





Arts For Everyone in Ryedale... and beyond



Welcome to our Autumn/Winter 2026/2027 programme of events and activities. I hope you find something that sparks your interest and inspires your creativity. Excitingly, we've launched a 3 for 2 cinema deal so you can enjoy more films at HAC - and don't forget you can get 15% off your bill at La Trattoria with your event ticket too!

We're delighted to launch another season of Arts and entertainment, including our annual 1812 Pantomime Helmsley's Treasure Island Adventure, by Martin Vander Weyer. Book early for that one! We have a wonderful variety of creative and friendly groups at HAC, come along and get involved!

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!





Book online: www.helmsleyarts.co.uk
 Box Office: **01439 771700**
 Email: boxoffice@helmsleyarts.co.uk
 Pop in: Tue - Fri 10am-2pm, Sat 10am-12noon
 (Sat in term time)

Visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/visit-us for details on concessions and booking terms and conditions. Please note tickets booked online incur a £1.50 booking fee. All tickets are non-refundable. U18's must be accompanied by an adult for events at HAC unless stated otherwise.

Access info can be found on our website. Wheelchair users can book tickets online or at the box office.

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Make a donation! You can help us by making a small donation when you book your ticket and by signing up to easyfundraising.com to support us while you shop online.

Contact & Enquiries

Email us mail@helmsleyarts.co.uk Write to us **Helmsley Arts Centre, Old Meeting House Court, Helmsley, York, YO62 5DW**

Keep up to date - Join our email list to receive up to date event information and see what else is happening at HAC! Sign up via our website or at the box office.

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.



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!



Instagram: @1812theatre | **facebook.com/1812theatreco**

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

Email 1812theatreco@gmail.com

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

1812 Play Reading Group

The 1812 Play Reading Group is a monthly gathering hosted by the 1812 Theatre Company at Helmsley Arts Centre, where anyone can join in to read scripts aloud and enjoy theatre in a relaxed, friendly setting. No pressure to read, everyone is welcome.



1812 Youth Theatre

The 1812 Youth Theatre Company meet weekly in term time to take part in workshops, rehearse for productions, devise new projects and more!

Membership is open to anyone aged 5 to 19 and application forms can be found on the Youth Theatre page of the HAC website.

Members learn performance techniques including voice control, physical theatre, and stage presence. They also gain exposure to behind-the-scenes disciplines like stage management, lighting design, costume design and technical theatre skills.

The Youth Theatre collaborates with the adult 1812 Theatre Company on productions, encouraging cross generational connections. Senior youth members are frequently invited to audition for main-house community productions, bridging the gap between youth training and community theatre.

Beyond acting, the 1812 Youth Theatre is highly regarded for its positive impact on young people's well-being. The collaborative nature of the rehearsals fosters a strong sense of community, mutual accountability, and lifelong friendships. It serves as an inclusive environment where young people build public speaking confidence, emotional resilience, and creative problem-solving skills that benefit them far beyond the stage.

For more information on joining the 1812 Youth Theatre
 Visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/get-involved/1812-youth-theatre
 Email 1812youththeatre@gmail.com | @1812youththeatre
 Call 1812 Youth Theatre director Natasha Jones 01439 772112

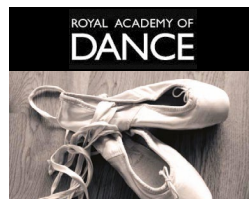


BALLET - JILL THOMAS SCHOOL OF BALLET

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



DIDDY DOODLERS!

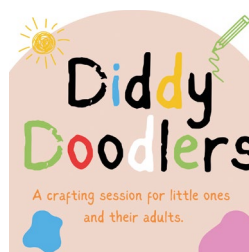
Wednesdays | 10 - 11.30am | £5

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, £5 per session, payable via half-term, includes materials & refreshments.

Contact Rachel to book your place! rachel1963davidson@btinternet.com



FITSTEPS FAB

Thursdays | 2 - 2.45pm in term time | £8 PAYG (discounts for block booking)

Beginners dance fitness 'Strictly' style. Low impact, low intensity and super fun. Keep active, help your balance & co-ordination, get your body & brain working together, meet new people & make friends.

Book: dancefitwithnataliestevens@gmail.com / 07966655303 or on the gymcatch app @ Dancefit with Natalie Stevens



FRIDAY MORNING CAFE!

Amid the bustle of market day in Helmsley the cafe is a wonderful, sociable escape! Pop in for a cup of tea or coffee and choose from a selection of delicious homemade cakes.

The cafe is run by our wonderful volunteers. If you would like to join our cafe volunteers, and/or be one of our regular bakers for our Friday Morning Cafe, please contact: volunteering@helmsleyarts.co.uk



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HAC STUDIO BAR OPEN MIC

19 Sep* | 28 Nov | 16 Jan | 13 Mar | 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, an assortment of Gins, Wines from Helmsley Wines and more! No need to book to listen or perform, just turn up. Keep an eye on our website and social media for Open Mic updates!



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.



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 £4.50. 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 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.

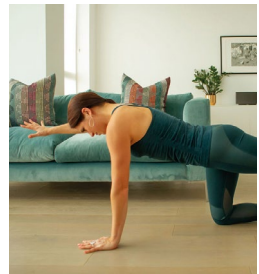
For more info contact **Kate Tyson 07824738813** | kate@harminis.com
facebook.com/harminismusic



PILATES WITH NICOLA WILKINSON

Fridays 2pm - 3pm | £60 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



SOUL CANVAS

Sundays | 10am - 12noon | £35

13 Sep | 4 Oct | 29 Nov | 10 Jan | 7 Feb

A sacred creative and transformational circle where art and journaling become your medicine. Each session blends intuitive painting or mixed media with guided journaling and soulful prompts. You don't need to be an artist - just willing to explore, express, and reconnect with your inner voice. In fact, the more scribbles, dots and lines you can do, the better! Come to process, play, and manifest through colour, texture and soul expression. To book email jaelithe@theomgpod.com.

Art materials will be provided, along with refreshments. You just need to bring a notebook and pen for journaling.



THE ARTS SOCIETY HELMSLEY

A varied programme of fascinating illustrated lectures, given by entertaining and knowledgeable speakers.

£30 joining fee and £10 per lecture. Guests £15 per lecture

Mondays, 7pm (doors 6.30pm)

For Arts Society information contact fionajlovell@gmail.com
www.theartsocietyhelmsley.org

Autumn 26/Spring 27 lectures:

7 Sep - The Golden Age of British Comedy

5 Oct - Picasso's 'Guernica' and the Spanish Civil War

2 Nov - A new royal tomb in Egypt: the life and death of Thutmose II

1 Feb - Playhouse Creatures: The World of Restoration Drama

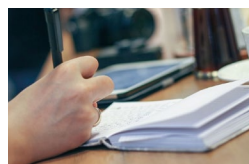


RYEDALE WRITERS

Thursdays (monthly) at 7pm | Yearly membership £20

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



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Tue 8 Sep - Fri 30 Oct 2026

ROBERT DUTTON & ANDREW MOODIE

INTO THE LIGHT

Light is the driving element, the inspiration in reality which is the compelling underlying element in all our art. Light creates colour, mood, ambience and drama. Light dictates the directional response to the final outcome, regardless of chosen media or painting surface.

Every season is different, and every location is unique. This exhibition presents landscapes with which we have a strong affinity for different reasons. Dramatic mountainous terrain, breath taking moorland landscapes and coastal sea sand and communities all have their place.

Each location has its own unique light creating drama and calm in equal measure. We may seek to capture dramatic silhouettes and strong tonal contrasts by painting directly facing the light source, or the softness of mountain mists under a winter sun, or a sense of calm created by the greyness of an overcast day. In each case the success or otherwise of the painting is so dependent on the quality of the light that illuminates the scene.

We hope that 'Into the Light' may also extend beyond the artwork to suggest a sense of optimism, moving from darkness to light, in a sometimes troubled world. The paintings are presented both to inspire you and also to bring you that same sense of awe and wonder with nature that we felt as we painted them, enjoying the unique quality of the light that led us to each location.

www.rdcreative.co.uk

Facebook: Robert Dutton Fine Art

Facebook: Andre Moodie Artist

www.andrewmoodie.art

Instagram: @robertduttonfineart

Instagram: @andrewmoodie.art



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

Tue 3 Nov 2026 - Fri 26 Feb 2027

KATE BROWN AMONG

Gathering together new and existing works on paper, *Among* reflects Kate Brown's engagement with place through lived experience, observation and making. Using ink, pigment, copper leaf and natural materials, Kate creates layered compositions that evolve through an intuitive process of accumulation, erasure and response.

Rather than depicting specific landscapes, the works emerge from direct encounters with the natural world and from the ongoing use of mind maps and rhizomatic diagrams as tools for thinking, connecting and understanding. Organic forms, shifting marks and delicate surfaces suggest patterns of growth, movement and relationship, alluding to seasonal change and the transient nature of experience.

The exhibition invites a slower way of looking, encouraging reflection on our place within the environments we inhabit and the relationships that shape them.

Kate Brown is a North Yorkshire-based artist whose practice explores process, materiality and place. She is currently undertaking an MFA in Fine Art.

www.katebrown.art | [@kate.brown.art](https://www.instagram.com/kate.brown.art)



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

WORKSHOP

SPELLBOUND STUDIOS

Perfect for curious makers who love to imagine, explore & create.

Tue 27 Oct	10am-3pm	£35	Ages 8-11 (please bring a packed lunch!)
Wed 28 Oct	10.30-11.30am	£10	Ages 5-7
Wed 28 Oct	1pm-4pm	£20	Ages 11-16

This October half term, join local artist Nicola Hutchinson for an art-filled adventure at Spellbound Studios, where imagination takes center stage and every child becomes a creative magician. Using a mix of materials and techniques, participants will explore drawing, painting, and collage while diving into enchanting themes such as a mythical creature's lab, glowing night skies, and imaginary worlds full of wizardry, potions and an abundance of magic. In this relaxed and supportive space, all ideas are welcomed, with plenty of inspiration and guidance to help develop creativity and artistic skills. These fun, engaging sessions are suitable for all abilities and encourage experimentation, confidence, and self-expression.

All materials provided. Snacks and drinks included. Please dress to get messy!



FAMILY THEATRE

FLADAM THEATRE

HALLOWBEAN

Sat 31 Oct | 2.30pm | £10 / u16 £8

FLADAM THEATRE (Flo Poskitt and Adam Sowter) are back... with their spooktastic musical comedy **HALLOWBEAN!**

In the town of 'Ghooul' (not to be confused with 'Goole' in Yorkshire) Dr Frankheiniz is rustling up something special - the HALLOWBEAN!! The Dr hopes his tomatoey terror will dazzle SCARY Berry, the most frightful food critic of them all. The only problem is his eeny beany isn't very scary. In fact, she's downright lovable! Uh oh. Will Halloween have to be cancelled? Or can the Halloween find her scare in time? Find out in this pun and puppet packed, halloween treat!

FLADAM are a BBC POPCORN NEW WRITING AWARD nominated musical comedy duo, best known for their hit shows GREEN FINGERS and ASTRO NORMA. Following a successful UK tour and a joyous run at GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL, the duo return to Helmsley this October!

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

★★★★★ 'Mervyn Stutter's Pick of the Fringe'.



WORKSHOP

IMAGINE THAT

Character Design Studios - Perfect for young creators who love drawing, inventing worlds, and telling stories through their art

Tue 9 Feb	10am-3pm	£35	Ages 8-11 (please bring a packed lunch!)
Wed 10 Feb	10.30-11.30am	£10	Ages 5-7
Wed 10 Feb	1pm-4pm	£20	Ages 11-16

This February half term join local artist Nicola Hutchinson for this exciting creative experience where imagination comes to life, and every idea becomes a character waiting to be discovered.

Participants are invited to design their own original characters inspired by stories, games, fantasy worlds, and everyday imagination. From magical heroes and quirky creatures to bold cartoon personalities, each session encourages expressive drawing and storytelling through art. Through a step-by-step approach, we will explore character design by developing shape, personality, costume, colour, and a unique backstory to bring each creation to life.

These fun, engaging sessions are suitable for all abilities and encourage experimentation, confidence, and self-expression.



*All materials provided.
Snacks and drinks included.
Please dress to get messy!*

FAMILY THEATRE

LITTLE SEEDS MUSIC

TALES FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

Sat 13 Feb | 2.30pm | £12 / u18 £10

Prepare yourself for a musical voyage full of stories, songs and the sea...

Upon a distant shore, a lonely lighthouse keeper has grown fearful of the sea and its wild and stormy nature. But when a mysterious stranger appears with songs of the sea's magic and power, the keeper is forced to confront his fears and slowly rediscover the beauty of the ocean that surrounds him. Featuring storytelling, traditional music, original songs and spellbinding puppetry, this is the perfect show for anyone captivated by myths, magic, music and folklore.

Tales From The Lighthouse is the perfect voyage into the world of theatre, puppetry and music for ages 5 to 105.

www.littleseedsmusic.co.uk



Helmsley Literary Festival

Friday 18 - Sunday 20 September 2026



Friday 18 September

7.30pm **ANIMAL FARM** *Performed by Sam Blythe | Adapted & Directed by Guy Masterson*

Saturday 19 September

10am-12noon **TOM NEEDHAM** *How to Tell Stories: Writing for Stage and Screen*
11am-12noon **NICOLA BAKER** *Saving Snowflake: A Whistledown Farm Adventure*
1-2pm **RACHEL WATKYN & CLAIRE HORNBY** *The Baronesses: A true story of sisterhood, survival and a secret that rewrote their past*
3-4pm **GILES MILTON** *Empire at the Edge of the World: Endurance and Madness in the High Arctic*
5-6pm **FRANCES WILSON** *Electric Spark The Enigma of Muriel Spark*
7-8pm **LUKE WRIGHT** *Later Life Letter*
8.30-10pm **POETS' CORNER:** *Open Mic with guests from The Poetry Pharmacy*

Sunday 20 September

10am-11.30am **ILARIA PASSERI** *Storytelling and Character Workshop for Families*
12.30-1.50pm **ILARIA PASSERI** *Creative Writing Workshop for Adults*
12.30-1.30pm **RUKKY BRUME** *It Comes in Waves*
2.30-3.30pm **LUCY EASTHOPE** *Come What May*
4.30-5.30pm **MICHELLE HILLS** *The Wrong Order of Things: Children are not supposed to die*
6.30-7.30pm **ROB COWEN** *The North Road*
8-10pm **LITERARY QUIZ!** *A Literary quiz in HAC's Studio Bar*

Visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk
for the full festival programme, timings and tickets!

ANDRÉ RIEU'S 2026 SUMMER CONCERT: VIVA MAASTRICHT!

Wed 2 Sep | 7pm | £16/ u18 £8

This year, André Rieu celebrates a spectacular milestone – the 20th anniversary of his iconic summer concerts on the magnificent Vrijthof square. Captured live in his beloved hometown, this brand-new cinema event marks two decades of music and unforgettable magical summer nights. Viva Maastricht! is a joyful tribute to the city where it all began. Joined by his world-renowned Johann Strauss Orchestra and a vibrant ensemble of artists, André brings the spirit, culture, and warmth of his hometown to life in a dazzling new concert filled with emotion and wonder.



SNAKE DAVIS BAND

Sat 12 Sep | 7.30pm | £20

Always excited to be out on the road, Snake Davis brings his 4 piece band, with guitar, bass guitar and drums to HAC. The 'Everlasting Love Tour'. 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. Passionate heart-felt uplifting music.



ANIMAL FARM

Fri 18 Sep | 7.30pm | £18 / u18 £10

Performed by Sam Blythe | Adapted & Directed by Guy Masterson (with original direction by Tony Boncza)
From the book by George Orwell

Over 80 years since the book's publication and 31 since its first performance, Guy Masterson's globally renowned solo adaptation of Orwell's barnyard masterpiece is now performed by the brilliant Sam Blythe. Bringing all of Orwell's multiple characters to vivid life in a spellbinding performance that will linger long in the memory, ringing out Orwell's prescient warning that politicians through the ages, and of all creeds and colours will often let power corrupt them, and sometimes corrupt them absolutely...



LUKE WRIGHT: LATER LIFE LETTER

Sat 19 Sep | 7 - 8pm | £15

Later Life Letter tells the story of Luke Wright's adoption - the life he leads, and the one he might have done. Wright navigates his audience through a warm and honest hour of poems and stand-up with the wit, pathos, and silliness that has made him one of the most popular live poets in England. Expect raucous laughter, tear-stained cheeks, and a little smattering of drum n bass.

"A streetwise panache and a sardonic comic verve to rival Stewart Lee." ★★★★★ Telegraph

"His poems shoot arrows through the heart, or leave you dazzled by their virtuosity" ★★★★★ List

"A highly original idea, expertly carried out." John Cooper Clarke



NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

THE MISANTHROPE

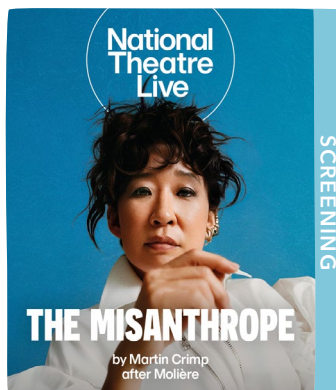
Tue 22 Sep | 7pm | £16 / u18 £8

By Martin Crimp after Molière | Directed by Indhu Rubasingham

Award-winner Sandra Oh (Killing Eve) plays the title role in this razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's classic dark comedy. Telling the truth isn't always that simple. Alice, a brilliant novelist, despises the carefully constructed lies of modern society. But the more she challenges those around her, the fiercer the backlash becomes. Soon, she must confront the price of speaking her truth in a world that would rather silence her.

Filed live on stage at the National Theatre, Indhu Rubasingham directs Martin Crimp's (Cyrano de Bergerac) highly anticipated play.

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RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE

RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW!

Fri 25 Sep | 7.30pm | £13 / u18 & JSA £10

Right Here Right Now is a hilarious improvised show that will bring the roof down with laughter! It's funny, it's foolish, it's fit for family audiences, and it really does make it up as it goes along. You bring the ideas and our merry band of improvisers turn them into chaotic comedy using witty games and gags to bring side-splitting stories to life. We guarantee an evening of mayhem, madness and muppetry! No script. No clue. All chaos.

Age suitability: 13-100yrs!



THE APEX SINGERS WORKSHOP & CONCERT

Sat 26 Sep | 4.30pm & 7pm

Concert: £20 / u18 £15

Concert & Workshop: £32 / u18 £24

Workshop - 4.30pm - 6pm

Led by the internationally acclaimed vocal ensemble, The Apex Singers, this 90-minute energising workshop explores the art of a cappella ensemble singing alongside group members and fellow vocal music enthusiasts. You'll learn how to create a unified ensemble sound and have the opportunity to perform together with The Apex Singers. This workshop is open to everyone, regardless of prior singing experience. No sheet music or prior preparation is required. The material is taught by ear, allowing the session to focus on ensemble technique, listening skills, and blending as a group. Participants will also be invited to perform their piece during the evening concert.

Concert - 7pm

Embark on a journey through folk song and storytelling with The Apex Singers, the critically acclaimed vocal ensemble. Renowned for their intricate harmonies and gorgeous melodies, this live concert promises an unforgettable musical experience. The Apex Singers are an eight-part vocal ensemble celebrated for their bespoke a cappella arrangements of traditional folk songs from around the world. Their distinctive sound blends classical choral technique with traditional folk and contemporary a cappella, creating a richly textured and captivating musical experience.



WORKSHOP



MUSIC

POTTERY POWER WITH THE WILSON SISTERS

Sun 27 Sep | 10.30am - 1.30pm | £69.50

Ever fancied having a go at pottery? Or maybe you've been watching The Great Pottery Throw Down and thought, "I could do that!". Join us at Helmsley Arts Centre for a 3-hour Pottery Power Experience! Create at least 3 ceramic masterpieces including throwing a pot on the wheel. All materials included. Fired in our kilns. Bring an apron and a sense of humour!



WORKSHOP

MARK HARRISON BAND

Sat 3 Oct | 7.30pm | £18 / u18 £9

Step into a world where blues, roots and folk collide with one of the UK's most original music acts. Whether you're a lifelong fan or new to their sound, this show promises a night of toe-tapping rhythms and soulful melodies for all to enjoy.

Mark Harrison is a virtuoso guitarist whose fingerpicking and slide style are nothing short of extraordinary. Joined by the incomparable Charles Benfield on double bass and the dynamic Ben Welburn on drums and percussion, this trio creates a rhythm section that defies convention and captivates audiences wherever they go.



MUSIC

ROMAN BLIND MAKING WITH FEATHER & FRINGE INTERIORS

Sun 4 Oct | 10am - 4.30pm | £99

Join Denise from Feather and Fringe interiors for a relaxed, creative day making a Roman Blind to fit your own window! Coffee and Cake included. Additional cost if track required.

To book contact Dee - featherandfringeinteriors@gmail.com



WORKSHOP

BATTY!

Fri 9 Oct | 7.30pm | £15 / u18 £10

Have you got a wild side?

Batty has. She dreams of running barefoot, wild swimming, talking trees, strange animals and the scent of the seasons turning. In fact she's starting to wonder if she might be a witch...

Join Batty and her companion Wildthing for gossip, gay abandon, exquisite tenderness and raucous stories (with a side order of ranting), as they unravel the magic and power of ageing. Come and explore the wildness - as opposed to madness - of women, and how our feral side can reconnect us to ourselves and our environment.

Age 14+



THEATRE

THE PAUL SIMON SONGBOOK

Sat 10 Oct | 7.30pm | £25

Join Alastair James and his superb 7 piece band and delve into the captivating music of Paul Simon, and Simon & Garfunkel.

With carefully crafted arrangements inspired by some of Paul Simon's most iconic live and studio performances, and hits such as "You Can Call Me Al", "Diamonds On The Soles Of Her Shoes", "Mrs Robinson", "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and more...

This is a rare chance to see Paul Simon's tremendous songs being performed live, by Alastair James and his superb 7 piece band.



MUSIC

BRODSKY QUARTET

Sun 11 Oct | 2.30pm | £22 /u18 £11

Tanaka: At the grave of Beethoven; Beethoven: op.18/3; Dvorak: op. 96

Since its formation in 1972 the Brodsky Quartet has performed over 3000 concerts on the major stages of the world and released more than 60 recordings. A natural curiosity and insatiable desire to explore has propelled the group in many artistic directions and continues to ensure them, not only a place at the very forefront of the international chamber music scene, but also a rich and varied musical existence. Their energy and craftsmanship have attracted numerous awards and accolades worldwide, while ongoing educational work provides a vehicle for passing on experience and staying in touch with the next generation.



CLASSICAL MUSIC

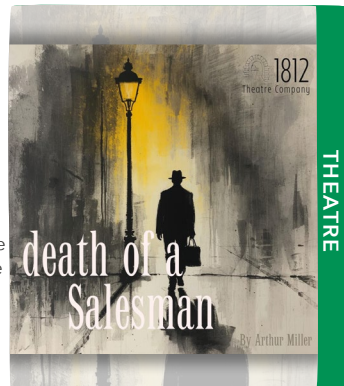
1812 THEATRE COMPANY

DEATH OF A SALESMAN BY ARTHUR MILLER

Thu 15, Fri 16 & Sun 18 Oct, 7.30pm
& Sat 17 Oct, 2.30pm | £12 / u18 £6

Directed by Julie Lomas. The last day of Willy Loman, a failing salesman, who cannot understand how he failed to win success and happiness. Through a series of tragic soul-searching revelations of the life he has lived with his wife, his sons, and his business associates, we discover how his quest for the "American Dream" kept him blind to the people who truly loved him. Age 12+.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre international on behalf of Josef Weinberger Ltd.
www.mtishows.co.uk | www.josef-weinberger.com



THEATRE

HUDSON & HUDSON MAGICIANS: MARRIED AT FIRST SLEIGHT!

Fri 23 Oct | 7.30pm | £17

Hilarious, feel good magic show from a real life couple who mix marriage, magic and mind reading. Kat Hudson has appeared in hit West End magic show Wonderville and on TV shows around the world including Britain's Got Talent, Penn & Teller: Fool Us, Italy's Tu Si Que Vales. Alan Hudson is a Gold Star Member of The Inner Magic Circle and has fooled Penn & Teller in Las Vegas and starred on ITV's The Next Great Magician. In Married At First Sleight they try for the ultimate trick.... getting through a whole show without killing each other!

"You FOOLED us!" - Penn & Teller | Age 12+



QWEEN UK

Sat 24 Oct | 7.30pm | £19

Tickets via [ticketsource.com](https://www.ticketsource.com)

The premier UK Queen tribute band consisting of four experienced and professionally seasoned musicians who have a shared passion to produce and successfully deliver live, the definitive "Queen live experience" on stage!

QWEEN UK's extensive live repertoire encompasses all the "classic" Queen songs as well as their subtle and much-loved acoustic arrangement respectively.



ART & YOGA MORNING WITH IONE HARRISON & NICKY THOMAS

Sun 25 Oct | 10am - 1pm | £65

Gentle yoga, qi gong and watercolour painting.

Take time out to relax, recharge and reconnect with your creativity at this special Art & Yoga morning with artist Ione Harrison and yoga teacher Nicky Thomas.

Designed for complete beginners as well as those with experience, this nurturing morning combines gentle movement, mindfulness and creative expression in a welcoming and supportive environment.



THE JOHN HACKETT BAND WITH SPECIAL GUEST HEATHER FINDLAY

Fri 6 Nov | 7.30pm | £16.50

The John Hackett Band embody the spirit of progressive rock. From John's pastoral flute textures, through the funky interplay between drummer Duncan Parsons and bassist Jeremy Richardson to the intricacies of Nick Fletcher's lead guitar the group embrace pop, rock, jazz, classical, funk and all stops in-between, from the tenderest of ballads to hair-raising instrumental workouts!

Heather Findlay is known for her magical, evocative voice and an ability to interpret and inhabit a range of styles with a mix of power and feeling.



MUSIC

CHRISTMAS POTTERY POWER WITH THE WILSON SISTERS

Sun 8 Nov | 10.30am - 1.30pm | £69.50

Join us for our Christmas Pottery Workshop at Helmsley Arts Centre with the Wilson Sisters. A festive hands on pottery session! Create and glaze a family of three ceramic Christmas trees, which we will fire in our kilns - ready for you to collect in time for Christmas.

What to bring: an apron and your festive spirit!

Fun for age 12+. Come and make your Christmas extra special with handmade decorations.



WORKSHOP

BRIAN BILSTON - HOW TO LAY AN EGG WITH A HORSE INSIDE

Fri 13 Nov | 7.30pm | £21 / u18/student £16.50

With over 500,000 followers on social media and a host of sell-out shows across the country, Brian Bilston is one of the UK's most popular poets. He has published several bestselling collections of poetry, including *You Took the Last Bus Home*, *Alexa*, what is there to know about love? and *Days Like These*. This autumn sees Brian return to the stage with his latest book *How to Lay an Egg with a Horse Inside*. Get ready for an evening of comedy and laughter, as he takes us through the hows, whys and whats of reading, writing and enjoying poetry every day.
brianbilston.com Age 14+



POETRY / TALK

LADY NADE: IDENTITY - LIVE

Sat 14 Nov | 7.30pm | £18 (£22 on the door)

Experience multi award-winning songstress Lady Nade live as she brings her highly anticipated album *Identity* to the stage. Blending roots, folk, soul, Americana, jazz, blues and pop, the show offers sanctuary, encouragement and a powerful celebration of self-love and self-expression.

Special Guest Support: Holly Carter Folk/Americana songstress, widely recognised as an exceptional fingerstyle guitarist and one of the UK's only professional female pedal steel players.

"Love her voice - check her out." – Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2
 "A pure voice that gets stuck in your mind." – Cerys Matthews, BBC Radio 6 Music



MUSIC

YORK GUILDHALL ORCHESTRA (SOLOIST - REBECCA TAYLOR)

Sun 15 Nov | 3pm | £22 / u18 £11

Strauss - Serenade for wind in Eb op.7

Beethoven - Piano Concerto no.2 in Bb

Mendelssohn - Intermezzo and Nocturne from Midsummer Night's Dream

Mozart - Symphony 25 in G minor

Piano: Rebecca Taylor | Conductor: Simon Wright
Leader: Fiona Love

The visit to Helmsley will see the YGO perform an intimate chamber concert, using a small group of players from the full orchestra. The soloist in the Beethoven will be the wonderful Rebecca Taylor - an old friend of the orchestra and well known to the audience of Helmsley.



CLASSICAL MUSIC

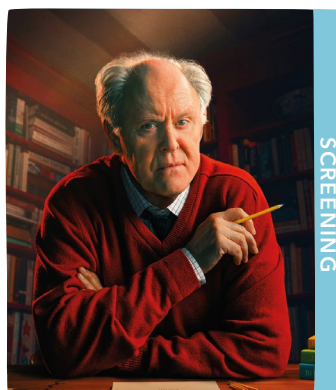
GIANT - THE PLAY

Thu 19 Nov | 6pm | £16 / u18 £8

The 5-star critically acclaimed play starring John Lithgow as Roald Dahl, comes to the big screen. Winner of 3 Olivier Awards® including Best Play and a Tony Award® for Best Actor in a Play, the production was filmed live in London's West End ahead of its sold-out Broadway run. The stellar cast includes Aya Cash, Elliot Levey and Rachael Stirling.

A world-famous children's author under threat. A battle of wills in the wake of scandal. And one chance to make amends...It's the summer of 1983, The Witches is about to hit the shelves and Roald Dahl is making last-minute edits...

Age rating 14+



SCREENING

SALTBURN SMUGGLERS

Fri 20 Nov | 7.30pm | £20

In the heart of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, where rugged cliffs meet the North Sea's whispers, Saltburn Smugglers are rekindling a legacy. This modern shanty group, rooted in the local community, transforms tales from the town's smuggling heyday into vibrant, contemporary sea shanties.

Formed in late 2022 by Professor of Songwriting Keith Ayling, Saltburn Smugglers are the biggest shanty group in the North. With over 52,000 facebook followers, videos with over 3 million views, and 2400 people attending their famous 'Shanties on the Shore' summer shows, there's a mighty buzz around the Smugglers and their exciting, new take on Yorkshire's shanty history.



CLAP TRAP THEATRE

THE WRECKERS

Sat 21 Nov | 7.30pm | £15 / u18 £10

Written by Tom Needham. Featuring Florrie Stockbridge, Natasha Jones and Cal Stockbridge.

Two friends rent an idyllic cottage on a peninsula that gets cut off by the tide. The friends' hope for a much-needed break soon unravels as, eerily, they discover the cottage was built from the hull of a boat, lured onto the rocks by wreckers...wreckers who killed the boat's crew and looted its cargo. The peninsula is haunted by a child who was drowned that day and she's been waiting over a hundred and fifty years for her revenge. And now, finally, the time has come. Age 12+



HAC STUDIO BAR
OPEN MIC



Sat 28 Nov

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1812 PANTO

HELMSLEY'S TREASURE ISLAND ADVENTURE

Matinees - Sat 5, Sun 6, Sat 12, Sun 13 Dec | 2.30pm

Evenings - Sat 5, Tue 8, Wed 9, Thu 10, Fri 11,
Sat 12 Dec | 7.30pm

£16 / u16 £12 | Family Ticket £48

By Martin Vander Weyer Directed by Sarah Barker & Bec Silk

All aboard! This year's 1812 Pantomime sets sail for a fun-filled faraway tropical island! Notoriously naughty Dame Daphne, landlady of the Black Swan, teams up with Long John Spritzer, his Parrot Prosecco and his incompetent Pirate crew - but will they escape from the giant cooking pot, rescue Nurse Nancy and nab Prince Mojito's Gold? Oh yes they will! Don't miss this tutti-frutti cocktail of magic, mischief, music and mayhem!



MERRY & BRIGHT - A CHRISTMAS COLLECTIVE

Tue 15 Dec | 7pm | £10 / u18 £5

Join Helmsley Arts Centre Singers, 1812 Theatre Company, 1812 Youth Theatre, Ryedale Writers and guests for an evening of theatre, music, poetry and prose around the Christmas tree at HAC. The bar will be serving mulled wine and mince pies to get us all in the festive spirit and we promise Christmas cheer as we celebrate another creative year at HAC.



ROB HERON & CONRAD BIRD

Thu 17 Dec | 7.30pm | £15

Rob Heron has been touring the world with his band The Tea Pad Orchestra for the past 15 years, throwing flavours of classic country, gypsy-swing, rhythm & blues, and rockabilly into his original songs. Based in Newcastle Upon Tyne, he is well-known for his live performances, and dry humour on stage. Conrad Bird is a rambling rover from North Yorkshire, and after over a decade of fronting the very popular festival act, Holy Moly & The Crackers, he is finally taking it back to the roots, with a brand-new solo EP of poetic folk songs, and Dylan-inspired balladeering. Together, the Cumbrian cowboy, and the Yorkshire rover are heading off on a country-wide tour, both promoting their new solo releases, and briefly taking a step back from the wild rock & roll circus!



HAC STUDIO BAR OPEN MIC



Sat 16 Jan
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DC BLUES

Sat 23 Jan | 7.30pm | £15

It would be easy to dismiss DC Blues as just another working band on the blues scene, but they are so much more than that. Their self deprecating front in some ways hides the fact that they are also terrific musicians who just love to put on a great show. Wherever you see DC Blues listed in a "What's On" guide make sure you go and see them. You will be sure to have a great time!

"Tremendous quality that really couldn't be bettered for style and substance" Colin Campbell - Blues Matters Magazine



THE BAKER, LEBHARDT, WALTON TRIO

Sat 30 Jan | 2.30pm | £15 u18 £7.50

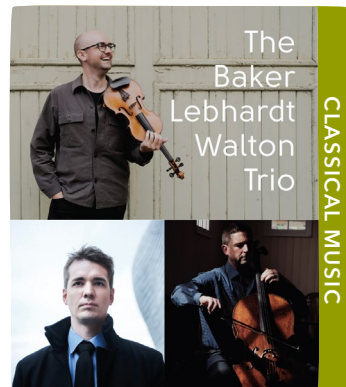
Sat 30 Jan | 7.30pm | £22 u18 £11

Sun 31 Jan | 2.30pm | £22 u18 £11

Full weekend ticket: £49 / u18 £24.50

Ben Baker (Violin), Daniel Lehardt (Piano) & Jamie Walton ('Cello)

A weekend residence including a 60 minute solo violin concert (Bach, Karlo Margetic, Gareth Farr) & 2 Piano Trio concerts (Schumann: D minor trio; Janacek: Pohadke; Mendelssohn: D minor piano trio) & (Schumann: Violin Sonata 2; Bacewicz: Witraz, Kolysanka; Mendelssohn C minor trio).



ALLIGATOR GUMBO

Sat 6 Feb | 7.30pm | £15 u18 £10

Alligator Gumbo are an exciting 7-piece band playing jazz from the hey-day of the New Orleans swing/jazz era, in particular the "roaring 20s", when music was raw and largely improvised with melodies and solos happening simultaneously which has now become defined as the 'New Orleans' sound. Performing extensively for over 10 years, Alligator Gumbo have made numerous appearances at prestigious international jazz festivals and clubs throughout the country, establishing themselves as firm favourites on the British jazz scene. The band continues to wow audiences far and wide with their good-natured mix of foot-stomping rhythms and toe-tapping tunes, and raucous singalongs!



MUSIC

METTLE

Fri 12 Feb | 7.30pm | £15

Written and performed by Nicholas Collett and directed by Gavin Robertson. Award-winning solo performer Nicholas Collett tells the story of his father's service during the Atlantic Convoys of World War Two. A true odyssey that takes us from Sheffield to Liverpool to Nova Scotia, Boston to West Africa and home again, amidst the constant threat of U-Boat attack and treacherous weather. Physical theatre and storytelling, with a dramatic soundscape and 40's music, this is a tribute to those who served, those who were lost - and those who lived to tell their story. *"A gentle story that packs an unexpected punch"* The Stage.

In association with the Daparian Foundation - committed to those on trauma journeys, supporting veterans and blue lights personnel.



THEATRE

ALEX MCALEER - MIND READER

Fri 19 Feb | 7.30pm | £17

For nearly 20 years, Alex McAleer has studied people and perfected the art of knowing what's going on inside their heads. In this funny, interactive live show, audiences become part of the experiment. You'll laugh. You'll question everything. You'll leave wondering how much of your own mind is really your own.

"Mind-blowing" Broadway World

"McAleer has made a career of those you've-got-to-be-kidding-me moments" Boston Globe

"A master of the mind... cheeky and witty, working the crowd like a conductor" ★★★★★ The West Australian



THEATRE

EDWINA HAYES

Sat 20 Feb | 7.30pm | £15 / u18 £10

One of the finest female singer/songwriters this country has produced in years. Edwina brings together English folk, Americana and the rich Northern singer/songwriter tradition to create a sound that's truly her own. Highly accomplished, she's toured with such notable performers as Jools Holland, Van Morrison, Nanci Griffith and Loudon Wainwright III to name just a few.

'The sweetest voice in England. A wonderful young woman, so gifted and full of song.' Nanci Griffith

'Haunting, honeyed, solo songwriter.' The Guardian



MUSIC

DOWN TO EARTH WILLOW WEAVING BASKET MAKING WORKSHOP

Sun 21 Feb | 10am - 4.30pm | £90

Learn the traditional craft of basketmaking in this relaxed day-long workshop. You'll spend the day learning how to make a small basket, ideal for fruit or bread. Or you may want to make a taller one - ideal for holding a bottle as a gift perhaps.

No previous experience is necessary and all tools and materials will be provided. Just bring yourself and the enthusiasm to try something new. Or maybe develop your skills if you have done some weaving before.



WORKSHOP

Check our website and socials for events coming up in Spring 2027!

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Classical Music 2027

THE BAKER, LEBHARDT, WALTON TRIO

30 & 31 Jan | 2.30pm & 7.30pm



BEN GOLDSCHIEDER (Horn) & HUW WATKINS (Piano)

26 Sep | 7.30pm



VOICES OF TOMORROW

Masters degree students from the University of York's postgraduate course in Vocal Ensemble Performance.

9 May | 2.30pm



JAMES GILCHRIST (Tenor) & ANNA TILBROOK (Piano)

7 Nov | 7.30pm



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



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- **Become a Patron** - a regular donor making a huge difference
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- **Host a fundraising event** - a sponsored sing, a gala dinner, an art competition...
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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!

Fundraising

You could help keep the Arts alive in Helmsley by Fundraising for HAC! 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**

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 Cafe of the month.

Entry forms from the Box office or visit www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/get-involved/friends



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