

The Festival Theatre

at HEVER CASTLE



Welcome to The Summer Festival 2012

We are so excited to publish the season for next summer which is bigger and better than ever! There are plenty of new events which include folk, comedy and a Diamond Jubilee Celebration; and we have developed last year's new shows so that we are now offering a Film Festival as part of Cinema Under the Stars, a SECOND children's production and more Jazz legends to fill our August Jazz Series.

The Plays season includes over six different Productions to appeal to all tastes and ages, and our programme of Musical Entertainment brings back firm favourites with our Hever Regulars alongside some new groups, bands and celebrity guest appearances.

Enjoy Enjoy!

Priority Booking opens Monday 16th January



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For the Family:

**Thursday 7th June at 2.30pm;
Friday 8th June at 6pm**

The Illyria Theatre Company present
The Twits by Roald Dahl,
Adapted for the stage by David Wood

Set in a circus ring, this adaptation brings Dahl's ideas to life and has the confidence to add something new. Bored with playing silly tricks on one another; the grotesque, satisfyingly revolting couple, Mr & Mrs Twit, turn their attentions to capturing and training a family of monkeys, the Mugglewumps, for a circus act. The monkey's cruel incarceration in a cage is avenged when the Birds, led by the Roly-Poly Bird, trick the Twits into believing the world has turned up-side-down. (The audience helps in the trick by pretending to be up-side-down!) "Roald Dahl created some truly revolting characters in his time, but surely few can compare with the noxiousness of Mr & Mrs Twit. This adaptation by David Wood was easily as gruesomely grotesque as Dahl could ever have intended. The show is a marvellous mix of singing, dancing, theatre, slapstick and audience participation."

Adults £16.50; Child - £12; Family - £49

Fantastic Family Feast available on Friday
8th June Dinner served at 7.30pm –
Pre-book only.

Wednesday 8th August; 2.30pm

Chapterhouse Productions present
Sleeping Beauty
by Laura Turner

Sleeping Beauty waits for her prince in a magical new version of this best-loved fairytale. Young and old alike will fall in love with this delightful adaptation set in the 1940s and taking you on a thrilling journey all the way to fairyland. Come along in your favourite fancy dress outfit and join the fairytale parade during the performance! Magical theatre in magical surroundings for all the family.

Adults £16.50; Child - £12; Family - £49

Guest Productions:

Thursday 9th August

Chapterhouse Theatre Company
present
The Importance of Being Earnest
by Oscar Wilde

Wilde's brilliant and best loved comedy is performed by a company that enjoys a well-deserved reputation for the excellence of its productions of English classics. The Importance of Being Earnest enjoys a reputations as the most witty and most effervescent of Wilde's comedies.

£17.50

Wednesday 22nd August

The Lord Chamberlain's Men present
Macbeth
by William Shakespeare

The Lord Chamberlain's Men, who take their name from Shakespeare's own touring company, have gained a reputation for original, exciting and entertaining productions performed upon the same principles that Shakespeare himself championed. Most notably the play is performed by an all-male cast. Macbeth is Shakespeare's shortest tragedy and in essence a political thriller that resonates with modern audiences all too familiar with the machinations and self-serving antics of politicians and their wives! Blood, battles, weird sisters – it can only be one play, Macbeth
"Open air theatre as it should be and at its very, very best" BBC.

£17.50

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Hever Festival Productions:

Saturday 2nd June

The Hollow Crown
A celebratory entertainment devised
by John Barton

Hever Festival Productions present a
**special one off performance to celebrate
the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.**

A unique entertainment composed of the letters, speeches, poems, songs and music by and about the kings and queens of England, originally devised for the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Four actors and a musician perform the piece which sparkles with the wit of several centuries and demonstrates the vulnerable humanity of those who have worn the crown. These are not the Kings and Queens to be met with in history books but the living, breathing men and women who have played out their lives on the stage of England's court.

'The play is not a history lesson, it's a piece of entertainment' Ian Richardson

Tickets £20

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee there will be a Celebration Supper served in the Guthrie Pavilion at 6pm.
Pre-book only.

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**Weds 18th - Sat 21st July:
matinee - Thurs 19th July**

Produced by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd

Daisy Pulls It Off by Denise Deegan

Inspired by the uncomplicated innocence of Angela Brazil's schoolgirl novels, Denise Deegan's comedy brilliantly parodies the life and soul of a gels' boarding school of yesteryear – all gym slips and hockey sticks, a sort of St Trinians without the delinquency! The plucky heroine, Daisy Meredith, with the help of her best friend, the zany Trixie Martin, overcomes a series of trials and tribulations by being honourable and straight in all things, even saving the lives of sneaky Monica and toady Sybil – her arch-enemies.

The original and hugely successful West End Production of Daisy Pulls it Off was presented by the Really Useful Theatre Company Ltd in 1983 at The Gielgud Theatre.

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Sunday Express.

Saturday - £20 Weds - Fri - £16 Matinee - £14

**Weds 15th - Sat 18th August;
matinee - Thurs. 16th August**

The Owl and the Pussycat
by Bill Manhoff

The title might suggest another children's play, but rest assured this play is most definitely for grown-ups! Set in San Francisco, the play centres around two flawed but very human characters, Doris has aspirations to be an actress and model, but in reality is a part-time hooker; Felix suffers from similar delusions – that he is an intellectual and talented writer; whilst working as a clerk in a book store whose writings are repeatedly rejected by the publishers.

The pair meet in the most unpromising of circumstances – but unexpectedly fall in love. There follows a tempestuous relationship that is presented though a series of explosively funny, sometimes farcical encounters as they play out their on-off romance.

The play enjoyed a very successful run on Broadway and was subsequently made into a film with George Segal and Barbra Streisand.

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Weds 25th; Thurs 26th and Sat 28th July

Opera Options present

**The Yeomen of the Guard
by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan**

Perfect for a Hever setting, as well as a royal celebration year; The Yeomen of the Guard is set in the reign of King Henry VIII and tells the story of the events in the life of Colonel Fairfax during the last days of his imprisonment in the Tower.

The Yeomen of the Guard, or the Merryman and his Maid was Gilbert and Sullivan's 11th collaboration, and the nearest they came to creating a 'Grand Opera'. It is the only one of their joint works to eschew satire, and Sullivan was delighted with Gilbert's plot, writing in his diary:

"No topsy-turveydom, very human, and funny also."

Sat - £24; Weds and Thurs: - £22

Saturday 25th August

Opera Novella present

**La bohème: The Concert
by Giacomo Puccini**

Following the success of Rigoletto, Adam Miller and Bernie Lafontaine have teamed up again to create a fantastic new English translation, delivering the poetry and wit that has made La bohème an audience favourite for years.

Opera Novella brings together multi-award-winning principal singers in full costume, and accompanied by a six piece chamber orchestra to sing Puccini's classic masterpiece. Musical Director, Bernie Lafontaine, custom-arranges the full orchestral score for his ensemble, capturing all the rich textures of the orchestra, and delivering an authentic opera experience.

"Everyone in our group thought that Rigoletto (performed by Opera Novella in 2011) was one of the best opera productions we had seen - ever! (And that includes Glyndebourne and Covent Garden!!) Thank you!"

Audience email 2011.

£25/£15

Sunday 12th August

**Acker Bilk
and his Paramount Jazz Band**

Acker returns to Hever by popular demand, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his worldwide hit 'Stranger on the Shore'. Since then Acker and his Paramount Jazz Band have firmly established themselves as one of the most successful and best loved British jazz bands of all time.

£25/£15

Sunday 19th August

**The Humphrey Lyttelton Band
featuring Tina May**

Humph's Original Band perform in tribute to the much loved British trumpeter, broadcaster and comedy host, who sadly died in 2008. The band are joined by award winning vocalist Tina May - Britain's premier jazz diva.

In January 2008, Humphrey Lyttelton celebrated sixty unbroken years as a bandleader. Today, the band's hallmark is still versatility, reflected in a repertoire which extends from early traditional to modern by way of Ellington and Basie.

*"Humph's band, still as swinging as ever, and the superbly communicative vocalist Tina May make a dream combination"*The Observer.

£22.50/£15

Sunday 26th August

**Ella meets Louis
Digby Fairweather's Half Dozen with
Maggie Reeday**

This show celebrates the partnership of two of the greatest figures in popular music Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong who joined forces in the mid twentieth century in a celebration of the Great American Songbook. They produced fabulous and highly individual performances of super songs, including *April In Paris, A Fine Romance, Tenderly*, and *They All Laughed*.

£20/£15

Saturday 9th June

Cantabile present

**On the Funny Side of the Street
devised by the Godfather of Comedy
Barry Cryer**

"Just direct your feet" to an evening of comic songs presented by one of Britain's most popular vocal groups. The evening features much loved comedy favourites from the old masters **Flanders & Swan, Noel Coward** and **Kenneth Williams** as well as hilarious numbers by **Jake Thackray, Richard Stilgoe**, and **Fry and Laurie** not forgetting musical mayhem from **Monthy Python**.

£20/£15

Saturday 4th August

**The Rat Pack; Swinging at the
Sands**

Take three great singers, add a dash of comedy and rousing camaraderie with a pinch of the greatest songs ever written and what do you get? A perfect night's entertainment.

This fully choreographed homage to the greatest performers in known history features stars of the hit West End show 'The Rat Pack, Live From Las Vegas' with such favourites as *"Ain't That A Kick In The Head"*, *"I've Got You Under My Skin"* and *"Mr. Bojangles"*, not to mention the numbers every audience can't help singing and dancing along to, such as *"New York, New York"*, *"That's Life"* and of course *"My Way"*.

£22.50/£15

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Saturday 11th August

**The Masters of the House
Sing the Musicals**

The Masters of the House present an evening dedicated to the best in musical theatre performed by an outstanding cast of West End singers who have wowed Hever audiences for the past two years. This year's programme includes songs from some of the best shows to be performed on London's West End and Broadway including *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Les Miserable* and *Wicked* *'Amazing Vocals... the musicians proved to be Masters of their art, a real West End spectacular...'* The Standard.

£22.50/£15

Saturday 1st September

**Michael Law's Piccadilly Dance
Orchestra
Chasing the Blues Away**

We are delighted to welcome the very special guest **Angela Rippon** to present this exclusive programme for our troubled times! With a wealth of stories to share, Angela joins ten superb musicians and a glamorous female vocalist to Chase the Blues Away with an unshamed wallow in pure nostalgia for the lost, magical world of Broadway and Hollywood music from the 1920's to 40's. Stylish, sophisticated, smooth... the programme includes a hearty helping of foot-tapping jazz and dance music that includes Anything Goes, Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?, It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing) and Chattanooga Cho *"Astonishingly good"*The Spectator *"Sparkling, toe-tapping entertainment that ended with the audience shouting for encores"* The Stage.

£25/£15

Sunday 2nd September

Last Night of the Hever Proms

The Brandenburg Sinfonia perform a programme that includes *Jerusalem*, the *March of Pomp and Circumstance* and all the last night favourites as well as other popular classics.

£25/£15

We are delighted to bring a series of Folk events to Hever for the first time this summer, in association with **Brandywine Music**, a Kent based producer dedicated to the promotion of quality live music. Music at all three events starts at 6 pm with Gates Open at 4.30 pm

Sunday 13th May

Headline Band: Fairport Convention

Fairport Convention is unassailably the greatest folk rock band ever formed, with past alumni including legendary names within both folk and rock: Sandy Denny, Richard Thompson, Ashley Hutchings and a host of others.

Their music is a fusion of rock, folk and traditionally-influenced songwriting delivered with wit and charm. Ranging from songs from their seminal album Liege And Lief, which was voted 'Best Folk Album Ever' by Radio 2 listeners, to new material from their latest album, 'Festival Bell', the band are comfortable and relaxed with what they do.

£23/£15

Sunday 10 June

Headline Band to be confirmed

£23/£15

Sunday 29th July

Headline Band: Show of Hands

Show of Hands are undeniably one of the strongest current forces in acoustic music – England's finest and most popular roots duo and something of a "people's band", regularly voicing the hopes, fears and life stories of scores of people in song. This is a band performing at its passionate peak, the audience reaping the benefit of the years of regular touring which has seen Show of Hands build a strong and wide grassroots support. They pace their show perfectly and remain professional to the core without ever slipping into slickness. Everyone who encounters them this summer is in for a real treat.

"One of the great English bands" – Peter Gabriel.

£23/£15

Thursday 14th June

Shappi Khorsandi: Me and My Brother In Our Pants, Holding Hands British Comedy Award Nominee 2011.

The Star of Live At The Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, and Have I Got News for You is back with a brand new show. A show about a brother and sister who were best friends but also beat each other up. Shappi Khorsandi is one of the hottest comedy prospects in the country. She's feisty, flirty and effortlessly funny she handles every subject with a razor sharp wit, softened only by her deliciously dizzy delivery and endless charm.

'Makes live comedy thrilling, an absolute success, don't worry be Shappi? Evening Standard 2011.

£14

A second comedy night will be confirmed in January

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PLUS ...

...in an exciting new development we are delighted to welcome **Paul Dunton** to Hever with a **Local & Live** Session. Over a 6 year period Paul has developed an exemplary reputation for showcasing outstanding musical talent at the **'Local & Live' Music Festival** which he organises annually on The Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells. More details to follow in January!

May Bank Holiday - All Films start at 8.45pm

Saturday 5th May

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
Certificate 15

Sunday 6th May

The Bourne Identity – Certificate 12A

JUBILEE WEEKEND- All Films start at 9pm

Sunday 3rd June

The Kings Speech – Certificate 12A

Monday 4th June

Shakespeare in Love – Certificate 15

FILM FESTIVAL All Films start at 8.30pm

Wednesday 29th August

Notting Hill– Certificate 15

Thursday 30th August

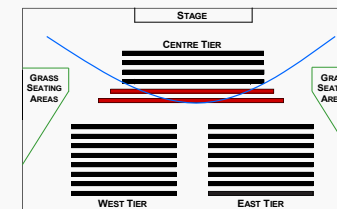
The Blues Brothers – Certificate 15

Friday 31st August

The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Certificate 12

Seat Prices £12

Seating Information



- covered reserved seating
- uncovered reserved seating
- indication of stage canopy

Seating in the West and East Tiers is covered by the seating stand's own canopies. Please Note all ticket prices include VAT at the rate of 20%.

- Friends and 5 Year Patrons of the theatre are entitled to a 5% discount on all full price theatre tickets.
- Where more than one seat price is shown, they relate to the covered reserved seating; and unreserved seating areas on the grass, either side of the auditorium. Uncovered reserved seating is available for all shows at a cost of £1 less than the headline price.
- A family ticket for The Twits and Sleeping Beauty permits 2 adults/2 children or 1 adults/3 children.
- The covered seats are tiered and include seats in the stands and chairs on the ground
- There is a booking fee of £1.50 with each order.
- Conditions of Sale apply.

Tickets cannot be refunded.

Evening Performances commence at 8 pm unless otherwise stated: Gates Open for picnics from 6.30pm. Matinees commence at 2.30pm; Access to the Castle Grounds from 2 pm.

Group Booking

There is a 10% discount for groups booking:

- 15 seats or more for any single performance if booked during the priority booking period.
- 20 seats or more for any single performance if booked at any other time.

Plus

- there is a **free ticket** for the **party organiser** in addition to the Group Discounts.
- And if booked during the Priority Booking Period, a deposit of 25% will be accepted to hold the seats with the balance due 6 weeks after making your booking.

Only one discount can be applied to any ticket price.

Group discounts can only be applied to full priced theatre tickets NOT already discounted tickets such as Friends or Family tickets.

Priority Booking

Priority Booking begins by post on Monday 16th January, and continues until Friday 10th February 2012. During that time bookings will only be accepted from Festival Friends, 5 Year Patrons and bookings that qualify for Group Discounts.

Priority booking forms can be returned as soon as they are completed and will be processed according to the date they are received in the office. Please return them to the address below, together with a cheque payable to Hever Festival Productions Ltd. Mastercard/Visa/Maestro/Switch are also accepted. All priority bookings will be allocated seats on a first come first served basis.

From **Monday 23rd January**, the Box Office will be available for telephone bookings every weekday between 9.30 am and 5.00 pm. From **Monday 13th February**, the Box Office will be open every weekday for general booking.

Dates of Performances

Sat 5 – Sun 6 May	Cinema Under the Stars	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
Sun 13 May	Folk Event – Headline band – Fairport Convention	
Sat 2 June	The Hollow Crown devised by John Barton of the RSC	
Sunday 3 June	The Kings Speech	
Monday 4 June	Shakespeare in Love	
Thurs 7 – Fri 8	The Twits by Roald Dahl	
Sat 9 June	Cantabile; The Funny Side of the Street	
Sunday 10 June	Folk Event – Headline band – TBC	
Thurs 14 June	Shappi Khorsandi	
Weds 18 – Sat 21 July	Daisy Pulls It Off by Denise Deegan	
Wed 25, Thurs 26, Sat 28 July	The Yeomen of the Guard by Gilbert & Sullivan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cinema under the stars Folk Plays Musical Entertainment Castle Comedy Jazz Opera
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Tues 28 – Fri 31 Aug	Film Festival	
Sat 1 Sept	Michael Law's Piccadilly Dance Orchestra with ANGELA RIPPON	
Sun 2 Sept	Last Night of Hever Proms	

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