

HALIFAX PLAYHOUSE
OUR 2025 SEASON OF SHOWS

BLACKADDER GOES FORTH





Friday 25 July at 8:00pm

Tonight, you're gonna have yourself a real good time!!!!

'Don't Stop Queen Now' boasts the UK's largest stage production of any Queen tribute band! 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, fronted by the incredible Michael Spence who has featured on ITV1 as Freddie Mercury, brings Queens 40+ year reign to life in a show that's guaranteed to blow your mind!

"He sounds just like Freddie!"

- Adam Lambert, Queen Frontman



Sunday 5th October at 2pm

George! The Concert" is a heartfelt tribute to the legendary George Harrison, capturing the spirit and musical genius of the iconic Beatles guitarist and solo artist.

This captivating show takes audiences on a journey through Harrison's prolific career, from his early days with The Beatles to his groundbreaking solo work and many collaborations.

The tribute concert features an ensemble of talented musicians dedicated to honoring Harrison's legacy with faithful renditions of his most beloved songs.

The set list includes timeless classics like "Here Comes the Sun," "Something," "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," and hits from his solo career such as "My Sweet Lord" and "All Things Must Pass."

Halifax Thespians Events

VE DAY Social Event

Thursday 8th May
A social event to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day from 7pm in the Studio Bar



An evening of 1940s music, play excerpts, and fun. For members and friends. 16+ only. Studio Bar, drinks for sale, bring some food for a 'fuddle'. 40s costume welcomed and we have a 'dress up' rail available.

Heritage Open Day

Sunday 14 September 2pm to 4pm



A chance to see places normally hidden from the public.

Halifax Thespians A.G.M.

Monday 15 September at 7:30pm

Members are requested to attend our Annual General Meeting in the Studio Bar

Halifax Thespians present



Tue 13 to Sat 17 May
at 7:30pm and 2:30pm Sat. matinee

Arnold Ridley's classic comedy-thriller, *The Ghost Train*, was first produced in 1925 and has been a firm favourite with professional and non-professional theatre companies ever since.

Six passengers find themselves stranded late at night in the waiting-room of an isolated Cornish railway station.

Ignoring the ghostly tales and dire warnings of the stationmaster, they decide to stay where they are until morning – with terrifying consequences.

As the night wears on, the mystery and fear deepen.

Halifax Thespians present



Tue 10 to Sat 14 June
at 7:30pm & 2:30pm Saturday matinee

On 2 August 1961, Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington, which had been saved for the nation by a special treasury grant, was put on display at The National Gallery in London. Nineteen days later it was stolen.

Four years after the theft, Kempton Bunton, a 61-year-old unemployed former bus driver from Benwell, Newcastle, baffled Scotland Yard detectives by confessing to the theft. Had this heavily built, antisocial, bespectacled Geordie really outwitted the gallery's sophisticated security?

The case sparked a national sensation and Susan Wear wrote the play after reading secret Director of Public Prosecution papers relating to the case. The recent film version starred Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.



Friday 27 June at 7:30pm

Step into a world of glamour, feathers, and tassels with *A Taste of Burlesque* - the dazzling new burlesque spectacular that's taking the stage by storm.

This modern extravaganza fuses the elegance of vintage burlesque with sultry dance, show stopping vocals, and contemporary flair. Brilliantly blending the glitz and glam of 1920s cabaret with modern creative choreography, it's a visual feast guaranteed to captivate. With fabulous costumes, unforgettable comedy, and a charismatic compere to guide you through the evening.

A Taste of Burlesque promises an unforgettable night of decadence, delight, and dazzling entertainment. Immerse yourself in a world of modern burlesque - are you ready for a taste? **This show contains adult content and themes.**



Saturday 5 July at 7:30pm

Lee has been performing his tribute to the King for 4 years and his simply stunning powerhouse vocals set him apart from every other Elvis tribute act out there. His show is a one man Elvis experience. With suits made by Elvis's tailor and Lee's attention to detail is simply second to none.

The **Up Close & Personal** is a show that concentrates solely on the love songs and power ballads of the King.

Lee says of his show "It's truly amazing what Elvis still means to people so many years after his passing. The tears that I see when I perform my show is something magical to behold, to see what this man meant to so many people continues show after show, I just hope I do Elvis's memory justice in my performance"

Forbidden Nights Limited present



Thursday 17 July at 7:30pm

Brace yourself for something truly spectacular... Forbidden Nights is here, celebrating 10 years of muscles, mayhem and over 11,000 shirt rips!

Were you excited by the show stopping performance on Britain's Got Talent? If you were left craving more, then get ready to experience their live stage show where YOU can be the ultimate judge!

"Truly Jaw-Dropping" – Metro

Ready for a new fantasy? Unleash your inhibitions as Forbidden Nights takes you to a whole new level, delivering more than your wildest dreams.

Halifax Thespians present



Tue 26 to Sat 30 August

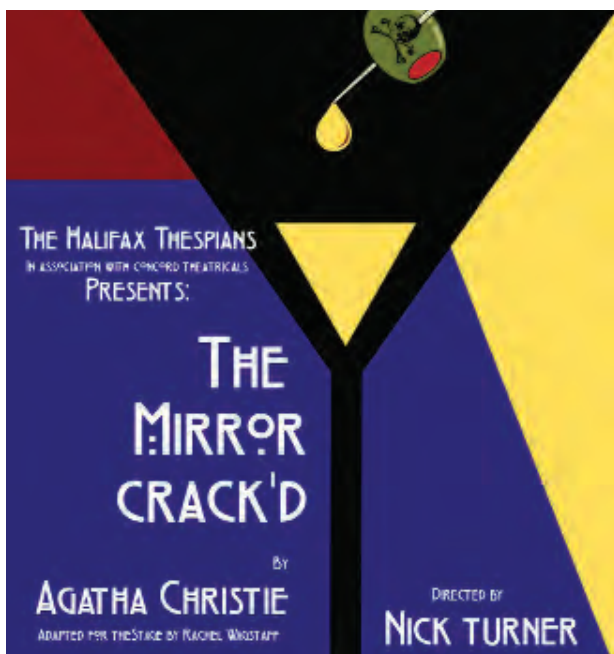
at 7:30pm and 2:30pm Sat. matinee

Bleak Expectations was an acclaimed BBC Radio 4 comedy by Mark Evans.

The story Charles Dickens might have written after drinking too much gin...

Follow half-orphan Pip's extraordinary exploits with sisters Pippa and Poppy and best friend Harry Biscuit, as they attempt to escape the calculating clutches of the dastardly Mr Gently Benevolent, defeat the hideous Hardthraher siblings, and deflect disaster at every turn! Will evil be vanquished by virtue? Can love triumph over hate?

Mark Evans' stage play Bleak Expectations is a hilarious, chaotic caper, featuring dastardly villains, preposterous names, pulse-quickening romances, heart-rending death scenes, and definitely, probably, hopefully a happy ending.



Tue 23 to Sat 27 September
at 7:30pm and 2:30pm Sat. matinee

In 1960s England, a wind of change is blowing through the land. It has even reached the sleepy village of St Mary Mead.

There's a new housing estate to make the villagers curious and fearful, and now the village has been thrown into a frenzy by the news that a glamorous American film star has bought the Manor House.

Miss Jane Marple, confined to a chair after an accident, is wondering if life has passed her by. Then there is a vicious murder, and Miss Marple must unravel a web of lies, tragedy and danger.

"Daring... bursts into high-octane action and never stops." – The Guardian

MIKRON THEATRE COMPANY present



Friday 3 October at 7:00pm

A Bletchley Story.

In a non-descript mansion house, in a non-descript town, a group of extra-ordinary men and women worked to provide intelligence that would help to win the war.

Peggy Valentine arrives at Bletchley in 1940, 18 years old, headstrong and gifted. Finding herself in a world of boffins, soldiers and debutantes, Peggy has to shoulder the burden of high pressure war work whilst navigating a new world of feuds, friendships and growing up in a frame of absolute secrecy.

Mikron invites you to enter a world of secrets, songs and cyphers as we get to know the heroes of Hut 3.

Writer and Lyricist Lucie Raine, Director Elvi Piper, Composer Greg Last, Music Director & Arranger Robert Cooper, Set & Costume Designer Celia Perkins. Integrated Audio Description Consultant Ben Wilson



Saturday 4 October at 7:45pm

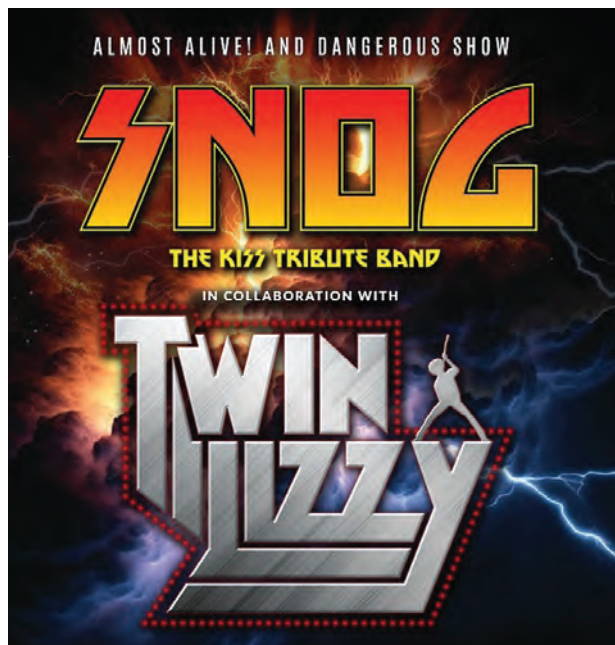
All your favourite US artists - all night long.

Bands like the Doobie Brothers, The Byrds, The Steve Miller Band, and artists like Boz Scaggs, Bruce Springsteen, Don Henley and a host of others.

The American Highway is a live tribute band that brings to life the iconic and classic 70's (with a bit of 60's and a touch of the 80's) West Coast style music.

Come with us as we travel along our musical highway, stopping along the way to check out Bob Seger, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Eagles, Jackson Browne, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Tom Petty, Neil Young and many many more.

Come along for the ride - we know you will enjoy your trip along THE AMERICAN HIGHWAY.



Friday 10 October at 7:30pm

Two of the UK's leading tribute bands have collaborated to bring you "***The Almost Alive! and Dangerous Show***" featuring **Twin Lizzy** The Thin Lizzy and Phil Lynott Tribute and **SNOG** the **KISS** Tribute

The show is a celebration of rock music and features all the bands classics with **TWIN** performing the iconic ***Live and Dangerous Live*** album in its entirety whilst **SNOG** recreate an authentic live **KISS** performance ... make up and all ... which is simply second to none.

Combined this show is a must for rock and music lovers alike.



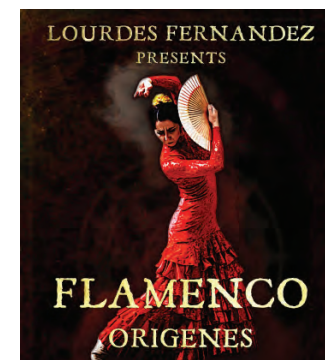
Saturday 11 October at 7:30pm

Legends of Motown is a high energy tribute show jam packed with all of Motown's biggest hits, with stunning vocals and amazing live band, celebrating the music of the iconic and timeless Motown era. Undoubtedly the golden era of music, the show pays tribute to the legendary artists that appeared on the Motown label at that time.

Get ready to be wowed with a song list that won't fail to have you up and out of your seats and dancing in the aisles.

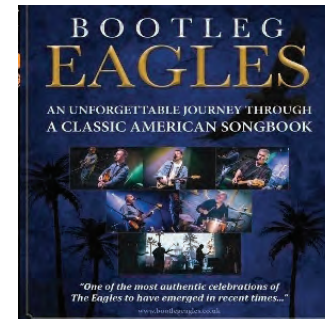
Make it a night to remember with the music authentic to the Motown label from artists such as Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, The Temptations, Jimmy Ruffin and many more!

Future Visiting Shows



10 November 2025 at 7:30pm

Lourdes Fernández and her Flamenco Company welcomes you to join them on this epic adventure to discover more about the beautifully rich art which we have come to know as flamenco.



14 November 2025 at 7:30pm

An evening with **The Bootleg Eagles** is jam-packed with all of the unforgettable hits and best-loved album tracks audiences love, all performed with the amazing musicianship and stellar harmonies that they deserve.

Future Halifax Thespian shows

Tue 21 to Sat 25 October
at 7:30pm and 2:30pm Sat. matinee

Breaking The Code

presented In the **Studio Bar**

Alan Turing is famed for cracking the Enigma code at Bletchley Park, effectively securing victory for the Allied forces in WWII.

Unfortunately for him, he also later broke the 1950s code of sexual discretion for his homosexuality for which he was arrested on a charge of gross indecency. Hugh White-more tells Turing's story in this mesmerising play, combining humour with compassion.

Thu 11 to Sun 14 December

Thu & Fri at 7:00pm

Sat & Sun 1pm & 5:30pm matinees

A Christmas Carol A Ghost Story

Mark Gatiss' spine-tingling adaptation is faithful to the heart and spirit of Charles Dickens' much-loved festive ghost story.

It's Christmas Eve. As the cold, bleak night draws in, the penny-pinching Ebenezer Scrooge is confronted by the spirit of his former business partner, Jacob Marley.

Bound in chains as punishment for a lifetime of greed, the unearthly figure explains it is not too late for Scrooge to change his miserly ways in order to escape the same fate.

HALIFAX THESPIANS MEMBERSHIP

The Halifax Playhouse is an independent community 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 principal shows each year both on our 238-seat main stage and in the 46-seat Studio Bar, as well as numerous rehearsed readings, play readings and events.

There are so many opportunities to get involved in helping us run our lovely Grade II Listed building and the shows performed within it.

Membership of the Halifax Thespians is just £20.00 per annum starting on 1st March each year. The application form is available from our website, from within the Halifax Playhouse or from membership@halifaxplayhouse.org.uk

Get more details by scanning the QR code below:



BOOK ONLINE 24/7

Tickets for each Playhouse show and event can be booked online at anytime. Visit our website to see the links to specific shows or visit:

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

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

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BY TEXT 07784 296340

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

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.

VISIT 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.

ESSENTIAL CARER SCHEME

All Thespian productions and some hirers allow wheelchair users and people with disabilities to bring a carer free of charge or at a reduced rate. By joining our scheme you can share your proof of eligibility just once and this lasts for up to three years. Contact us at boxoffice@halifaxplayhouse.org.uk or use one of the phone numbers on this page.

PRICES

Ticket prices for both Thespians and visiting companies are available from our website or via the Halifax Playhouse box office.

NEW SHOWS

Please note that new shows are added throughout the year, so please check our website for the latest information or join our

FREE MAILING LIST

Scan the QR code below to sign up for our free mailing list and get the latest show and event information. You can unsubscribe at any time.



March 2025

- 18-22 **Blackadder Goes Forth** Halifax Thespians
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat mat.
- 26 **Grant Harris An Evening of Mediumship** at 7:30pm

April 2025

- 1-5 **My Fair Lady** All Souls' Amateur Operatic Society
Tue-Fri at 7:15pm & 2:15pm Sat. matinee
- 8 **Operation Beach Hut** Mikron Theatre Co. at 7pm
- 11 **Made In Motor City** at 7:45pm
- 12 **A Date With The Everly Brothers** at 7:30pm
- 22-26 **Maggie May** Halifax Thespians - **Studio Bar**
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat mat.

May 2025

- 13-17 **The Ghost Train** Halifax Thespians
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat matinee

June 2025

- 10-14 **The Duke In The Cupboard** Halifax Thespians
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat matinee
- 27 **A Taste of Burlesque** at 7:30pm

July 2025

- 5 **ELVIS Up Close and Personal** at 7:30pm
- 17 **Forbidden Nights** at 7:30pm
- 25 **Don't Stop Queen Now** at 8:00pm

August 2025

- 26-30 **Bleak Expectations** Halifax Thespians
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat matinee

September 2025

- 14 **Heritage Open Day** from 2pm to 4pm
- 15 **Annual General Meeting** at 7:30pm
- 23-27 Agatha Christie's **The Mirror Crack'd**
Halifax Thespians 7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat matinee

October 2025

- 3 Mikron Theatre Company **HUSH HUSH!** at 7pm
- 4 The Classic Rock **American Highway** at 7:45pm
- 5 **George!** The George Harrison Concert at 2:00pm
- 10 **Almost Live! and Dangerous Show** at 7:30pm
- 11 **Legends of Motown** at 7:30pm
- 21-25 **Breaking The Code** Halifax Thespians
7:30pm & 2:30pm Sat matinee - **Studio Bar**

November 2025

- 10 **Flamenco Origenes** at 7:30pm
- 14 **Bootleg Eagles** at 7:30pm

December 2025

- 11-14 **A Christmas Carol Ghost Story** Halifax Thespians