

CYGNET THEATRE

AUTUMN SEASON 2026



Charity No 1081824 Friars Gate, Exeter
Company No 3905769 EX2 4AZ 01392 277189
www.cygnettheatre.co.uk



Dates of all shows

September

11th *Canterbury Leylines*

24th *Blue Vanguard Jazz*

25th *Lilith the Other Side of the Story*

October

1st & 2nd *The Ocean can be a Bridge*

3rd *Kathy's Song - Simon & Garfunkel*

10th *Hour Before Nightfall*

22nd *Blue Vanguard Jazz*

23rd *Cabaret at the End of the World*

27th-31st *The Crucible*

November

21st *Orchard Cafe*

26th *Blue Vanguard Jazz*

27th *Artemis Storytelling*

29th *Pete Rawcliffe Singing Concert*

December

4th *Tom McConville*

6th *Katy Kerley Singing Concert*

12th *Louis & Ella Christmas Show*

13th *Cygnets Carols*

17th *Blue Vanguard Jazz*

**“Great little theatre
and a great welcome
from the box office
and volunteer
stewards”**

- Facebook Review

**“Great location
and a cute theatre
with a bar. Lovely
performance and
everyone was really
friendly and helpful”.**

- Google Review

Box office info:

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4th Oct Cygnet Book Fayre

Come find a new world
of adventure, mystery,
fact, romance or play in
this special book fayre

12pm - 5pm

REG CHARITY NO. 1081824

CYGNET THEATRE

Evening City of Literature

SECOND HAND BOOK FAYRE

**AT THE CYGNET THEATRE
FRIARS' GATE
EXETER**

**SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER
12:00-17:00**

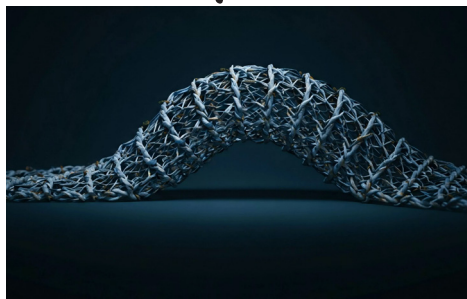
**COME AND DELVE INTO A UNIQUE
ASSORTMENT OF LITERATURE
AND UNCOVER A TREASURE
TROVE OF HIDDEN GEMS WITH
THIS ONE-TIME SPECIAL BOOK
FAYRE TO SUPPORT THE CYGNET
THEATRE**

★ WITH BAR OPEN FOR REFRESHMENTS ★

11th Sept Canterbury Leylines



*'Fizzes with invention and
inspiration'*



Yumi Hara's Groove Study & Temple of
Shibboleth Trio:

Two bands trace their shared
connections to the Canterbury scene
along an axis of Avant-Rock, Rock in
Opposition & Mythic Prog.

£17/£15 7:30pm

Blue Vanguard Residency

With a special guest each month!

24th Sept Sara Colman (Vocals)

22nd Oct Ben Cummings (Trumpet)

26th Nov Colin Oxley (Guitar)

17th Dec Amy Roberts (Sax and Flute)



The Blue Vanguard is a monthly jazz club held at Cygnet Theatre dedicated to bringing the finest national and international guests to our home town of Exeter.



The club has run successfully since September 2011 and has a loyal following.

£15 7:30pm

25th Sept Lilith the Other Side of the Story

Before Eve, there was Lilith...

An exploration and celebration of female power through the mythological figure of Lilith. Shocking, seductive and entertaining. Lilith, the first wife of Adam, was not prepared to lie down and accept what was given to her. Thrown out of Eden, she slithered back in to take her revenge and wake Eve up to what her body could do.



'A dramatic, uplifting one-woman storytelling show.'

£15/£12.50 7:30pm

1st & 2nd Oct

The Ocean can be a Bridge



1846, the personal and political tensions simmering in the Abolitionist movement reach boiling point with the arrival of escaped slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass in the West-Country. The fight to end slavery intensifies, and the stakes couldn't be higher. Douglass is torn between being the public face of an international movement and being true to himself.

Returning after a run of sell out performances last year.

£15 7:30pm

3rd Oct

Backstory presents: Glorious harmonies, superb guitar playing and a fabulous love story? That's Kathy's Song! This hugely enjoyable show follows the highs and lows of Simon & Garfunkel's rise to fame, told through the eyes of Paul's English girlfriend Kathy.

Featuring all the hits, it's a surprising and moving story that has audiences laughing, crying, singing along and getting warmly nostalgic.

Kathy's Song



"Heartfelt, human and full of harmony."

£15/£13 7:30pm

10th Oct

Hour Before Nightfall



When worlds collide, magic can happen...

£16 7:30pm

A fast-moving and entertaining play based on the true story of Frederick Densham, a mysterious living hermit. Written by Daphne du Maurier and others, the story is rooted in the landscape of Cornwall and is driven by the evolving relationship between its two contrasting characters: the eccentric Rev Densham, and a young American journalist from Life Magazine on her first European assignment.

23rd Oct Cabaret at the End of the World

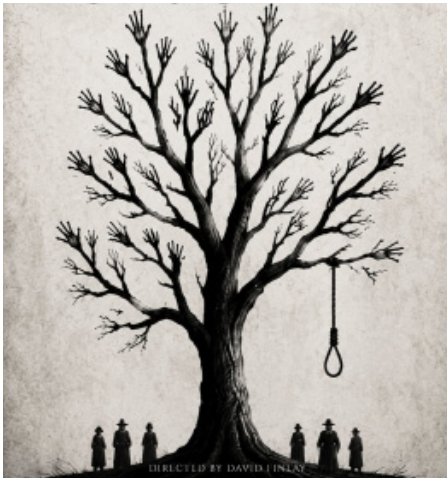
The Apocolypse has come and gone. Two actors have holed up in and old theatre with the aim of keeping showbiz alive despite the end of days. However, the only bums on seats belong to the cockroaches. And... what's that – a knock on the stage door? Who is out there? Friend or critic? Can the two old thespians put on a production to impress their visitor? Or will it be their final curtain call?



A show for cockroaches...

£15/£12.50 7:30pm

27th Oct - 31st Oct



"As you've never seen it before"

The Crucible

Miller's classic chilling story of fear, suspicion, and mass hysteria. As accusations spread and neighbours turn on one another, truth becomes dangerous and panic takes control. Dark, atmospheric, and disturbingly relevant, this haunting new production asks: when fear rules a community, who survives?

£15/£10 7:30pm & 2:30pm matinee

21st Nov Orchard Cafe by Candlelight

Sit back, switch off from the digital world, and enjoy the cosy atmosphere, while the musicians perform their favourite contemporary folk arrangements and offer an insight into the Scandinavian tradition of hygge. Arranged by the Danish String Quartet, includes original music from closer to home.



*Featuring pieces by Exeter based
composer Ali Jones*

£15/£12.50 7:30pm

27th Nov Artemis Storytelling



*Artemis Storytelling return to Cygnet
Theatre*

This is the opening night of the Exeter Story Fix festival. Featuring performance storytellers Amy Douglas and Inez Aponte. Expect strong words, mythic resonance and a warm welcome from your host, Katy Cawkwell, current Bard of Exeter.

£15/£12.50 7:30pm

4th Dec

Tom McConville

Award winning fiddle player and singer Tom McConville is internationally renowned for his fiery, heart-stopping performances. His live performances are a roller coaster of musical delights; fast rhythmic dance tunes through beautiful slow airs and of course great singing – all presented with his inimitable sense of humour and style.



"The most original fiddle player in the UK"

£16 7:30pm

12th Dec Louis & Ella

Christmas Show



Performing the songs/duets recorded by Louis Armstrong & Ella Fitzgerald, from the Great American Songbook.

This Festive Christmas show is also packed with favourite Christmas songs all delivered by a hot band of some of the finest jazz/session musicians around: Sarah Meek (Vocals), Dave Cottle (Piano, Trumpet & Vocals), Alun Vaughan (Bass) & Paul Smith (Drums).

£15/£12.50 7:30pm

13th Dec

Cygnnet Carols

Cygnnet Theatre's annual carol celebration. With live music, traditional carols and readings old and new.

Admission free. Stay afterwards to share mince pies and mulled wine. Start your festive season with us!

Retiring collection in honour of Cygnnet's chosen charity 2026



£Free 4pm

29th November & 6th December Singing Concerts



Join Pete Rawcliffe's Singers for a Christmas Concert on Sunday 29th November.

Then join Katy Kerley's Singers for their Winter Concert on Sunday 6th December.

With a huge range of styles from pop, rock, opera, musical theatre, classical, metal and everything in between. There is something for every lover of music.

Both Dates £5 6pm

Community at Cygnet

Cygnet Theatre is home to many community groups including:

IJW Dance
Westend Calling
TheatreTrain
Northcott Youth
Anthos Arts
AEL Language School



If you're a community group and would like to see our spaces contact info@cygnettheatre.co.uk

FRONT OF HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Free Ticket
- Free hot drink
- Help with stewarding and cleaning up after the show
- Arrive 45mins before show
- Stay for half hour after

If you're interested contact:

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SPACE HIRE

Main Theatre
11M x 15M
Seated capacity up to 100
depending on layout
Space fully accessible
Tech specification available
Projector
Full lighting rig, plus PA

Upstairs Studio

20M x 7M

Wooden floorboards & lino

Flipboard

2 dressing rooms with

functional showers

2 allocated toilets

Monitor & bluetooth speaker

Bright Room / Big Windows

One wall mirrored



With our flexible spaces, convenient location, and technical support Cygnet Theatre is the perfect venue for your event.

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