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September to December 2009

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Welcome to Essex on Tour and the autumn 09 guide to what's on at a venue near you. Details can also be found on www.essexontour.org.uk.

Essex on Tour is a regional touring scheme which enables local communities and societies to stage quality professional productions at subsidised rates, meaning affordable ticket prices at very local venues. The performances listed here are promoted by local people in participating districts all over Essex. For prices, tickets and other details call the promoter's contact number listed under the performance you want to see.

We hope you enjoy the programme of events and do remember to look out for the next brochure in December promoting the spring 2010 season.

Become a promoter

For information on becoming a promoter or to talk about the Young Promoter's Scheme, please contact:

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Fri 11 Sept 7.30pm
The Red Lion, South Street
Manningtree C011 1BG
t 01206 395052

Sat 12 Sept 8pm
Little Totham Music Festival
All Saints Church, Church Lane
Little Totham CM9 8LU
t Vivienne 01621 891660

Ages 10+ 2 x 45 mins
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The Entire History of Cabaret Shoo Shoo Baby

Fresh from the national tour of their hit Edinburgh Festival show 'Delicious!', the fabulously glamorous musical double act, Shoo Shoo Baby, return to the stage to heroically perform The Entire History Of Cabaret in just 90 minutes! In this new show, the Shoo Shoos illustrate cabaret's scandalous and illustrious past with music from Marilyn Monroe to The Velvet Underground and Eartha Kitt to Elvis. Expertly assisted from the piano by Michael Roulston, they gamely take their audience from the revolutionary ferment of Gay Paree and the smoky subversion of Berlin to the cockney singalongs of the London music hall. Featuring witty new arrangements of classic songs such as, 'Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend' and 'Me And My Shadow', this is a night not to be missed for all fans of cabaret.



De-lovely – A Tribute to Cole Porter The Claire Harper Jazz Trio

Sat 26 Sept 7.30pm
The Knights Way Centre, Knights Way
Ingrave **Brentwood** CM13 2AZ
t 01277 220510 (option 1)

All ages 2 x 45 mins

Singer/pianist Claire's captivating vocals and creative piano style have earned critical acclaim, and with her talented band, she presents a show featuring the enchanting melodies and ingenious lyrics of Cole Porter. With her unique, impressive voice and superb arrangements they ensure that the songs are fresh and exciting whilst still retaining their original elegance and charm. This is a great opportunity for jazz fans to get an insight into the composer's life, as well as enjoying a performance featuring such classics as 'I Get A Kick Out Of You', 'Night and Day' and 'I've Got You Under My Skin'. A real treat for all you crooners.



Conjuring Up Comedy Ian Keable

It could be said that for some, the urge to run away with the circus runs deep and no-one more than Keable exemplifies this, who as a successful accountant, decided to chuck it in and become a magical comedian. Or comic magician. You choose. But do not miss the opportunity to be treated to his unique brand of acerbic humour delivering hilarious anecdotes about how and why he made the transition and accompanied by spellbinding trickery. Mind-reading, sleight of hand and featuring a lemon, two bank notes (of course) and a couple of rogue chairs that refuse to be parted from the bottoms of the inhabitants all feature in this treat of VAT – ‘very amusing tricks’.

Sat 3 Oct 2pm
Jaywick Martello Tower
The Promenade, Belsize Avenue
Jaywick CO15 2LF
t 01255 822783

Ages 12+ 2 x 50 mins



Spirit of Africa Modeste Hugues

Born and raised in Madagascar, guitarist/songwriter Modeste Hugues Randriamahitsoa, know simply as Modeste, brings to Theatre Resource a form of Malagasy music rich with rolling guitar-picking patterns that weave an hypnotic carpet of sound, the kind that will entrance you. Modeste is a gentle voiced performer of extraordinary musical dexterity and has recently stolen the show at both the Big Chill and Womad festivals, as well as performing as part of the now renown ‘Africa Express’ project. With three critically acclaimed albums under his belt, this is a rare opportunity to witness such talent at a local intimate venue.

Sat 3 Oct 8pm
Theatre Resource
Great Stony High Street,
Chipping Ongar CM5 0AD
t 01277 366194

Ages 12+ 2 x 45 mins
www.modeste.co.uk



Flamenco Flava! Sumaya

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demand!

After a sell out debut performance in February, Sumaya are back at the theatre to bring you another night of hot-blooded passion. Forged from a meeting of minds and talents from around the globe, they take this traditional Spanish art form and reproduce it as it should be, in the intimacy of a small hall with few frills, immediately transforming it with their collective energy and red-blooded passion. With the bonus of another dancer and vocalist added to the line up for just this occasion, they will once again prove why they are regarded as one of the finest examples of this genre. A fantastic assault on the senses, this is an evening that will inspire young and old alike.

Thur 8 Oct 8pm
Cramphorn Theatre
Fairfield Road
Chelmsford CM1 1JG
t 01245 606505

Sun 11 Oct 7.30pm
Brentwood Theatre
15 Shenfield Road
Brentwood CM15 8AG
t 01277 230833

All ages 2 x 45 mins
www.sumaya.co.uk



An Auctioneer's Lot Tales from a country auctioneer Philip Serrell from ‘Bargain Hunt’ and ‘Flog It’

With a career that has taken him from PE teaching to become a successful auctioneer of fine arts, Philip has seen it all – from priceless eighteenth century dining tables hidden away in decaying farm sheds to tattooed travellers with a penchant for Worcester porcelain. He is a regular contributor to regional magazine publications, has featured on the Times Online Website with future ‘Antique’ collectables and is a very familiar face on several BBC antiques programmes. Philip brings to life a world in which the most valuable antiques frequently turn up in the most unlikely places – and accompanied by the most unlikely people! The evening includes an informal valuation of those hidden gems you might have, so bring them along!

Sun 11 Oct 7.30pm
The Freight House, Bradley Way
Rochford SS4 1BU
t 01702 318171

All ages 2 x 50 mins



Professor Bumm's Story Machine The Black Sheep

The hit improvised comedy for all the family, as seen on BBC1's 'The Slammer' and in two sell-out West End runs. 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?' meets 'Jackanory' in this storytelling show for the whole family. Professor Bumm and his assistant Doctor Whee invite you to the unveiling of his latest, greatest invention – The Story Machine! These two eccentric eggheads will race to turn ideas and suggestions from the audience into freshly minted hilarious stories, hopefully with the help of their unpredictable machine. Superb.



The King's Got Donkey's Ears! Theatre of Widdershins

A walk in the woods should be for fun, play or for a visit to Grandma's. Not so for Good King Orik. He went in smiling and came out cursed with the great big furry ears of a donkey! Shocked, embarrassed and very upset, the King hides away in his tower, desperately hoping that no one will find out the secret hidden beneath his hat. But Scruffibus, the King's wise and faithful dog, cannot bear to see his master upset and realises that something must be done! Following its massive hit with 'Three Billy Goats Gruff & Other Furry Tails', Theatre of Widdershins brings you this tale of mythical mayhem and asinine antics, lovingly retold with the company's unique blend of puppetry, storytelling and original music.

Sun 25 Oct 3pm
The Murray Hall, 106 Borders Lane
Loughton IG10 3SB
t 020 8508 4200

Ages 6+ 70 mins
www.blacksheepcomedy.co.uk

Sat 7 Nov 3pm
Gt Baddow Parish Hall, 19 Maldon Road
Gt Baddow CM2 7DW
t Jannetta 01245 472448
or Chris 01245 471633

Sun 6 Dec 3pm
Gt Leighs Village Hall
Boreham Road **Gt Leighs** CM3 1NH
t Brian 01245 361323
or Carol 01245 361740

Ages 4+ 50 mins
www.theatre-of-widdershins.co.uk

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Parking on-site



Parking nearby



Designated wheelchair user parking spaces



Level entrance



Alternative wheelchair access at side or rear



Ramped approach down to entrance



Ramped approach up to entrance



Steps at main entrance



Standard WC facilities



Wheelchair accessible toilet



Accessible lift for wheelchair users



Assistance dogs welcomed



Sound enhancement systems available

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