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AUTUMN/WINTER • Sep 2025 - Feb 2026



Arts For Everyone in Ryedale ..and beyond

Welcome to Helmsley Arts Centre's Autumn Winter 2025/2026 Brochure!

Our pages, spaces and stages are packed with events and activities to hopefully bring each and every one of you some creative entertainment in the coming months. We're delighted to say that Helmsley Literary Festival is back for its second year and we're so looking forward to donning our sunshine yellow t-shirts and welcoming in an anthology of authors in September! We have new to HAC, musicians, artists, actors and creatives joining us this season and it's such a pleasure to be able to host them, as well as our popular returning creatives, and to be able to offer so many opportunities for our community. December brings the return of the ever popular 1812 Pantomime. This year our trustee Martin Vander Weyer has put his talented pen to paper and written our very own 'Robin Hood's Helmsley Adventure' and who knows, perhaps he'll once again don a snazzy frock for us too! As we head into 2026 we have a variety of music, comedy, workshops, talks and theatre to blast away those January blues. Don't forget our regular activities and groups too; perhaps this is the season you join our tuneful HAC Singers, tread the boards with the 1812, or step up to the mic at our bi-monthly open mic sessions! Whatever you choose, there's a warm welcome waiting for you and if you come on a Friday Morning, there's homemade cake and freshly ground coffee at our Cafe too!

Natasha Jones, Artistic Director

Our Studio Bar is open at all our events with a variety of drinks on offer including Beer from Helmsley Brewery and a selection of wine from Helmsley Wines!



There are many ways you can get involved and help secure our future:

Donate

- **Add a donation to your ticket purchase** - to support our work
- **Make a regular donation via our website or box office** - be a part of a community giving back
- **Become a Patron** - a regular donor making a huge difference
- **Become a sponsor** - sponsor an event, a production, Youth Theatre, Panto...
- **Name a Seat** - personalise your very own seat in the auditorium
- **Leave a legacy gift** - a gift for future generations
- **Host a fundraising event** - a sponsored sing, a gala dinner, an art competition...
- **Join www.easyfundraising.co.uk** - shop online to support us!

Gift Aid

As a registered charity (1058130) Helmsley Arts Centre can claim Gift Aid on donations. If you are a UK tax payer, for every £1 you give, we can claim an extra 25p from HMRC. Every penny really counts!

Get Involved

You can support us in our work, and be an active member of your community by offering your time and skills as a volunteer at HAC. You could meet new people, enjoy a friendly, social environment and reap the wellbeing benefits of being part of your local Arts Centre. If front of house volunteering isn't for you, consider supporting our marketing, trustees or Friends of HAC. Or perhaps you'd be interested in joining the 1812 Theatre company, building sets or joining the costume team? There are so many opportunities to get involved and we'd love to welcome you to the team.

Fundraising

Could you help us meet our annual fundraising need of £80,000? Whether it's organising fundraising events, contacting corporate sponsors, supporting our advertising or becoming a voice of support for HAC at local events we'd love to hear from you and have your support!

For more information on how you can support HAC:

Visit **www.helmsleyarts.co.uk**
 Email **generalmanager@helmsleyarts.co.uk** Call **01439 771700**

JOIN US

1812 Theatre Company

The 1812 Theatre Company is our in-house amateur company, with a rich and varied show history, producing four productions and the ever-popular 1812 Pantomime each year. We're always keen to welcome new members. Whatever age, with or without experience, there are many ways you can join in: on or offstage! The 1812 also has a play reading group which is open to all and provides an opportunity to read a variety of scripts.



Visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/get-involved/1812-theatre-company

Email 1812theatreco@gmail.com

Call the 1812 secretary Jean Sheridan on **01439 772388**



1812 Youth Theatre

The 1812 Youth Theatre provides opportunities for young people aged 5 -18 yrs to participate in weekly drama sessions, workshops and projects with the aim of improving confidence, developing performance skills and working as part of a team and to allow members to explore their own voice, talent and creativity. The groups meet weekly, in term time and each member is encouraged to develop their skills on and off stage with the opportunity to participate in productions throughout the year and learn about the performing arts industry.

For more information on joining 1812 Youth Theatre

Visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/get-involved/1812-youth-theatre

Email 1812youththeatre@gmail.com

Call 1812 Youth Theatre director Natasha Jones **01439 772112**



Volunteer!

You could be a part of the volunteer team at HAC, meet new people and support your local Arts Centre! Our wonderful volunteers help us to provide a varied programme of events and activities throughout the year by generously donating their time, skills and support.

Our Volunteering opportunities include:

- Bar • Front of House
- Box Office • Exhibitions • Friday Café • Artist Hosting • Maintenance

To find out more about volunteering please contact HAC's Volunteer Co-ordinator, Phye Bell. Email **volunteering@helmsleyarts.co.uk** or Call **01439 771704**

You're also welcome to join our bi-monthly Volunteers' Coffee, Cake and Conversation morning at HAC to find out more and meet other members of the team!



Friends of Helmsley Arts Centre

We are looking for eager volunteers with a passion for the arts to join the Friends of HAC Committee to organise social and fundraising events throughout the year. If you'd like to meet new people, support your local Arts Centre and get involved please contact Natasha **director@helmsleyarts.co.uk**

To support our work and become a Friend of Helmsley Arts Centre costs just £20 for an annual membership. Contact **boxoffice@helmsleyarts.co.uk** | **01439 771700** to sign up today!

Take part in our 100 Club Lottery!

For as little as £3 per month you'll not only be helping HAC but may also win a cash prize in the monthly draw. Winners are announced at the last Friday Café of the month.

Entry forms from the Box office or visit

www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/get-involved/friends



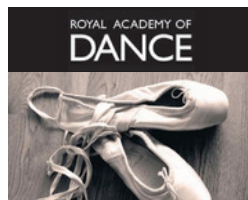
CLASSES, ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

BALLET -JILL THOMAS SCHOOL OF BALLET

Children's classes are held on a Saturday in term time from 10am for children 3+, with Mrs Jill Robertson, a qualified and registered teacher with the Royal Academy of Dance.

Ladies' Class held on a Monday, 11am - 12noon - all standards welcome

For more info contact jillrobertson61@outlook.com 01642 762911



CREATIVE CONNECTIONS WITH HANNAH TURLINGTON

Tuesdays 6pm - 8pm Creative Connections is aimed at supporting people within the local community to develop a creative practice that they can use daily to support and enrich their own mental health and well being. The 2 hourly sessions are a place to learn new creative skills with minimal resources and give an activity that can be done at home between the sessions, encouraging attendees to make some time for themselves away from the session. For more info or to book please email info@hannahturlington.co.uk or call 01439 771700



DIDDY DOODLERS!

Tuesdays 10am - 11.30am | £5 per session

A crafting session for little ones and their adults with experienced teacher Rachel G! For 1-4yrs (younger siblings welcome!). If you can, please bring your own lidded cup for hot drinks. The sessions take place in HAC Studio Bar and include materials and refreshments! Contact Rachel to book your place: rachel1963davidson@btinternet.com



HAC SINGERS

Mondays 7pm - 8.15pm Visit our website for more information on how to sign up! Be part of a friendly and social singing group, meet new people and develop your singing voice with singing leader Jessa Liversidge. The sessions will cover a wide range of music, including pop, folk and other uplifting eclectic styles. There will also be the opportunity to sing at local events and at HAC performances. Whatever your singing ability or experience, you are welcome to take part.



SEATED ZUMBA

Thursdays | 1.30pm JustHappy, Just Healthy, Just Movement. Easy to follow dance routines designed to keep body and mind active. Good fun, good music and great company. Everyone welcome!

To book call Anne: 07899 751049 or email: anne@justmovement.co.uk



HARMINIS! WITH KATE TYSON

Fridays in term time | 10am - 11am & 11.15am - 12.15pm

Book your place at www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/classes

Classes are £6.50 per session booked on a termly basis. Sibling rate 25% discount. FREE for babies under 1 when they come with their older sibling! Have a magical, exciting hour with your child each week at Harminis. A sociable, fun and educational session to help develop early years childhood key skills through music and movement. Harminis offers a chance for you to meet other parents, grandparents and friends while your little one benefits from multi-sensory, musical fun in a supportive and nurturing environment.

For more info contact **Kate Tyson 07824738813** kate@harminis.com

facebook.com/harminismusic



PILATES WITH NICOLA WILKINSON

Fridays 2pm - 3pm | £50 for block of 5 sessions

Pilates focuses the mind on the body's physical strength and synchronises movement with breath. Increase your strength, balance and flexibility whilst improving your posture, breath and movement quality. Join Women's Health Coach Nicola Wilkinson for this empowering Pilates class, designed specifically for women over 40 and focused upon core strength, balance and wellbeing.

To book contact **Nicola Wilkinson 07793021155** or email nicola.r.wilkinson@gmail.com

For more information see www.vibrantlyalive.co.uk



RYEDALE WRITERS

Thursdays at 7pm

All writers, at all levels of experience, are welcome.

If you are interested in joining Ryedale Writers please email ryedale.writers@gmail.com



YOGA WITH NADJA SCHUTT

**Thursdays in term time | 9am - 10.30am | £60 for Block of 5 Sessions
£14 per drop in session (Please contact for availability)**

Fun, relaxing and uplifting yoga classes for all levels of experience. Enjoy gentle movement, breathing and peace, and go home feeling energised, centred, happy and refreshed.

**To book contact Nadja Schutt | 07795 837738
or email: nadjaschutt@gmail.com | www.allaboutfreedom.com**



PAINT & PRINT BERYLBRADDOCK, JUDITH ELLIS & PAULINE BROWN

Tue 9 Sep - Fri 31 Oct

Beryl Braddock

Since obtaining a Fine Art degree at Leeds and Goldsmiths as a mature student, Beryl has enjoyed more than forty years of drawing and painting. Various mediums are used in her work, including watercolours, crayon, inks and charcoal, with perhaps a favourite in oils. Still life and landscape have always held strong interest though in recent times life drawing has frequently been the subject of choice, often leading to portraits of family and friends.



Judith Ellis

Judith's paintings and prints are about the process of mark making – colour, shape, form, texture – developed with the elements of both order and chance. Her work evolves with or without a pre-conceived idea – sometimes fragments of diaries are used to develop texture and form, or a poem might create an idea of colour. Often simply the action of a mark on a canvas or paper leads to exciting possibilities to be explored. @judith.ellis.art.



Pauline Brown

Artist, art therapist and theatre designer: most of Pauline's painting and drawing is done outside in nature, following the changing seasons, using layers of colour and texture to capture the moods and atmosphere of the landscape.

www.paulinebrownart.com |
@paulinebrown8664



Check our website for exhibition opening times. Closed Monday & Saturday.

FORMS OF WATER

JESSICA SHAW

Tue 4 Nov - Fri 27 Feb

Based on the edge of the North York Moors, Jessica is an artist printmaker exploring the impact of water & ice on our landscape over time. Combining screenprint, woodcut, monoprint & etching with diverse media such as gouache & acrylic ink, her work draws from organic patterns & shapes made by water & ice. She details their effect on the topography of the National Park by highlighting the shapes of its high ground & the curls of its rivers, to the ephemeral ice patterns found in puddles and windows in winter.

In time and with water, everything changes. Leonardo da Vinci.



For more information on exhibition listings, please visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

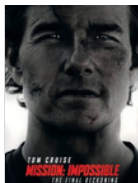
CINEMA at HAC

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - THE FINAL RECKONING

12A

Wed 3 Sep | 7.30pm

Cast: Tom Cruise, Hayley Atwell, Ving Rhames
Ethan Hunt and the IMF team race against time to find the Entity, a rogue artificial intelligence that can destroy mankind.



THE ROSES

Sun 19 & Wed 29 Oct | 7.30pm

Cast: Benedict Cumberbatch, Olivia Colman, Neuti Gatwa, Allison Janney

A tinderbox of competition and resentments underneath the façade of a picture-perfect couple is ignited when the husband's professional dreams come crashing down.



THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND

12A

Wed 10 Sep | 7.30pm

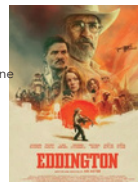
Cast: Brad Pitt, Javier Bardem, Tim Key, Sian Clifford
Old tensions resurface when former bandmates who were former lovers reunite for a private show at the island home of an eccentric millionaire.



EDDINGTON

Wed 22 Oct | 7.30pm

Cast: Joaquin Phoenix, Deirdre O'Connell, Emma Stone
In May of 2020, a standoff between a small-town sheriff and mayor sparks a powder keg as neighbor is pitted against neighbor in Eddington, New Mexico.



F1

Wed 17 Sep | 7.30pm

Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Tim Key, Sian Clifford
In the 1990s, Sonny Hayes was Formula 1's most promising driver until an accident on the track nearly ended his career. Thirty years later, the owner of a struggling Formula 1 team convinces Sonny to return to racing and become the best in the world.



DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE

Sat 1 & Wed 5 Nov | 7.30pm

Cast: Joanne Froggatt, Paul Giamatti, Michelle Dockery
Follow the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s. As the beloved cast of characters navigates how to lead Downton Abbey into the future, they must embrace change and welcome a new chapter.



JURASSIC WORLD REBIRTH

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Wed 24 Sep | 7.30pm

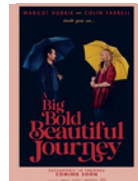
Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Jonathan Bailey, Rupert Friend
Five years post-Jurassic World: Dominion (2022), an expedition braves isolated equatorial regions to extract DNA from three massive prehistoric creatures for a groundbreaking medical breakthrough.



A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY

Wed 12 Nov | 7.30pm

Cast: Colin Farrell, Margot Robbie, Phoebe Waller-Bridge
An imaginative tale of two strangers and the unbelievable journey that connects them.



FOUR LETTERS OF LOVE

12A

Wed 1 Oct | 7.30pm

Cast: Pierce Brosnan, Helena Bonham Carter
Based on Niall Williams' best-selling novel, Nicholas and Isabel were made for each other but how will they ever know it? As ghosts, fate and the sheer power of true love pull them together, so too does life threaten to tear them apart.



MOTHER'S PRIDE

Wed 19 Nov | 7.30pm

Cast: Mark Addy, James Buckley, Martin Clunes
A comedy about a failing pub, a divided community and a grieving family whose lives are changed by brewing real ale and entering the Great British Beer Awards.



THE LIFE OF CHUCK

18

Wed 8 Oct | 7.30pm

Cast: Tom Hiddleston, Jacob Tremblay, Benjamin Pajak
A life-affirming, genre-bending story based on Stephen King's novella about three chapters in the life of an ordinary man named Charles Krantz.



TICKETS

£8.50/u16s £5.50

For full cinema listings & for tickets visit
www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

Helmsley Literary Festival



Fri 12 - Sunday 14 September 2024

Fri 12 September

7.30-9.30pm: **JOANNE HARRIS & THE STORYTIME BAND:** A musical storytelling show, combining original music, songs, images and stories as part of an exploration of different forms of narrative. After the gig Joanne will sign copies of *Vianne*, her long-awaited prequel to *Chocolat*.

Sat 13 September

2-3pm: **GRAHAME HOWARD:** Retired consultant with his stories about Andy Norris and his hapless pals.

4.30-5.30pm: **GRÁINNE O'HARE:** With her dazzling debut novel about friendship, *Thirst Trap*, set in Belfast.

7-8pm: **THE REMARKABLE DELIVERANCES OF ALICE THORNTON (1626-1707):** **Debbie Cannon** in her own play based on notebooks of this extraordinary North Yorkshire woman.

8.30-10.30pm: **POET'S CORNER:** Open Mic Poetry Night in HAC's Studio Bar

Sun 14 September

2-3pm: **CLIFF HAGUE:** Cup Finals: Football Stories of Great Games, Heroes and Villains

4.30-5.30pm: **JENN ASHWORTH & WENDY PRATT**

JENN ASHWORTH: Join Jenn as she recalls her post-COVID coast-to-coast walk, recounted in *The Parallel Path* -

'Exceptionally good company. I loved it' - Mark Haddon.

WENDY PRATT: *The Ghost Lake* - A memoir of grief, nature and rural Yorkshire roots.

7-8pm: **JENNA WARREN:** The Saltburn bookshop owner talks about her new novel, *The Hometown Bookshop*.

8.30-10.30pm: **HAC STUDIO BAR LITERARY QUIZ**

For tickets & info visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk



WORKSHOP

CREATIVE CIRCUS ART WORKSHOPS

Tue 28 Oct | 10am-3pm | £35 Ages 8-11

Please bring a packed lunch!

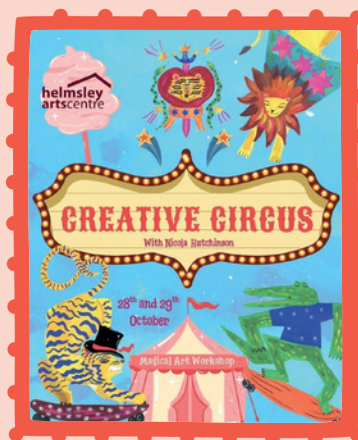
Wed 29 | 10am-11.30am £10 Ages 5-7

Oct Wed | 1pm-4pm | £20 Ages 12-16

29 Oct Roll up Roll up. Attention all budding artists!

The Creative Circus is landing at Helmsley Arts Centre this October half term for a series of exciting workshops with local artist Nicola Hutchinson. Set in a relaxing space, participants are encouraged to dive into their imaginations and draw inspiration from the circus to create fantastic masterpieces of their own. All ideas are welcome at this super exciting fun filled event and Nicola will provide plenty of inspiration to help you develop your artistic skills and leave with artwork to be super proud of.

All levels and abilities are welcome; snacks and drinks are provided; please dress to get messy!



THEATRE

LITTLE SEEDS MUSIC

CINDERELLA ICE CREAM SELLER

WRITTEN AND COMPOSED
BY DAVID GIBB

AGES
5+

Sat 1st Nov | 2.30pm £12 / u16 £10

Get your dessert spoons ready for a tale of perseverance, princes, palace balls, glass slippers and, um, ice cream?

Over the last four decades, Cinderella's has become the kingdom's most beloved ice cream company, with a parlour on every street corner. But how did a humble street seller with not a penny to her name end up as a multimillionaire business woman with her own ice cream empire?

Perfect for children and families alike, this exciting musical retelling of a fairytale classic promises a delightful blend of storytelling, stunning live music, and theatrical magic that will capture your heart and tickle your taste buds.

www.littleseedsmusic.co.uk



Check our website for more events & activities
for Children and Young People!

WORKSHOP

ART CARNIVAL A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD WORKSHOPS

Tue 17 Feb | 10am-3pm | £35 Ages 8-11

Please bring a packed lunch!

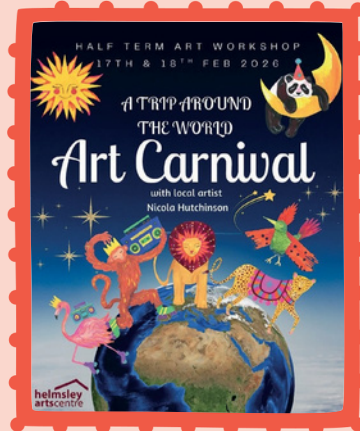
Wed 18 Feb | 10am-11.30am | £10 Ages 5-7

Wed 18 Feb | 1pm-4pm | £20 Ages 12-16

18 Oct

Come join local Artist Nicola Hutchinson for a delightful art workshop this half term, where we will embark on a magical adventure as we dive into the fascinating world of art inspired by different cultures and creatures from around the globe. On our travels we will explore a variety of diverse global art forms from African tribal art to Japanese origami; to intricate Indian patterns. All ideas are welcome at this super exciting fun filled event and Nicola will provide plenty of inspiration to help you develop your artistic skills and leave with artwork to be super proud of.

All levels and abilities are welcome; snacks and drinks are provided; please dress to get messy!



THEATRE

FLADAM ASTRO-NORMA AND THE COSMIC PIANO

2.00pm-7.15pm / u16 £8

'Norma's piano playing is out of this world... and so is she!' Fladam Theatre are back with an intergalactic musical adventure for the whole family.

Norma dreams of going into space, like her heroes Mae Jemison and Neil Armstrong. But children can't go into space, can they? Especially children who have a very important piano recital coming up.

But what's that bizarre looking contraption that just crash landed in the garden? Is it a bird? Or a plane? No... it's a piano?! But this isn't any ordinary piano. This is a COSMIC piano! Maybe Norma's dreams are about to come true? Packed with awesome aliens, rib-tickling robots, and interplanetary puns, ASTRO NORMA will have kids shooting for the stars! Ideal for ages 4 to 10.

AGES
4-10



★★★★★ 'the most amazing, hilarious musical comedy duo' (BBC Radio)

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

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ANEWPLAYBY SUZIE MILLER

Thu 4 Sep | 7pm £16 / u18 £8

Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike is Jessica in the much-anticipated next play from the team behind *Prima Facie*. Jessica Parks is a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright? Writer Suzie Miller and director Justin Martin reunite with this searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity.

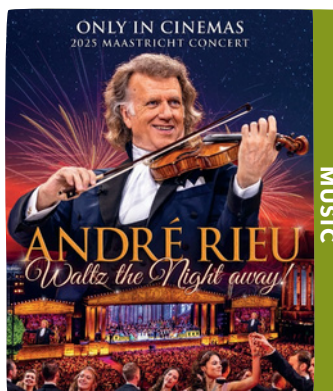
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ANDRÉ RIEU'S 2025 MAASTRICHT CONCERT: WALTZ THE NIGHT AWAY!

Sun 7 Sep | 7pm £16 / u18 £8

Step into a night of music, romance, and celebration with André Rieu's *Waltz the Night Away*, an all-new summer concert captured live from the stunning Vrijthof Square in Maastricht. Each night, the Vrijthof transforms into a grand ballroom as André and his Johann Strauss Orchestra invite audiences of all ages to waltz under the stars.



Helmsley Literary Festival

Fri 12 - Sunday 14 Sep 2024

A creative and entertaining weekend with writers, music, theatre and poetry, finishing with a literary quiz night!

See page 11 for details!

visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk



CHRISTINA ALDEN & ALEX PATTERSON

Sat 20 Sep | 7.30pm £15 / u18 £7.50

Christina Alden & Alex Patterson are multi-instrumentalists and songwriters from Norwich. Their music is rich with intertwining harmony, sensitive accomplished musicianship and a creative song-writing style that is both delicate and moving. Deeply inspired by the world around them, they have a keen environmental eye to craft stories with the natural world at its heart, reflecting on the relationship between humans and the wild. They have written and self-released four albums, composed music for a BBC Radio 4 documentary series and have had over a million streams on Spotify.



MUSIC

DYAD PRODUCTIONS

AUSTEN'S WOMEN: LADY SUSAN

Sun 21 Sep | 7.30pm £17 / u18 £8

Jane Austen's magnificently crafted tale of manipulation and manners. Meet devil-may-care black widow, Lady Susan, ('the most accomplished coquette in England'), hunting down not one, but two, fortunes. Return to the Regency (or rather, Georgian) in this wickedly funny tale of society and the women trapped within it; their struggles, their desires, their temptations and manipulations - and at the vanguard, Lady Susan: charming, scheming, witty, and powerful; taking on society and making it her own. But has she met her match?



THEATRE

SNAKE DAVIS BAND

Fri 26 Sep | 7.30pm £20

Snake Davis brings his 4 piece band, with guitar, bass guitar and drums. Something for everybody, from floaty to dance-able, from soul through pop to jazz and world, original material and classic sax pieces such as 'Baker Street' and 'Night Train'

His greatest love is to play intimate venues as himself, his own choice of music with his favourite musicians. Passionate heart-felt uplifting music.

"A virtuoso saxophonist" DAILY TELEGRAPH



MUSIC

IMOGEN COOPER

Sat 27 Sep | 7.30pm £24 / u18 £12

BACH ARR. KEMPF Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein
BACH ARR. BUSONI Chorale-prelude, Nun komm' der Heiden
Heiland, BWV.659
SCHUBERT Four Impromptus, D. 899 (Op. 90)
BEETHOVEN 7 Bagatelles Op 33
SCHUBERT Four Impromptus, D. 935 (Op. posth. 142)

'Imogen is one of the greatest musicians England has produced. She's utterly without show...There's a poetic, reflective side to her which is always there in her playing...' Sir Simon Rattle.



CLASSICAL MUSIC

HOW TO WRITE A NOVEL A ONE-DAY WRITING WORKSHOP WITH AUTHOR KATE GRAY

Sun 28 Sep | 10am - 4pm £65 per person*

*including refreshments and the opportunity to purchase signed copies of Kate's books.

Have you ever wanted to write a novel but don't know where to start? Join bestselling novelist Kate Gray for an inspiring, creative and fun workshop to learn the secrets of successful storytelling. This workshop will guide you through the creative process, explaining how to grow the first seed of an idea into a finished manuscript. You will learn the key elements of storytelling - character, structure, plot, ideas, point of view, and a satisfying ending that will leave your readers wanting more.

www.kategrayauthor.com

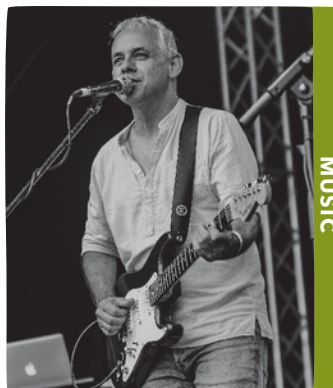


WORKSHOP

ALCHEMY LIVE - THE MUSIC OF DIRE STRAITS

Sat 4 Oct | 7.30pm £19

Alchemy Live bring to life the classic era of Dire Straits from the early 80s through to their swansong in the early 90s, playing all the hits including Sultans of Swing, Money for Nothing, Tunnel of Love, Brothers In Arms and many more. Alchemy Live are all about faithfully recreating the sound & feel of the music, each song is a re-enactment of a specific performance by the original band. As the name suggests, many of the song versions are taken from the multi platinum selling double live album "Alchemy Live", generally recognised to be one of the best live albums ever recorded.



MUSIC

TREES & STARS WILLOW WEAVING WITH JANICE BURLEY

Sun 5 Oct | £37 per workshop

Trees: 10am - 12.30pm / Stars: 1.30pm - 4pm

Spend the morning weaving willow trees of various sizes. You could create one large one, or lots of smaller ones. Maybe a combination of the two? As they are flat they can be used as table mats or able to take items straight from the oven.

Learn to make a willow star in the afternoon. After creating the basic shape you can choose what detail you would like to add so you have your own unique design.



SUTHERING

Fri 10 Oct | 7.30pm £15

SUTHERING weave harmonies effortlessly through their original songs, paired with gentle guitar and emotive piano arrangements, transporting audiences into a world of timeless storytelling. Known for their chemistry and humour on stage, they effortlessly intertwine their important messages about the state of our climate, social conscience, and the importance of community and connecting with nature. They champion female characters, creating new narratives for women and unearthing the female heroines of the folk tradition.



HAC STUDIO BAR OPEN MIC

Sat 11 Oct | 7.30pm FREE!

A social evening in HAC's studio bar with the opportunity to hear local musicians and artists perform. The bar will be open serving beer from Helmsley Brewery and Brass Castle Brewery, an assortment of Gins, Wines from Helmsley Wines and more! No need to book to listen or perform, just turn up.



📷 Follow us on Instagram... @helmsleyarts

COOL NOTES BIG BAND

Sun 12 Oct | 2.30pm £15 / u18£7.50

Serious swing, plenty of sass, and just the right amount of brass! Cool Noes Big Band are made up of local musicians that share a love of great big band jazz, performing a range of music that crosses all genres and ages.

There is something for everybody to enjoy!



MUSIC

FORESTS WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP WITH IONE HARRISON

Sun 19 Oct | 10am - 1pm £60 (all materials provided)

This workshop focuses on capturing the atmospheric beauty of forests at this time of year using exciting watercolour techniques. Embrace your creativity and learn new skills in a fun and supportive environment. This workshop is suitable for all levels, from absolute beginners to anyone wanting to explore new techniques. Using a limited but vibrant palette, you'll explore some fun and easy to use techniques (salt, spatter and wax resist) as well as practising more traditional washes and wet in wet painting.



WORKSHOP

CLAP TRAP THEATRE

BLINDFOLD

Thu 23 Oct | 7.30pm £15

A ghost story by BAFTA-nominated writer, Tom Needham featuring Natasha Jones, Florrie Stockbridge and Cal Stockbridge.

In 1914, two boyhood friends went to fight for their country—only one came back. After the war, the surviving soldier and his sister encounter an old friend who was being haunted by the ghost of a young man in a blindfold. Now, a hundred years later, the discovery of letters re-awakens the ghost. Who is he, and what does he want? Bit by bit, the lives of the long dead are brought to life and heartbreaking truths begin to emerge...

claptraptheatre.com



THEATRE

THE ALEX HAMILTON BAND

Sat 25 Oct | 8pm £12

With father Nick Hamilton on bass and Martin Bell on drums, the Alex Hamilton Band are a Blues/Rock trio of exceptional power and dynamics. Original Blues/Rock/Americana in style, they combine melodic rock vocals, hard-hitting lyrics and superlative, heart-felt guitar technique. Having packed hundreds of venues across the world, sold thousands of albums and built a phenomenal fan base, the Alex Hamilton Band is a musical force to be reckoned with.

alexhamiltonguitar.com



MUSIC

HENRY NORMAL - THE SLIDE SHOW

Sun 26 Oct | 8pm £18.50

A multi-Media spectacular with the emphasis on the 'me'. This show celebrates my meteoric rise to z celebrity status together with my joyous and inevitable slide into physical and mental decline. Poetry, photos, jokes, music, dance, song, circus skills, costume changes, props and stories, exploring where I went wrong in life and lessons you can learn from my mistakes. A live performed memoir with cautionary verse from poet, film and Tv producer/writer Henry Normal. An adventure into understanding the human condition from the inside. Like Fantastic Voyage but with the tiny submarine injected into your mind.



POETRY

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION

Thu 30 Oct | 7pm £16 / u18£8

National
Theatre
Live

By Bernard Shaw, directed by Dominic Cooke Five-time Olivier

Award winner Imelda Staunton joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter for the very first time, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic. Vivie Warren is a woman ahead of her time. Her mother, however, is a product of that old patriarchal order. Exploiting it has earned Mrs. Warren a fortune - but at what cost?

Filmed live from the West End, this new production reunites Staunton with director Dominic Cooke, exploring the clash between morality and independence, traditions and progress.



SCREENING

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HEJIRA - CELEBRATING JONI MITCHELL

Sat 8 Nov | 7.30pm £25

'Hejira' is a 7-piece band set up to celebrate and honour the masterpiece works of Joni Mitchell, mostly from the late '70s. Comprising highly experienced jazz musicians, this band is fronted by the brilliant Hattie Whitehead who not only has - in her own way - assimilated the poise, power and beauty of Joni's vocals, but also plays guitar with Joni's stylistic mannerisms.

Expect an evening of the 'great' songs from Mitchell's back catalogue, such as 'Amelia', 'Woodstock', 'A Case Of You', 'Song For Sharon', 'Edith And The Kingpin' etc.!



ANGEL WILLOW WEAVING WITH JANICE BURLEY

Sun 9 Nov | 10am - 12.30pm £37

As we get closer to the festive season you can create your own natural willow angel. First you'll shape the body, then you can decide on the shape of the wings and any other details you want to add!



EQUUS FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL

Sat 15 Nov | See website for more info!

Founded in 2013 and now showing across the USA and Canada, EQUUS Film & Arts Fest offers a home to the storytellers of the horse world, with films, documentaries, videos, commercials, and shorts, as well as equestrian art and literature. Founder Lisa Diersen has spent her life in the company of horses, and the festival's mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of background, age, gender and abilities. Helmsley Arts Centre and Ryedale Bridleways Group are delighted to be working together to host the first UK EQUUS Film & Arts event - we hope to see you there!

www.equusfilmfest.com

www.facebook.com/EquusFilmFestival



FILM FESTIVAL

ENSEMBLE 360

Sun 16 Nov | 2.30pm £22 / u18 £11

Benjamin Nabarro and Claudia Ajmone-Marsan, Violins.
Rachel Roberts, Viola | Gemma Rosefield, Cello
Tim Horton, Piano

Immerse yourself in an evening of chamber music at its finest with Ensemble 360. Experience the intensity and lyricism of Shostakovich's Piano Quintet in G minor, and the radiant warmth and Czech folk-inspired melodies of Dvořák's Piano Quintet No. 2 in A major. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the world-class musicianship of Ensemble 360, whose reputation for sparkling, deeply communicative performances promises to illuminate every nuance in these beloved works.



CLASSICAL MUSIC

RANT

Fri 21 Nov | 7.30pm £16

Having recently celebrated a decade of touring together Scotland's 'chamber-folk' quartet RANT released their latest album 'SPIN' to much critical acclaim last year. A bold, ambitious and reflective collection, SPIN is an album of reinterpretation - RANT's take on influential tracks from their formative years. Their live set - whether on the festival stage or an intimate church - reflects years of honing their sound together and their love for the music of their respective home regions through their writing, repertoire and stories.



MUSIC

THE BOOK OF DARKNESS & LIGHT PRESENTS
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
 BY CHARLES DICKENS

Sat 22 Nov | 7.30pm £18 / u18 £9

Adapted by Adam Z. Robinson.

Join Ebenezer Scrooge on a supernatural journey into the past, present and yet-to-come. The chilly atmosphere of Victorian London is brought to life and the spirits of Christmas return from the dead – all through the spellbinding art of storytelling in this thrilling solo show. Adapted and performed by Adam Z. Robinson in his inimitable style, this production of the well-loved tale teases out the gothic aspects, presenting Dickens' remarkable story as you've never seen it before.



THEATRE

STARRY NIGHT WATERCOLOUR
 WITH IONE HARRISON

Sun 23 Nov | 10am - 1pm £60 (all materials included)

A workshop to celebrate and explore a starry, starry night. This watercolour workshop is suitable for all levels, from absolute beginners to more experienced artists wanting to explore new techniques. No drawing needed. You'll create two starry night skiescapes to take home with you. Using a limited but vibrant palette, you'll explore some fun and easy to use techniques (cling film, spatter, masking fluid and wax resist) as well as practising more traditional washes and wet in wet painting.



WORKSHOP

HAC STUDIO BAR OPEN MIC

Sat 29 Nov | 7.30pm FREE!

A social evening in HAC's studio bar with the opportunity to hear local musicians and artists perform. The bar will be open serving beer from Helmsley Brewery and Brass Castle Brewery, an assortment of Gins, Wines from Helmsley Wines and more! No need to book to listen or perform, just turn up.



MUSIC

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WEAVE A BOOKMARK WORKSHOP WITH WEST PLUM STUDIOS

Sun 30 Nov | 10am - 12pm £20

Join us for a lovely morning of relaxed crafting learning to weave your own bookmark in colours of your choice. Sophie will guide you through all the steps from start to finish. You will learn to set up your weaving, learn 2 weaving techniques; tabby and rya knots and how to finish your weaving. Suitable for beginners with all materials provided.



WEAVING WORKSHOP - CREATE YOUR OWN WOVEN WALL HANGING WITH WEST PLUM STUDIOS

Sun 30 Nov | 1pm - 4pm £35

Join us for a lovely afternoon of relaxed crafting learning to create your own woven wall hanging. Choose your own three colours for the body of your wall hanging. Sophie will guide you through all the steps from start to finish. You will learn to set up your weaving, learn 3 weaving techniques; tabby, soumak and rya knots and how to finish your weaving ready for hanging. Suitable for beginners with all materials provided.



1812 PANTOMIME

ROBIN HOOD'S HELMSLEY ADVENTURE

Matinees - Sat 6, Sun 7, Sat 13, Sun 14 Dec | 2.30pm

Evenings - Sat 6, Tue 9, Wed 10, Thu 11, Fri 12,

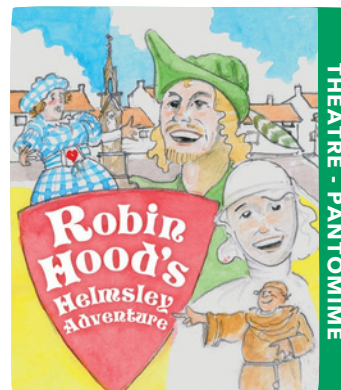
Sat 13 Dec | 7.30pm

Tickets: £16 / u18 £8 / Family £45 (2 x adults & 1 x u18)

A Traditional Panto with a Knock Knock Joke Contest

By Martin Vander Weyer | Directed by Natasha Jones

Robin Hood's in Helmsley? Oh yes he is – rescuing the lovely Maid Marian from the wicked Sheriff of Pickering while naughty Dame Daphne, landlady of the Black Swan, leads our usual feast of panto merriment and mayhem! Knock Knock! Who's there? Daphne! Daphne who? Daph-nitely book early to avoid disappointment!



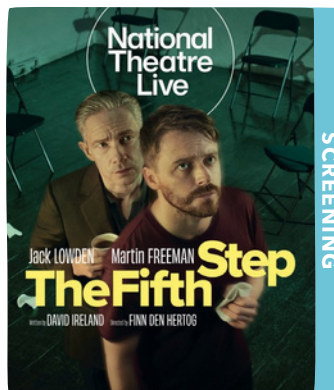
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

THE FIFTH STEP BY DAVID IRELAND DIRECTED BY FINN DEN HERTOG

Wed 17 Dec | 7pm £16 / u18 £8

National
Theatre
Live

Olivier Award-winner Jack Lowden (Slow Horses, Dunkirk) is joined by Emmy and BAFTA-winner Martin Freeman (The Hobbit, The Responder) in the critically acclaimed and subversively funny new play by David Ireland. After years in the 12-step programme of Alcoholics Anonymous, James becomes a sponsor to newcomer Luka. The pair bond over black coffee, trade stories and build a fragile friendship out of their shared experiences. But as Luka approaches step five – the moment of confession – dangerous truths emerge, threatening the trust on which both of their recoveries depend.



SCREENING

WINTER WONDERBAND

Thu 18 Dec | 7.30pm £20 / u18 £10

Winter Wonderband are a chamber folk quartet with Saul Rose on melodeon (Faustus, War Horse, Waterson Carthy) & Maclaine Colston on hammered dulcimer (Pressgang, Kings of Calicut) joined by Beth Porter (SpellSongs, Bookshop Band) on Cello and Jennifer Crook (Broken Road, Cythara) on harp and guitar. With this beautiful combination of instruments and mixed vocals, they play winter and festive themed music and songs, traditional, modern and original. Their debut album Joy Illimited (from the Darkling Thrush) is released November 2025.



MUSIC

THE STEELERS

Sat 17 Jan | 7.30pm £18

A rare chance to hear the music of the US band Steely Dan played live. The Steelers, a 9-piece band composed of musicians from around the UK, will perform a selection of timeless classics from such iconic albums as Pretzel Logic, The Royal Scam, A&A, and Gaucho. Steely Dan produced some of the greatest music of the 21st century- expect to hear a faithful live performance of the stunning original tracks. A must for Steely Dan fans but also for lovers of great songs with clever lyrics and superb arrangements, performed by excellent musicians.



MUSIC

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

HAMLET**BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
DIRECTED BY ROBERT HASTIE**

Thu 22 Jan | 7pm £16 / u18 £8

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera (Life of Pi) is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy. Trapped between duty and doubt, surrounded by power and privilege, young Prince Hamlet dares to ask the ultimate question – you know the one.

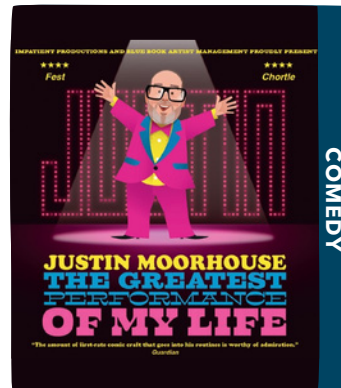
National Theatre Deputy Artistic Director, Robert Hastie (Standing at the Sky's Edge, Operation Mincemeat) directs this sharp, stylish and darkly funny reimagining.

National
Theatre
Live**JUSTIN MOORHOUSE:
THE GREATEST PERFORMANCE
OF MY LIFE**

Fri 23 Jan | 8pm £17.50 / JSA £7.50

Get ready for an unforgettable experience as Justin returns with "The Greatest Performance of My Life".

The show covers subjects ranging from pantomimes to dreams, how to behave in hospitals, small talk, realising his Mum is a northern version of Columbo, and how being a smart-mouthed kid saved him from a life of continually being beaten up. Above all else, it's the Justin you have to come to expect. It's funny and interesting, and perhaps there's a little bit that warms the soul, too. Age guidance: 14+

**SNAKE DAVIS & SPECIAL GUEST!**

Sat 24 Jan | 7.30pm £20

Helmshay Arts regular and soulful sax man Snake brings a special guest. He says; 'It's not that this guest is a secret or a surprise. All my guests are 'special' in so many ways. But as we go to press none of my special friends are quite sure what they'll be doing in January! As solo artists and session players balancing our diaries is a tricky part of the job. We're partly at the beck and call of the stars we work with. These days I'm most often pulled to Japan as side-man to Eikichi Yazawa, playing to tens of thousands each night. This will be one of my first UK dates after 11 weeks out East. One of my potential guests is often pulled one way by Van Morrison and the other way by Jools Holland. Rest assured it will be a special night, keep an eye on the website.'



POTTERY POWER WITH THE WILSON SISTERS

Sun 25 Jan | 10.30am - 1.30pm **£69.50**

Ever fancied having a go at pottery? Now's your chance! Join us for Pottery Power with The Wilson Sisters at in the Studio Bar at Helmsley Arts Centre and create three ceramic pieces - including the exciting experience of throwing on the potter's wheel! All welcome, no experience needed. Just bring an apron, a sense of humour and get ready to get your hands dirty in the best possible way!



WORKSHOP

SIMON YATES OF TOUCHING THE VOID - MY MOUNTAIN LIFE

Fri 30 Jan | 7.30pm **£20**

One of the most accomplished exploratory mountaineers of all time. Simon Yates is best known for his role in the harrowing expedition to the Andes documented in Joe Simpson's bestseller 'Touching the Void'.

Following that experience in Peru, Simon has been increasingly drawn to places where few others have trod. This talk features spectacular images and film from some of the most remote and rarely visited mountain ranges of the world. From the Arctic to the Antarctic and Alaska to Central Asia - there is hardly a significant range that Simon has not visited.



TALK

HAC STUDIO BAR OPEN MIC

Sat 31 Jan | 7.30pm **FREE!**

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SIMEON WALKER

7.30pm £15 / u18 £10

Versatile and prolific Leeds-based pianist & composer Simeon Walker presents a varied range of original compositions from across his decade-long career as a composer and performer. Encompassing moments of quiet, gentle solitude through to boisterous, flowing exuberance; listeners are invited to gather around the piano, to find beauty and meaning as much in the spaces between the notes as the notes themselves, as tender, expressive and heartfelt musical stories are woven engagingly together, delivered with a uniquely delicate touch and a self-deprecatory wry smile.



MUSIC

MOORLANDS WATERCOLOUR PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH IONE HARRISON

Sun 8 Feb | 10am - 1pm £60 (all materials provided)

This workshop is suitable for you whether you have some experience of watercolour and would like to explore new techniques, or are a total beginner. Minimal drawing required! The emphasis of the workshop is very much on play and experimentation. You'll explore some fantastic, fun techniques (cling film, wax resist, salt and spatter) as well as practising more traditional washes and wet on wet painting.



WORKSHOPS

JEZ LOWE & THE BAD PENNIES

Fri 13 Feb | 7.30pm £20

Jez Lowe and The Bad Pennies have been playing their songs and music of Northern England for over two decades around the folk festivals, clubs and concert stages of the world.

"Acoustic simplicity coupled with electric vitality" was how they were described in their early days, and with a dozen albums to their credit, along with solo albums by Jez and by other members of the group, their following has continued to increase.



MUSIC

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1812 Youth Theatre

MEGSON

Fri 20 Feb | 7.30pm £18 / u18 £9

Four times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the Spiral Earth Awards MEGSON create a truly unique brand of folk music. Combining an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars, MEGSON have gained a reputation not only for their arresting & intelligent songwriting, but also for their exquisite musicianship and northern humour. Comprising Debs Hanna (Vocals, Whistle, Piano Accordion) and Stu Hanna (Guitar, Mandola, Banjo) MEGSON have been described as “the most original duo on the British folk scene” by THE GUARDIAN.



MUSIC

THE STRANGE CASE OF DR JEKYLL & MR HYDE

Sat 21 Feb | 7.30pm £16 / u18 £14

By Robert Louis Stevenson | Adapted and performed by Mark Stratford

'Jekyll and Hyde' - a mystery tale about the timeless conflict between good and evil - caused a sensation when it was published in 1886. In this highly acclaimed solo play, Mark Stratford offers a compelling and faithful adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's gothic classic. In fog-bound Victorian London, Gabriel Utterson works as a respectable lawyer. Concerned by a strange clause in his friend Henry Jekyll's will, Utterson investigates the sinister Edward Hyde - Jekyll's unlikely protégé...



THEATRE

THE ARTS SOCIETY - HELMSLEY

A varied programme of fascinating illustrated lectures, given by entertaining and knowledgeable professional speakers.
7.30pm (doors 7pm) | £30 joining fee and £10 per lecture

For Arts Society information contact

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www.theartsocietyhelmsley.org

Mon 8th Sep 2025 **National Gallery**

PER RUMBERG - The Wonder of Art - Rehanging the

IAN SWANKIE - Pots and Frocks - The World of

Grayson Perry

Mon 3rd Nov 2025

PAUL BAHN - What Really Happened on Easter Island?



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Coming up in Spring/Summer 2026

Merely Players Fakespeare	7 Mar Theatre
Rob Rouse: Funny Bones	20 Mar Comedy
The Budapest Cafe Orchestra	21 Mar Music
1812 Youth Theatre: Hadestown Teen Edition	Musical Theatre
Rainey's Revue: A night in Harlem	17 Apr Music
Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman	15 May Music
Tom Stade - Naughty By Nature	16 May Comedy

HIRE

Our rooms can be hired for rehearsals, meetings, parties, workshops and many other events!

The Jean Kershaw Auditorium

The Main Theatre has an intimate, friendly atmosphere with exceptional acoustics. The raked seating can accommodate 138 (inc two wheelchair spaces) with a stage area and a full size cinema screen with digital projection facilities. A Steinway Model A is also available for performances.



The floor area is 7.5m (25') x 7m (23'). Height from floor to ceiling 6m (20').

The Dorothy Morley Room

The Dorothy Morley Room is an excellent light and spacious room perfect for meetings, talks, classes and small dance/movement groups. It can accommodate 30 people theatre style or 20 boardroom style.



The Studio Bar is a multi-purpose room with a bar and courtyard garden. The space is used for exhibitions, meetings, yoga, ballet, parties, workshops, small scale theatre, a weekly cafe and more! East facing French doors open out onto a courtyard garden.



For more information on hiring spaces at HAC visit **www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/hire** where you can read about our facilities and download hire forms or contact Karen Gosney on **01439 771715** or email **generalmanager@helmsleyarts.co.uk**

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(Sat in term time)

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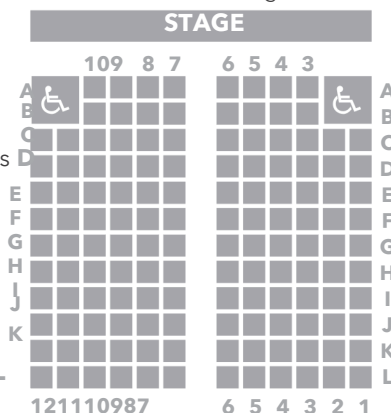
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When are we open?

Box Office Our Box office is open at the following times during the day, as well as 45 minutes before our live events and cinema. Tuesday-Friday: 10am-2pm
Saturday: 10am-12noon in term time

Exhibition The exhibitions are free to view during any of our events as well as at the following times: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10am-2pm.
Thursday: 11am-1.30pm. Sunday: 11am-3pm
Please check our website for Sunday exhibition opening dates.

Auditorium Seating Plan



Friday Morning Café

Our Friday morning Cafe is open every Friday from 10am-12noon serving freshly ground coffee, a variety of teas and a selection of homemade cakes. The cafe is run by our wonderful volunteers (including the delicious bakes) and all profits go to funding our events and activities at HAC. Help your local Arts Centre by enjoying a brew and a slice of cake!

If you'd like to join our Friday Café team please email our volunteer coordinator Phye volunteering@helmsleyarts.co.uk. We'd love to welcome you to the team!

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