

WHAT'S ON MAY-AUG 2025 AT FOREST ARTS CENTRE

La Bouche Manouche:
Got A Little Rhythm
Friday 2 May, 7.30pm





Andy Parsons

**GYPSY JAZZ
LA BOUCHE MANOUCHE:
GOT A LITTLE RHYTHM**

Friday 2 May, 7.30pm

£18 advance / £21 on the door 14+

Join La Bouche Manouche and critically acclaimed jazz vocalist Irene Serra in an evening of much-loved gypsy jazz tunes and foot-tapping swing numbers from the Great American Songbook. From Django Reinhardt to Billie Holiday classics, this is an unmissable evening of great music!

**SOFT ROCK
ALTER EAGLES**

Saturday 3 May, 7.30pm

£20 advance / £22 on the door 14+

This experienced, authentic tribute band perform the whole repertoire of Eagles tracks, from country rock – complete with full harmonies – through to hard rocking numbers with trademark duelling guitars.

**VINTAGE
HITS FROM THE BLITZ –
80 YEARS END OF WW2**

Wednesday 7 May, 7.30pm

£15 advance / £17 on the door 14+

Enjoy famous wartime tunes and singalong songs with this unique 'feel-good' 1940s show, as featured at Dame Vera Lynn's Charity Gala Nights and TV's *Dad's Army*.

**FOLK
THE UNRAVELLING
WILBURYS**

**Friday 9 and Saturday 10 May,
7.30pm**

£18 advance / £20 on the door 14+

Playing the country-rock songs of the 1980s supergroup The Traveling Wilburys, this top tribute band also steal some choice numbers from the back catalogue of each of the founders: Roy Orbison, Tom Petty, George Harrison, Bob Dylan and Jeff Lynne.

ANDY PARSONS: WORK IN PROGRESS

**SOLD
OUT!**

Thursday 15 May, 7.30pm

£13.50 14+

Join Andy Parsons as he warms up for another national tour.

NO ONE UNDER SIXTY - COMEDY IMPROV

Friday 16 May, 7:30pm

£10

Join us for an evening of experimental improv and guaranteed hilarity. Hosted by Forest Forge's 'Act Your Age' over 55's drama group, currently learning how to play again!

BLUES

TROY REDFERN AND RED GIANT

Thursday 22 May, 7.30pm

£14 advance / £18 on the door 14+

Troy Redfern combines the rawness of Hound Dog Taylor, the free-form approach of Sonny Sharrock, the firebrand playing of Johnny Winter and the technique of Dave Hole, all mixed with the ghost of Elmore James.



FINGERSTYLE IAGO BANET AND SUPPORT

Friday 23 May, 7.30pm

£12 advance / £14 on the door 14+

This mesmerising solo fingerstyle acoustic guitarist receives rave reviews wherever he plays! Iago's style fuses gypsy jazz, blues rock, country, dixieland, swing pop and folk, with a versatility and technique that captivates crowds across the UK and Spain.

SOUL

SOLENT SOUL

Saturday 24 May, 7.00pm

£7 advance / £10 on the door 14+

If you love Motown, funk, disco, 60s R&B and Northern Soul, why not polish up your dancing shoes and come along to enjoy the greatest soul ever recorded, complimented by Forest's superb dance floor and peakers that were just made for vinyl!

Mim Grey



**SINGER/SONGWRITER
MIM GREY**

Thursday 29 May, 7.30pm

£18 advance / £20 on the door 14+

Mim has performed all over the globe as the singer of choice for many noted musicians. Music icon Sir Tom Jones declared her as his favourite singer and Michael Ball hails her as 'the most beautiful voice to come out of the UK in a very long time'.

**SONGBOOK
NIGHT IN THE CANYON
– AMERICAN SONGBOOK
SHOW**

Friday 30 May, 7.30pm

£16 advance / £18 on the door 14+

Enjoy an evening with three award-winning UK music artists in a celebration of the songs of the Laurel Canyon music scene. This is an homage to the golden age of American music, featuring the timeless songs of James Taylor, Carole King, CSN&Y, Buffalo Springfield, the Eagles and Joni Mitchell.

**DAVID 'DIDDY' HAMILTON
Saturday 31 May, 7.30pm**

£10 14+

Join the legendary TV personality and broadcaster for a special evening at Forest Arts. No stone will be left unturned, with stories from his early childhood to early journalistic career, TV career and his time at Radio 1 and 2, with an entertaining peek into the secrets of showbusiness.

**SENSE AND SENSIBILITY
PRESENTED BY THE PANTALOONS**

Wednesday 4 June, 7.30pm

**£16 advance / £18 on the door /
£12 concessions 14+**

In this special year, when we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Jane Austen's birth, join us for a funny and fast-paced new adaptation of a classic novel. Elinor Dashwood has a lot of good sense. Her sister Marianne Dashwood has an excess of sensibility. Together they make a snappy title for the iconic novel of scandals, scoundrels and severely sprained ankles.

FOLK
MARTIN SIMPSON

Thursday 5 June, 7.30pm

£20 advance / £22 on the door 14+

One of England's most revered folk performers, Martin Simpson's acoustic and slide guitar interpretations of traditional songs are masterpieces of storytelling. His remarkable solo shows are intense, eclectic, spellbinding and deeply moving.

FOLK
JACOB AND DRINKWATER

Friday 6 June, 7.30pm

£14 advance / £16 on the door 14+

This south-west duo has been called 'stand out new folk' by BBC 6 Music and their live show described as 'intense and spellbinding' by Folk Radio UK. Don't miss their dynamic and emotionally-charged show!

BLUES
**CHANTEL MCGREGOR
AND SUPPORT**

Saturday 7 June, 7.30pm

£18 advance / £20 on the door 14+

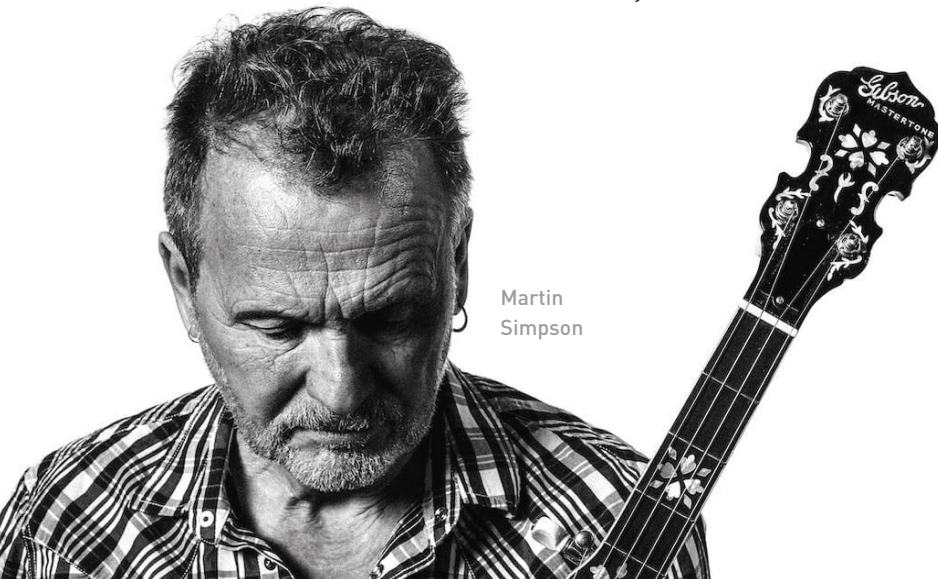
Chantel is the female guitar prodigy who defies all industry norms. Her stunning live performances and effortless virtuosity have built her a loyal fan base and she has been featured on Sky News, BBC Radio Five Live and BBC Radio 4.

FOLK
**PEGGY SEEGER –
FINAL FAREWELL TOUR**

Tuesday 10 June, 7.30pm

**£20 advance /
£22 on the door 14+**

Join Peggy Seeger, the grande dame of American and British folk music, as she embarks on her last ever concert tour alongside sons Neill and Calum MacColl, in celebration of her 90th birthday this month!



Martin
Simpson

**BLUES
CONNOR SELBY
AND SUPPORT**

Thursday 12 June, 7.30pm

£12 advance / £14 on the door 14+

Connor Selby is a rising British star in the traditions of Eric Clapton and Peter Green who draws on influences as diverse as BB King, Ray Charles and Nick Drake, creating a soulful blend of hard-hitting blues and emotional songwriting.

**BLUES
ABB**

Friday 13 June, 7.30pm

£8 advance / £10 on the door 14+

Join us for an historic evening as ABB takes the stage one last time before retirement. Going strong since 1988, with four of the five original members, ABB are one of the finest exponents of contemporary blues.

**SCOTT BENNETT:
BLOOD SUGAR BABY**

Saturday 14 June, 7.30pm

£18 18+

As heard on the *Parenting Hell* podcast and seen on *Live at the Apollo* and *The News Quiz*, join Scott as he tells the amazing story of how his daughter fell ill with a rare genetic condition. This is a story of an ill baby, but it's a funny one, with a happy ending! Hailed as 'Comedy's best kept secret' by the Evening Standard, this is one not to miss!

**RICH HALL:
CHIN MUSIC**

**SOLD
OUT!**

Wednesday 18 June, 7.30pm

£18 14+

Rich Hall's comedy is sharp, quick, splenetic and sublimely improvisational.

**CLASSICAL
LISA TIMBS –
THE SQUARE PIANIST**

Thursday 19 June, 7.30pm

£12 advance / £15 on the door 18+

Lisa Timbs uses music and replica clothing to bring history to life. A pianist with over 30 years of experience, Lisa was once referred to by John Rutter as 'golden fingers'.

**BLUES
GREG COULSON**

Friday 20 June, 7.30pm

£14 advance / £16 on the door 14+

Greg Coulson is a British musical powerhouse, an expressive singer-songwriter and dynamic performer who blends soul and classic rock with the groove of blues, funk and jazz. He has collaborated with Morcheeba, Tom Grennan and the legendary Queens of the Stone Age.



MARK SIMMONS AND FRIENDS

Thursday 26 June, 7.30pm

£15 18+

After a sell out 200-date debut tour, *Dave's Joke of the Fringe Winner 2024* is back on the road testing out new material. Expect a night of freshly cooked one-liners, some that may never see the light of day again! You can also enjoy three other fantastic comedians, all handpicked by Mark!

BLUES

CHRISTINE COLLISTER AND DAVE KELLY

Friday 27 June, 7.30pm

£20 advance / £22 on the door 14+

Drawing from their mutual love of classic rock, pop, country, jazz and blues, Christine and Dave dive headlong and full throttle into the songs they love.



COMEDY / CLASSICAL SCARLETT SMITH – ANY OBJECTIONS?

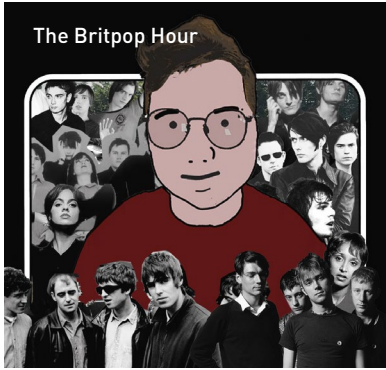
Saturday 28 June, 7.30pm

£14 advance / £16 on the door 14+

Scarlett Smith is an electro-acoustic harpist and comedian. Blending live, looping harp covers of popular songs, self-produced indie-pop jingles and fast paced punch lines, she will take you into her whimsical world where chaos meets creativity.

Mark Simmons





THE BRITPOP HOUR WITH MARC BURROWS

Thursday 10 July, 7.30pm

£12 18+

Join award-winning writer-comedian Marc Burrows for a multi-media stand up celebration of one of British music's most iconic and enduring moments, marking 30 years since the Blur vs Oasis chart war. Music journalist Marc dives into the stories, rivalries, personalities and some of the finest music the UK has ever produced.

ROOM HIRE

At Forest Arts Centre we have six flexible spaces available for hire at competitive rates, plus the support of our friendly and experienced team to help you plan your event.

Contact our team for more information on 01425 612393.

MISTY MOON PRESENTS DEE ANDERSON - GROWING UP WITH THUNDERBIRDS

Saturday 30 August, 7.30pm

£20

Join us for a heartfelt tribute to the boundless imagination and thrilling adventures that defined a generation. Dee Anderson brings a unique personal perspective as the daughter of the legendary visionaries Sylvia and Gerry Anderson. Through Dee's eyes, this extraordinary legacy comes to life on stage like never before. We invite you into the World of a child who grew up with Thunderbirds. It was simply FAB!

MONTHLY MUSIC NIGHT GREEN ROOM LIVE

Thursdays at 7:30pm

£7 advance /
£10 on the door /
£5 young person

1 May: Otis Jay Band

12 July: Maddie Morris



**LOOKING FOR CHILDCARE
OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?**

FOREST ARTS SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS



Quality, affordable, reliable, creative and fun childcare for children aged 6–13 years. Our summer holiday clubs are designed to inspire your child to explore the world around them and make new friends through creativity and play.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN!

**Monday 18 – Friday 22 August,
9am to 4pm daily**

**£180 per child per week,
£140 for an additional child.**

Suitable for ages 6–13

Join us for our week-long summer school with Zest Dance New Milton. Throughout the week the young people will create the set and costumes, devise their scripts and learn dance routines for a performance at the end of the week!



CREATIVE CAMPS!

**Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 August,
9am to 4pm daily**

**£36 per day or £128 for
the week**

Suitable for ages 6–12

Join us for fun filled days of dance, drama, arts and crafts! Sign up for a day or join us for all four days! Each day will have the following activities running:

**Tuesday 26 and
Thursday 28 August**

Dance with Arts and Crafts

**Wednesday 27 and
Friday 29 August**

Theatre with Arts and Crafts



A BUCKET-LOAD OF FUN THIS SUMMER!

WORKSHOPS

Commercial Dance



ART

CRAFT

DANCE &
PERFORMING ARTS

WELLNESS

FLORISTRY WORKSHOP: HOW TO MAKE A TABLE RUNNER

Saturday 3 May, 10am – 12pm
£42 full / £37.80 concession

BELLY DANCE WORKSHOP

Saturday 3 May and 12 July,
10am – 12pm
£15

DIY MINI BOOKS WORKSHOP: CRAFT CLASS WITH A WINE GLASS

Wednesday 7 May, 6pm – 8pm
£20

COMMERCIAL DANCE MASTERCLASS

Saturday 10 May, 10am – 12pm
£15

BIRO SKETCHING WORKSHOP: DRAWING FLOWERS

Saturday 10 May, 10am – 3pm
£25

FELT BRACELETS WORKSHOP

Friday 16 May, 10am – 4pm
£55 full / £49.50 concession

NATURE JOURNALING WORKSHOP

Saturday 17 May, 10am – 12pm
£35 full / £31.50 concession

CYANOTYPE PHOTOGRAPHY

Saturday 17 May,
1:30pm – 4:30pm
£35 full / £31.50 concession

EXPRESSIVE PORTRAITS: WORKING WITH PASTELS

Monday 19 May,
6:30pm – 8:30pm
£22

THE POWER OF THE BIRO

Friday 23 May and 11 July,
6pm – 8pm
£10

SATURDAY SOUND BATH

Saturday 24 May, 14 June and
19 July, 10:30am – 12pm
£12

COLLAGE SHORT COURSE

Saturdays from 24 May for
4 weeks, 10am – 12pm
£70 full / £63 concession

PAINTING LANDSCAPES: OILS WORKSHOP

Friday 6 June, 10am – 1pm
£27

FLORISTRY WORKSHOP: HOW TO MAKE A HAT BOX

Wednesday 11 June, 6pm – 8pm
£42 full / £37.80 concession

FELT PURSES AND POUCHES WORKSHOP

Friday 13 June, 10am – 4pm
£55 full / £49.50 concessions

MOVE AND CONNECT: A FATHER'S DAY WORKSHOP

Saturday 14 June,
10:30am – 12pm
£10

Hat Box Flowers



CELEBRATING PRIDE: POP ART WORKSHOP



Wednesday 18 June, 6pm – 8pm
£16

ABSTRACT ART

Friday 20 June, 6pm – 8pm
£10

GLASS TEALIGHTS AND SUN CATCHERS

Saturday 28 June, 10am – 1pm
£55 full / £49.50 concession

INTRODUCTION TO FUSED GLASS

Saturday 28 June, 2pm – 5pm
£70 full / £63 concession

WATERCOLOUR MASTERY: BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND EXPLORING ADVANCED TECHNIQUES

Saturday 12 July, 10am – 4pm
£45 full / £40.50 concession

PARKINSONS' DANCE

Monday 4, 11 and 18 August,
1pm – 2:15pm
£5.50

CLASSES

ART

DANCE &
PERFORMING ARTS

WELLNESS



Creative Figure Drawing

ADVANCED TAP

**Mondays from 10 April for
10 weeks, 9:30am – 10:30am**
£65 full / £58.50 concession /
£6.50 drop in

BALANCE

**Mondays from 28 April for
10 weeks, 10:30am – 11:30am
and 11:45am – 12:45pm**
£55 full (no concession
or drop in)



Advanced Tap

PARKINSONS' DANCE

**Mondays from 28 April for
10 weeks, 1pm – 2:15pm**
£5.50 drop in per week

SIMPLY ART

**Mondays from 28 April for
10 weeks, 1:30pm – 3:30pm**
£130 full / £117 concession

GENTLE AND CHAIR BASED YOGA

**Wednesdays from 23 April for
12 weeks, 9:15am – 10:15am
and 10:30 – 11:30am**
£66

OILS

**Wednesdays from 23 April
for 12 weeks, 10am – 12pm**
£156 full / £140.40 concession

BALLET IMPROVERS

Wednesdays from 23 April
for 12 weeks, 6pm – 7pm
£73 full / £6.50 drop in

CREATIVE FIGURE DRAWING

Thursdays from 24 April
for 12 weeks, 10am – 12pm
£156 full / £140.40 concession

SILVER SWANS

Thursdays from 24 April for 12
weeks, 11:45am – 12:45pm
£73 full (no concession) /
£6.50 drop in

FOREST ARTISTS

Thursdays from 24 April for
12 weeks, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
£4.50 weekly drop in

CORE FLOW: YOGA, STRENGTH, AND STRETCH

Thursdays from 24 April for
12 weeks, 6:15pm - 7:15pm
£73 full / £6.50 drop in



DISCO FIT

Fridays from 25 April for
12 weeks, 8:45am – 9:30am
£73 full / £6.50 drop in

BEGINNERS TAP

Fridays from 25 April for
12 weeks, 9:45am – 10:45am
£73 full / £6.50 drop in

IMPROVERS TAP

Fridays from 25 April for
12 weeks, 11am – 12pm
£78 full / £71.50 concession /
£6.50 drop in

ELEVATE: DANCE FOR MS

Saturdays 26 April, 24 May,
7 June, 28 June, 5 July, 19 July,
2 August, 23 August
11:45am – 1pm
£5.50 drop in

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

ART

CRAFT

THEATRE

WELLNESS



Adult-Child Face Painting

ADULT-CHILD FACE PAINTING WORKSHOP

UNDER 13s

Tuesday 27 May,
10:30am – 12:30pm
£20

TEENS POTTERY WORKSHOP 12+

Wednesday 28 May,
10am – 11am
£20

INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING: TRIBE ALTERNATIVE STAGE SCHOOL

Wednesday 28 May, 2pm
£5

Join StoryTribe's intrepid storytellers to warm up your imaginations, play games, share ideas and create the greatest story NEVER told! Come along to just watch and listen, or get involved in creating the story and characters with us!

PAPER ORIGAMI 7+

Thursday 29 May, 2pm – 4pm
£12.50

CHILDREN'S YOGA 8 – 12s

Thursday 29 May, 10am – 11am
£6

TEEN'S YOGA 13 – 17s

Thursday 29 May,
11:15am – 12:15pm
£6

KIDS PRINT DAY: MASTERCLASS WITH BERKSHIRE PRINTERS 7+

Friday 30 May, 9:30am – 3pm
£70

CELEBRATING PRIDE: YOUTH POP ART 12+



Saturday 7 June, 2pm – 3:30pm
£12

ADULT AND CHILD POTTERY WORKSHOP 8+

Saturday 14 June, 2pm – 3pm
£20

PLAY WITH PAINT 7+

Fridays from 25 July
for 4 weeks, 10am – 11am
£6.50 per week



Teens Pottery



Crafty Kids Club

CLASSES



Taster sessions may be possible for classes with availability. Please see our website or contact the box office for more information.

MINI ART 5-8s
Mondays from 28 April
for 10 weeks, 4pm - 5pm
£50

CRAFTY KIDS CLUB 5-11s
Thursdays from 24 April
for 12 weeks, 4pm - 5pm
£60

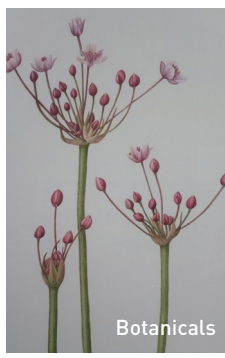
THE ART SQUAD 9-12s
Mondays from 28 April
for 10 weeks,
5:15pm - 6:15pm
£50

YOUNG ARTISTS 13+
Thursdays from 24 April
for 12 weeks, 5:15pm - 6:45pm
£60

EXHIBITIONS

**RACHAEL LEE: THROUGH
THE PORTRAIT - STORIES
BENEATH THE SURFACE**
5 April - 28 May 2025

**GILLIAN GEARY:
BOTANICALS**
31 May - 9 July 2025



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