, high energy show, performed by the award-winning Miss Julia Martin, has been delivered to audiences around the world. Built around Tina's sensational live performances and totally captures the energy and beat of a Tina concert. 'Simply Tina' includes all the classic hit songs from Tina's incredible career.

**Tickets: £15.00, £12.00 concession**

## 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.

We run training courses for Actors, Directors and technical disciplines as well as offering 'on the job' support. We also play host to a number of local musical theatre groups and professional events.

### 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

Meet like-minded people

Full voting rights at our Annual General Meeting

Members' Evenings and discounted bar nights

Quarterly newsletter Curtain Up

Concessionary rate for costume hire

Full membership  
details, prices and forms  
are on our website  
[www.halifaxplayhouse.org.uk](http://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.

As an arm of the Halifax Thespians we at ST are able to use the resources on offer to help all members as well as put on three performances a year—two at the Halifax Playhouse and one as an outdoor performance! New members will have the opportunity to be involved in all projects of Playhouse Stage-Training as well as with the Halifax Thespians' productions.

You may be actively involved on or off the stage, with opportunities to learn not only acting skills but behind the scenes (backstage) such as lighting, sound, assistant-stage-manager or stage-manager, even front of house roles are available! We meet every Wednesday 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the Carlton Rooms, Hill Street, Halifax, HX1 2EN. If you're interested feel FREE to come along. All are welcome and there is a role for everybody!

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

## 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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/HalifaxPlayhouse)  
for Thespian shows and

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/HalifaxPlayhouseHirers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/HalifaxPlayhouseHirers)  
for our hirers' shows.

Note: There is a booking fee of 8.4% paid to Ticketsource (7.8% for Thespians shows) with a minimum fee of 25p + vat.

## 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 07784 296340

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 Limited' 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.

## 8 PRINCIPAL HALIFAX THESPIAN SHOWS

**£12.00** Full price tickets

**£10.00** Paid-up Thespian members are entitled to a discount on **one ticket for each Thespian show**.

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

**£6.00** Children and young people aged 18 and under, plus full time students with an NUS card

**£10/£6** Adult /Child with their Carer.

We have limited wheelchair space so please contact the box office before booking. **Carers go free.**

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

## OTHER THESPIAN SHOWS

Prices for other Thespian plays will be set on a play by play basis, so please contact the box office or check out our website or notice boards for more details.

Better still, sign up for our emailed newsletters for the latest information. Ask to be added by emailing [publicity@halifaxplayhouse.org.uk](mailto:publicity@halifaxplayhouse.org.uk)

Feb 15-19	Halifax Thespians <b>And Then There Were None</b> by Agatha Christie 7:30pm & 2:30pm Saturday matinee	Main Stage
Feb 23-26	HLOS Juniors <b>The Wizard of Oz</b> at 7:15pm & 2:15pm	Main Stage
Feb 27	<b>A Celebration Of Simon And Garfunkel</b> 7:30pm	Main Stage
Mar 5	<b>Rio Gold</b> - Spandau Ballet/Duran Duran tribute 7:30pm	Main Stage
Mar 15-19	Halifax Thespians <b>The Cripple of Inishmaan</b> Outrageously funny 7.30pm & 2.30pm Sat. matinee	Main Stage
Mar 26	<b>Dont Stop Queen Now</b> (Queen tribute) at 7:30pm	Main Stage
Mar 29-Apr 2	All Souls AOS <b>Fiddler On The Roof</b> 7.15pm & 2.15pm Saturday matinee	Main Stage
Apr 3	<b>An Evening With Dolly Parton</b> (Tribute) at 7:30pm	Main Stage
Apr 5-9	Halifax Thespians <b>The Last Quiz Night On Earth</b> 7.30pm & 2.30pm Sat. matinee	<b>Bar Studio</b>
Apr 16	<b>The Straits UK</b> - The music of Dire Straits at 7:30pm	Main Stage
Apr 23	<b>Sleeping With Beauty</b> Adult Panto 7:30pm	Main Stage
May 3-7	Halifax Thespians <b>FRANKENSTEIN</b> adapted Nick Dear 7:30pm & 2:30pm Saturday matinee	Main Stage
May 20	<b>ChuckI.</b> present <b>Halifax Comedy Night</b> at 7:30pm	Main Stage
May 21	<b>The Greatest Hits Of 10CC And ELO</b> at 7:30pm	Main Stage
May 28	N. B. P. present <b>Live Professional Wrestling</b> at 6:30pm	Main Stage
Jun 7-11	Halifax Thespians <b>Curtain Up On Murder</b> a comedy whodunnit 7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat. matinee	Main Stage
Jun 18	<b>Simply Tina</b> - Tina Turner tribute at 7:30pm	Main Stage