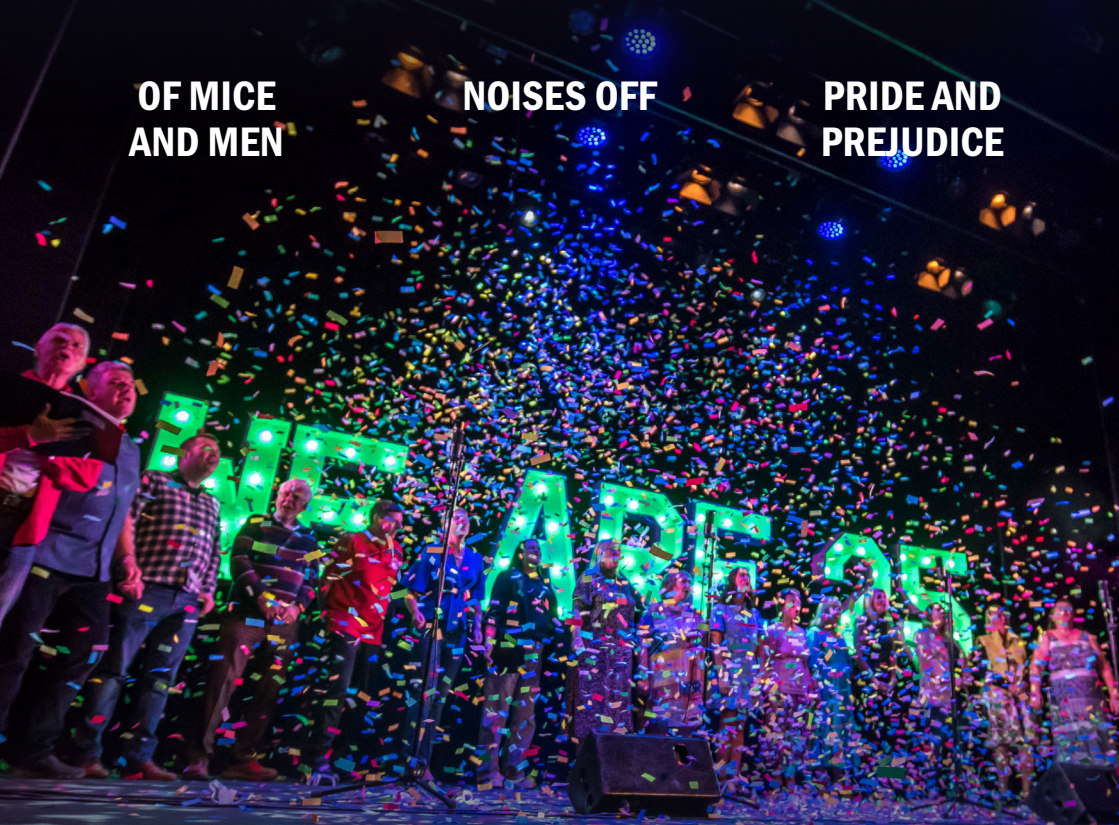


# THEATRE BY THE LAKE

OF MICE  
AND MEN

NOISES OFF

PRIDE AND  
PREJUDICE



SPRING-  
SUMMER  
2025

**Keswick**

February – August 2025

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# In the past year...

- 72,000 people came to see 380 performances over 67 shows
- 187 volunteers donated 9,400 hours (almost an entire year) of their time to the theatre
- Theatre by the Lake productions toured to London, Bolton, Hull, Ipswich, Scarborough and Windsor
- Pupils from 104 schools came to see a show at Theatre by the Lake
- 60 young people took part in week-long masterclasses during the summer holidays
- Our world premiere of **Steel** toured to communities in Maryport, Egremont, Millom, Carlisle and Workington following its run here in Keswick
- Our Give the Gift of Theatre at Christmas campaign brought 250 people who would not otherwise be able to attend to see our 2023 Christmas show **A Little Princess**
- 17 Cumbrian artists were supported with opportunities to connect, develop and perform as part of our inaugural **CumbriaFest**
- 28 young people formed our new youth theatre, **Company 25**, learning about all aspects of theatre-making
- 37 people from West Cumbrian communities formed the Steel Choir and co-created an original song to feature in the show
- We supported Cumbrian artists with 600 hours of free research and development space
- We were nominated for Best Community Project at the 2024 Stage Awards for our production of **Every Brilliant Thing**
- 15 young people joined us for **ProjX** work experience week
- 6 local Secondary Schools joined our new Schools Partnership Scheme, starting with a teachers day and a visit to see **Romeo and Juliet**



The cast of Steel in Workington, 2024. Photography by Grant Archer

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**ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND**  
 LOTTERY FUNDED



Photography by Amy Bateman

## When Theatre by the Lake was officially opened by Dame Judi Dench and her late husband Michael Williams in December 1999, a sudden snowfall surprised the audience at the interval.

Over the last 25 years, the magic has endured. TBTL continues to bring people together to experience the power of live theatre, made right here in Cumbria. Our anniversary has been a moment to celebrate our story so far and look ahead to the next 25 years.

Our theatre is the sum of the people who make it all possible.

We want to thank our audiences and supporters, those who return time and time again, and those who bring along friends, family, or coaches full of school children, igniting a passion for theatre in others.

Our exhibition **We Are 25** celebrates our extraordinary heritage and captures the joy and power of theatre through 25 portraits. It's open until August so there's plenty of time to come along if you haven't already. Our birthday plans also look ahead to the future. **CumbriaFest**, a festival of new writing made by local artists, brought our studio to life in Autumn 2024 and we'll have more local talent bringing innovative new work to our studio this Spring. We created **Company 25**, a team of young people who will bring our birthday year to a close with an unforgettable finale performance.

Our Spring / Summer programme features favourites from over the years, with American classic **Of Mice and Men** and one of the

funniest plays of all time, **Noises Off**, making a welcome return. We're then turning the theatre in-the-round again for what is bound to be another summer smash hit, the UK premiere of Kate Hamill's fun and fabulous **Pride and Prejudice**.

As well as the theatre we make here in Keswick, we also present a wide range of work from across the country - family shows, folk music and literature. And we're proud to champion local creativity, sharing our stages with community groups. From musicals to film, the theatre is bursting with activity this Spring. We want to make sure there's something here for everyone and to make a trip to the theatre accessible to all. Check out the information on each show page for the dates of our accessible performances.

Ours is an improbable story. A tale of triumph in the face of adversity. TBTL has withstood floods, civil unrest and of course most recently a global pandemic. The Times once remarked on 'the stubbornly courageous conviction' of our predecessor the Century Theatre, and it's this spirit and the unique bond with the community that has made us thrive.

Your continued support is more important than ever and our anniversary fundraising campaign, **Play A Part**, will ensure we can continue making great theatre and maximise our impact in Cumbria for the next 25 years.

**Liz Stevenson, Artistic Director & Joint CEO**  
**Simon Stephens, Executive Director & Joint CEO**

# WE ARE 25

A special year-long exhibition telling the story of Theatre by the Lake through incredible people and productions.

# 25 YEARS 1999-2024



Portrait by Amy Bateman

With photography by Amy Bateman, **Portraits** spotlights some influential people from the very beginnings of our theatre to the present day, as well as those we look forward to being part of the next 25 years of our story.

There's a few famous faces, plenty of people our regular visitors will recognise, and young people and emerging artists that we're fortunate to work with at the start of their journeys.

"We wanted to tell the human story of Theatre by the Lake and its intangible heritage through 25 personal connections – one for each birthday year – and spotlight the theatre's continuing impact on its community and the sector." **Liz Stevenson, Artistic Director & Joint CEO, and Simon Stephens, Executive Director & Joint CEO**



Photography by Steve Barber

Designed by Louie Whitmore, **Productions** celebrates favourite shows from our history with a floor dedicated to set, props, costumes and items that helped to bring each one to life.

From fairies to elephants to Borrowers, you're sure to be enchanted by the curiosities brought back from our stores, and maybe enjoy a trip down memory lane to reminisce about your own favourite productions from TBTL's 25 years to date.

Running until August 2025. Find Portraits in our Circle Gallery, and Productions in our Mezzanine Gallery



Company 25 performing at our 25th birthday party. Photography by Chris Payne

## COMPANY 25

Our brand-new young company learning about all aspects of theatre.

**Company 25** launched in September 2024 with young people aged between 14 and 18 successfully auditioning to form a youth theatre with a difference.

Not just focussing on performance, **Company 25** are learning all aspects of theatre-making from producing to budgeting, marketing to technical and movement to music.

With weekly sessions and masterclass weekends, throughout the year they'll be co-creating and presenting a series of performances with leading theatre professionals and creatives to tell

the theatre's story – past, present and future, culminating in a final performance in the summer.

And they've already started – just weeks since their first session, **Company 25** welcomed guests to our birthday party with strolling performances bringing our **We Are 25** exhibition to life and then performed on our Main Stage to a full audience.

**To learn more about opportunities for young people at TBTL visit [theatrebythelake.com/get-involved](https://theatrebythelake.com/get-involved)**



Every Brilliant Thing, 2023. Photography by Chris Payne

# Help keep theatre in Cumbria thriving for generations to come. **PLAY A PART**

**We believe that theatre has the power to transform lives, but we can only continue to do this with your support.**

Did you know we're a charity? Our theatre wouldn't exist without the passionate supporters that banded together to raise funds for the permanent Theatre by the Lake building that we know today.

**WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE CAN CONTINUE TO:**

- **MAKE GREAT THEATRE IN CUMBRIA**
- **SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**
- **CHAMPION CUMBRIAN CREATIVITY**

Visit our website at [theatrebythelake.com/support-us](http://theatrebythelake.com/support-us) to learn more about **Play A Part** and how you can support TBTL

Keep an eye on our Social Media channels and our monthly emails for updates on all the amazing things your support has made happen.

## You can **PLAY A PART** by:

### **MAKING A DONATION**

Donate at Box Office or online

**£25** enables somebody from a disadvantaged background to experience the joy of live theatre, here in Cumbria, for the first time

**£250** supports a young person for a full term of our young company

**£2,500** funds our annual scratch night, where Cumbrian artists can perform new work

Donations over £25 will be recognised on a piece of public art commissioned from a local artist and unveiled Summer 2025.

### **LEAVING A LEGACY**

Leave a gift in your Will to share your love of theatre with generations to come.

### **BECOMING A MEMBER**

We have a Membership for everyone – check out our Memberships on the next page.

# JOIN A COMMUNITY OF THEATRE LOVERS

**Share your love of theatre and get a range of great benefits, bringing you even closer to TBTL.**

We have 4 levels of membership:

## **FRIEND £40**

- 7 days priority booking\*
- No exchange or cancellation fees
- Regular members events
- Exclusive monthly prize draw
- Join theatre coach trips to shows across the UK



Brassed Off, 2024. Photography by Pamela Raith

## **BEST FRIEND £120**

All Friend benefits plus:

- 14 days priority booking\*
- Member Super Saver Deal: Save 20% when booking 3 shows. Enjoy our Season Saver deal on two tickets for each show. Memberships last for a full year so you can double your discount when you buy tickets from our Autumn brochure\*\*
- 10% off meals at Lakeside Café Restaurant
- Behind the scenes content

## **BENEFACTOR £500**

All Best Friend benefits plus:

- Exclusive backstage experiences
- Personalised booking service

## **CHAMPION £1000+**

If you'd like to discuss becoming a Champion and supporting Theatre by the Lake with a larger gift, contact us at [members@theatrebythelake.com](mailto:members@theatrebythelake.com).

\*Whilst we endeavour to programme 7 and 14 day priority booking periods for all TBTL shows, priority booking may not be available for all productions.

\*\*Excludes preview performances. Subject to availability.

For membership terms and conditions, see [theatrebythelake.com/membership](http://theatrebythelake.com/membership).



Little Shop of Horrors, 2024. Photography by Pamela Raith

# TICKETS

**Tickets for most shows start at just £12**

See each show page for individual prices. Book early to get the best seats at the best prices.

## Under 26s

Tickets for those aged under 26 are £12\*.

## Access

Tickets are £12 for Deaf and disabled people and their carer, companion or personal assistant\*.

\*Limitations apply for visiting shows.

## Schools

School tickets are £12 per person for all shows, plus get one free teacher ticket for every 10 pupils.

## Groups

We offer great discounts for groups of 8 or more people. Groups of up to 20 people can book online and the discount will apply automatically. Groups of more than 20 people can book via our dedicated Group Bookings line: **017687 74411** (option 2) or email **groupbookings@theatrebythelake.com**

# SEE MORE AND SAVE WITH A SEASON SAVER DEAL

**BOOK ALL 3 SHOWS AND SAVE 10%**



## OF MICE AND MEN

**WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL  
- SATURDAY 3 MAY**



## NOISES OFF

**WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE -  
SATURDAY 26 JULY**



## PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

**THURSDAY 7 AUGUST -  
SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

Season Saver Deals are only available for Band 1 and Band 2 tickets (see each show page for further information on ticket bands).

Discounts apply automatically when booking tickets for Season Saver shows at the same time. Book your Season Saver Deal online, in person or by phone on **017687 74411**.

Become a Best Friend and save even more with a Members Super Season Saver – see page 7 for details.

Season Savers also get 10% off on our Christmas 2025 show **The Wizard of Oz** if booked at the same time.

# SPITFIRE GIRLS

By Katherine Senior

TUESDAY 25 - SATURDAY 29 MARCH

Presented by Tilted Wig and  
MAST Mayflower Studios

Inspired by remarkable true events.

*"It's built for us, isn't it? The Spitfire. Built for women."*

New Year's Eve, 1959.

Decades after answering the call, two women separated by the war meet again as the rain hammers down on the windows of The Spitfire pub.

As we hear their story, we're transported back to a time when female pioneers defied expectations and soared through the skies.

**Spitfire Girls** is inspired by the extraordinary true stories of the women who dared to fly during WWII and the incredible bond that tied them together.

Funny and heart-warming, this is an untold story of strength, courage and loss. But above all else, hope.

## Tickets:

Band 1: from £32

Band 2: from £25

Band 3: from £12

## Age guidance: 10+

Contains themes of war

Spitfire Girls was developed with the support of the National Theatre's Generate programme and Arts Council England.



The Generate Programme  
**National  
Theatre**

# OF MICE AND MEN

By John Steinbeck

Directed by Sarah Brigham

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL - SATURDAY 3 MAY

A Theatre by the Lake, Derby Theatre, Hull Truck Theatre and Octagon Theatre Bolton production

A gripping tale of friendship and hope.

Lennie and George are unlikely best friends, two drifters bound together by a shared faith and the ambition to live the great American dream. Landing a job on a Californian ranch during the Great Depression, their hopes of earning money to eventually buy a place of their own are raised, and then wholly shattered in a heart-breaking conclusion.

**Of Mice and Men** remains as powerful and relevant today as it did when originally written in 1937. Based on Steinbeck's classic novella, and with themes of friendship, migration and prejudice, this play continues to move and resonate with audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Don't miss this evocative, compelling story laced with tragedy... a must-see production for anyone who has ever tried to pursue a long-held dream.

## Tickets:

Band 1: from £42

Band 2: from £37.50

Band 3: from £27

Band 4: from £12

**Save with a Season Saver Deal**

See page 9 for details.

## Age guidance: 13+

Includes themes of social exclusion based on race, disability and gender. Explores violence, assault, murder and death. Includes strong and offensive language.

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### AD Audio Described Performance

Every performance has Audio Description available, performed in character by the cast of the show

### BSL British Sign Language Interpreted Performance

Thursday 24 April, 2pm

### CAP Captioned Performance

Thursday 24 April, 2pm

### RP Relaxed Performance

Thursday 1 May, 11am

### Post Show Discussion

Tuesday 29 April, 7.30pm



# NOISES OFF

By Michael Frayn

Directed by Douglas Rintoul

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE - SATURDAY 26 JULY

A Theatre by the Lake, New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich, and Théâtres de la Ville de Luxembourg production

A wildly hilarious, fast-paced comedy that takes you behind the curtain of a chaotic touring theatre company desperately trying to maintain their composure and regain any shred of credibility.

From their frantic last-minute rehearsals in Weston-Super-Mare to a disastrously silent performance in Ashton-under-Lyne, and a spectacularly calamitous final performance in Stockton-on-Tees, **Noises Off** promises an evening of non-stop laughter and mayhem as the doomed actors struggle to keep their performance together whilst everything around them quite literally falls apart.

Written by the multi-award-winning British novelist and playwright Michael Frayn, this is a new production of one of the most celebrated plays ever written.

### Tickets:

- Band 1: from £42
- Band 2: from £37.50
- Band 3: from £27
- Band 4: from £12

Save with a Season Saver Deal  
See page 9 for details.

- AD Audio Described Performance**  
Thursday 17 July, 2pm
- BSL British Sign Language Interpreted Performance**  
Saturday 12 July, 2pm
- CAP Captioned Performance**  
Saturday 12 July, 2pm
- RP Relaxed Performance**  
Thursday 10 July, 11am
- Post Show Discussion**  
Tuesday 15 July, 7.30pm



# PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

By Kate Hamill

Based on the novel by Jane Austen

Directed by Lotte Wakeham

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST - SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

A Theatre by the Lake, Octagon Theatre Bolton and Stephen Joseph Theatre Scarborough production

Jane Austen's most iconic love story is brought dazzlingly to life on stage.

When it comes to the subject of marriage, headstrong Lizzy Bennet is determined to resist the mounting pressures and expectations from society. But can she resist love, especially when the infuriatingly intriguing Mr. Darcy keeps popping up at every turn?!

With sharp humour and sparkling dialogue, this witty stage adaptation brings to life the classic story of love, misunderstandings, and second chances (with plenty of music and dancing). Lose yourself in the world of Regency parties and courtship, as hearts race, tongues wag and passions swirl around the English countryside.

Discover the absurdities and thrills of finding your perfect (or imperfect) match in life, with this vibrant retelling of Austen's beloved novel, performed by a large cast of immensely talented actors. This UK premiere production is adapted by award-winning playwright Kate Hamill and directed by Octagon Theatre Bolton's Artistic Director Lotte Wakeham.

**Tickets:**

- Band 1: from £42
- Band 2: from £37.50
- Band 3: from £27
- Band 4: from £12

Save with a Season Saver Deal  
See page 9 for details.

**Age guidance:** 11+

- AD Audio Described Performance**  
Tuesday 26 August, 2pm
- BSL British Sign Language Interpreted Performance**  
Thursday 21 August, 2pm
- CAP Captioned Performance**  
Thursday 21 August, 2pm
- RP Relaxed Performance**  
Tuesday 19 August, 11am
- Post Show Discussion**  
Wednesday 20 August, 7.30pm



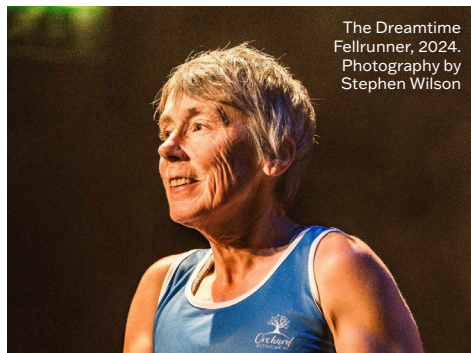


Steel, 2024. Photography by Chris Payne

## CUMBRIAFEST

In September and October 2024, in a packed-out Studio, **CumbriaFest** told stories created in and inspired by our remarkable county.

With two premiere shows – **Steel** by Lee Mattinson and **The Dreamtime Fellrunner** by Dr Julie Carter - plus a series of performances and workshops in playwriting, theatre-making and using the natural environment to explore our creativity, **CumbriaFest** showcased the work of local theatre makers in our Artist Development Network, Cumbrian Creatives.



The Dreamtime Fellrunner, 2024. Photography by Stephen Wilson



Songs and Stories from the Atomic Town 2024

## 2025 IN THE STUDIO

Intimate and epic, the Studio offers a different experience to our Main Stage, with a focus on innovative new work by artists from across the region.

The Studio also hosts a range of shows that perfectly suit our smaller space; from family fun to folk music.

**Our 2025 Studio programme will be announced in the Spring. Sign up to our mailing list to be the first to find out what's coming up.**

# SUMMER MASTERCLASSES

FOR AGES 12 - 18

In Summer 2025 our sell-out masterclasses return with three incredible weeks that will encourage young people to explore the landscape around us and create brand new outdoor theatre performances.

### ROLL UP, ROLL UP

with **Circo Rum Ba Ba**

**MONDAY 28 JULY - FRIDAY 1 AUGUST**

Learn acrobatic and circus skills with street theatre and circus Company Circo Rum Ba Ba and create a brand new piece of street theatre.

### WHO GOES THERE

with **The Fabularium**

**MONDAY 4 - FRIDAY 8 AUGUST**

Returning by popular demand, create an amazing piece of storytelling theatre for outdoor spaces using music, costumes and puppets with The Fabularium.

### ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

**MONDAY 18 - FRIDAY 22 AUGUST**

Explore acting, devising and performance with our very own Theatre by the Lake team plus a series of amazing nature focused theatre makers, and create a piece of theatre for and about the landscapes that surround us.

### Book early to avoid disappointment.

£160 per week (full week booking only)  
Sessions run Monday - Friday, 10.30am – 3.30pm and will have a performance on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm.

All masterclasses are taught by professional theatre companies with support from TBTL staff. Bring your own packed lunch. We will be based both in the theatre and within

Theatre companies are subject to change at the discretion of the theatre, should this occur, all participants would be notified.



Who Goes There summer masterclass, 2024. Photography by Steve Barber

the landscape around us; be prepared to work in outdoor spaces in all the glorious weather that the Lake District has to offer!

Should you have a barrier to accessing these masterclasses, please get in touch with our Community Engagement Manager Claire Williams for information on available support at [Claire.Williams@theatrebythelake.com](mailto:Claire.Williams@theatrebythelake.com)

**We'll also be presenting a series of one off skills-based workshops in Summer 2025 - sign up to our newsletter and keep an eye on our social media channels for more information.**



## MR TOAD'S MONEY-GO-ROUND

By Roger McGough

**FRIDAY 21 - SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

**Tickets:** £14/£12

**Age Guidance:** 4+

Join Toad, Badger, Mole and friends in an "utterly enchanting" musical (Gyles Brandreth) by renowned poet Roger McGough.

Mr Toad has a shiny gold coin. He gives it to Lavender Mole to pay for a room in her hotel. Now Lavender can pay Jan Stoat for cleaning the windows, and Jan can pay back Mr Badger... until the coin might just end up back where it started.

**Winner, Best Children's Show, Edinburgh Festival Fringe**



**"AN ABSOLUTELY CHARMING THEATRE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THE FAMILY."**

Mini Travellers



Le Navet Bete

## KING ARTHUR

Written and co-directed  
by John Nicholson

**TUESDAY 8 - SATURDAY 12 APRIL**

**Tickets:** £32 / £25 / £12

**Age Guidance:** 8+

Camelot is in trouble. King Arthur knows that if he doesn't turn things around this civilisation will be forgotten as nothing more than a rather dull time in British history. But when three hapless squires approach him about changing that legacy... a legend is born.

One of UK theatre's best comedy writers and directors, John Nicholson (Hound of the Baskervilles, Theatre by the Lake 2024) and award-winning funny men Le Navet Bete (The Three Musketeers, Treasure Island, Dracula: The Bloody Truth) team up with a brand-new laugh-out-loud show for all the ages.

This hilarious retelling of the Arthurian legends will have audiences crying with laughter... and maybe become part of the legend themselves.



Wrongsemble presents

## THREE LITTLE VIKINGS

**FRIDAY 30 MAY - SUNDAY 1 JUNE**

**Tickets:** £14 / £12

**Age Guidance:** 3+

Three brave little Viking girls save the day in this bold and funny adventure story for little rebels, by the creator of the New York Times Best Illustrated Book Little Red and I Can Catch a Monster, Bethan Woollvin.

Once upon a time in a Viking village, everything seems to be going wrong. Chickens are disappearing, trees are falling down, and there's lots and lots of crashing and bashing. The silly Chieftain won't listen to the three littlest Vikings, but can they work together to figure out what's going on and save the day?

**Three Little Vikings** is all about cooperation, bravery, and getting your voice heard.



NLP Limited presents

## PIRATES LOVE UNDERPANTS

**TUESDAY 10 JUNE**

**Tickets:** £15 / £12

**Age Guidance:** 1+

Based on the beloved book by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort.

These pirates SO love underpants!

Join our swashbuckling party of pirates on their quest to find the fabled Pants of Gold for the Captain's Treasure chest!

Dodge hungry crocs beneath Long-John Bridge, bob upon the waves of Big Knickers Bay, spot sharks in fancy underpants and trek across Three Pants Ridge.

Filled with music, puppetry and glittering pants of gold, arrr you ready to set sail for a family adventure?

**"GUARANTEED TO GET THE LITTLE ONES GIGGLING"**

Daily Mail on the book



## WORDS BY THE WATER

WEDNESDAY 12 – SUNDAY 16 MARCH

The renowned festival of words and ideas returns with a celebration of local talent plus famous names including James Rebanks, Ann Cleaves and Rev. Richard Coles, for a glittering line-up of authors.

This year also includes writing workshops and competitions for young Cumbrian writers.

Tickets go on sale in 2025. Full line-up to be announced.



NLP Ltd presents

## KATE MOSSE

LABYRINTH LIVE: UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF THE LABYRINTH

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL, 7.30PM

Tickets: £29.50 / £12 under 26s

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of her global No 1 bestseller, Kate Mosse thrills audiences anew with her unforgettable show - taking us through history and mystery, on an epic journey across the breathtaking landscape of the Languedoc – of Carcassonne, Toulouse, Chartres and the Pyrenees.



## AN EVENING WITH JIMMY TARBUCK

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY, 7.30PM

Tickets: £33.50 / £31.50 / £12 under 26s

Acclaimed comedian and raconteur, Jimmy Tarbuck OBE, reflects on a remarkable life in showbusiness.

Jimmy presents a hugely entertaining mix of anecdotes and jokes, stories from his childhood, and of course, his golfing life.



James Seabright presents

## BUFFY REVAMPED

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY, 7.30PM

Tickets: £27 / £12 under 26s

Age Guidance: 14+

Seventy minutes. Seven seasons. One Spike.

This fast-paced gem brings you the entire 144 episodes of the hit 90s TV show, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, as told through the eyes of the one person who knows it inside out... Spike.

"If you are even remotely a fan of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, this is not to be missed"

★★★★★ Broadway Baby



James Seabright presents

## BLACK IS THE COLOR OF MY VOICE

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 7.30PM

Tickets: £25 / £12 under 26s

Age Guidance: 12+

Inspired by the life of Nina Simone, and featuring many of her most iconic songs performed live, Apphia Campbell's stunning play recently won the Best Theatre Award at Adelaide Fringe 2024. Acclaimed by critics and audiences alike for over 10 years.

'Moving portrayal of determination and survival!' ★★★★★ Times



## JAMES PHELAN: THE DREAMER

THURSDAY 5 JUNE, 7.30PM

Tickets: £29 / £12 under 26s

Age Guidance: 12+

Star of *The Greatest Magician™*, and the BBC's most broadcast magician of the last decade - the award-winning James Phelan - debuts this breath-taking new magic show that will leave you aching with laughter and dizzy in disbelief.



## JUAN MARTIN

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH, 7:30PM**

**Tickets:** £24 / £12 under 26s

The guitarist/composer who absorbed his art in the land of its origin, Andalucia and later Madrid, introduces his compositions within the forms of the great tradition of flamenco.

Voted into the top 3 flamenco guitarists in the world by Guitar Player USA, his book 'El Arte Flamenco de la Guitarra' is referred to as "The Bible of flamenco guitar."



## PEATBOG FAERIES

**WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH, 7:30PM**

**Tickets:** £27 / £12 under 26s

Hailing from the Isle of Skye, the legendary Scottish trailblazers create a glorious mixture of traditional sounds and dance-floor grooves.

Drawing upon influences from jigs and reels through dance music, jazz, african, and more, from the moment they take to the stage the mood is set for a no-nonsense feel-good atmosphere.



## MUGENKYO TAIKO DRUMMERS

**IN TIME - 30TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR**

**SUNDAY 23 MARCH, 7:30PM**

**Tickets:** £29 / £12 under 26s

Taking the audience on a journey 'in time', a thrilling ride through their 30 years, Europe's longest-established taiko group, Mugenkyo return with their first new show in 5 years.

This is a very special show of dynamic choreography and heart-pounding rhythms contrasting with atmospheric soundscapes.



## THE LINDISFARNE STORY

**CHAPTER 6 - NO TIME TO LOSE**

**THURSDAY 3 APRIL, 7:30PM**

**Tickets:** £26.50 / £12 under 26s

With a sound distilled from folk, blues and beyond, Lindisfarne burst onto the international music scene in 1970. Memorable melodies, sweet and sour harmonies and gutsy instrumentation delivered with an infectious Geordie swagger soon cemented their reputation as a formidable musical force. Hit songs: Lady Eleanor, Winter Song, Meet Me On The Corner, Run For Home and many, many, more are still performed all over the world.

Founder member Ray Laidlaw and former front man Billy Mitchell tell Lindisfarne's roller-coaster story with tall tales, memorable music and of course, scurrilous gossip. Chapter 6 shines the spotlight on the group's debut album Nicely Out of Tune.



## THE MANFREDS

**KEEPING IT LIVE IN '25**

**FRIDAY 4 APRIL, 7:30PM**

**Tickets:** £28.50 / £12 under 26s

The Manfreds are considered one of the finest and most respected bands from the 1960s era. Their numerous hits were not just pop songs, many were R&B based with an undercurrent of jazz - a very unusual but winning combination of playing style and substance.

As a result, their records have a timeless quality and, some 60 years on, The Manfreds, with original front man Paul Jones, will be performing many of their hits including 'Do Wah Diddy Diddy', one of the most popular and instantly recognisable songs of the '60s and still the biggest audience pleaser at their concerts, along with a mix of Jazz and Blues covers and tracks from their individual solo albums.

Paul Jones, with his unique harmonica sound, will be joined by Tom McGuinness on guitar, Pete Riley on drums, Mike Gorman on keyboards, Marcus Cliffe on bass, and Simon Currie on saxophone/flute.



## BRIGHOUSE & RASTRICK BRASS BAND

**SATURDAY 7 JUNE, 7:30PM**

**Tickets:** £30 / £25 / £12

Regarded by many as the best and most consistent 'public subscription band' in the world, the fabled brass band presents a highly entertaining concert suitable for both the general public and brass band connoisseurs.

The ever-popular **Brighouse & Rastrick Band** boast a formidable reputation: in its time the majority of premier band championships have been held by 'Briggus', most recently becoming the 2022 British Open and Brass in Concert Champions.

They caught the ears and imagination of the British public in 1977 with their recording of *The Floral Dance*, holding the No.2 position in the British singles chart for 9 weeks.



John Mackay presents

## AN EVENING WITHOUT KATE BUSH

**PERFORMED BY SARAH-LOUISE YOUNG MADE WITH RUSSELL LUCAS**

**THURSDAY 12 JUNE, 7:30PM**

**Tickets:** £23 / £12 under 26s

Howl with the Hounds of Love and dance on the moors with *Wuthering Heights*! She's not there - but you are.

Whether you've been a fan for decades or recently joined the shoal via the *Stranger Things* phenomenon, there has never been a better time to release your inner Bush and celebrate at this joyful, unique and mind-blowing show.

Following its sold-out, critically acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe première, London seasons, UK and Australian tours this smash-hit, award-winning show is back! Sarah-Louise Young and co-creator Russell Lucas pay glorious homage to the music, fans, and mythology of one of the most influential voices in British music.

★★★★★ "SPELLBINDING"

Telegraph

★★★★★ "MAGNIFICENT"

Attitude Magazine



## BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

**FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 7:30PM**  
(RED FILM PROGRAMME)

**SATURDAY 1 MARCH, 7:30PM**  
(BLUE FILM PROGRAMME)

**Tickets:** £18.50 / Concessions: £16.50 / Groups: £16.50 for 6+ / Multi Night: £32 / Early Bird: £16.50 for all tickets until Sat 30 November.

**Age Guidance:** 12a

An unforgettable evening of thrilling adventure on the big screen.

Spark your passion for adventure, action and travel with a brand-new line-up of short films packed with extreme journeys, intriguing characters and stunning cinematography. Join the world's top outdoor filmmakers and adventurers as they climb, ski, paddle, run and ride through the wildest corners of the planet.

This is an unmissable event from the world's most prestigious mountain festival.

Double the adventure and save with the two-programme discount on two epic film collections.

See [www.banff-uk.com](http://www.banff-uk.com) for more information.



## KESWICK FILM FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY 7 - SUNDAY 9 MARCH**

**Tickets:** Book your tickets online with Keswick Film Festival or in person at Keswick Alhambra

Keswick Film Festival returns in 2025 with its own Silver Anniversary.

Taking place at Theatre by the Lake, Keswick's historic Alhambra Cinema and at nearby Rheged, the festival brings the best of world and independent cinema to town. With a choice of over 25 films including new releases, anniversary screenings, special guests and a short film competition showcasing some inspiring new film-making talent, Keswick Film Festival is an outstanding weekend of cinema.

Weekend passes and individual tickets go on sale from the Alhambra Cinema ([keswickalhambra.co.uk](http://keswickalhambra.co.uk)) in the New Year, with special rates for students and young people.

To get first news of the emerging programme sign up for the mailing list at [keswickfilm.org/festival](http://keswickfilm.org/festival)



Keswick Theatre Club

## THE HEIGHT OF THE STORM

**WEDNESDAY 9 – SATURDAY 12 APRIL**

**Tickets:** £16

André and Madeleine have been happily married for over 50 years. But, as their daughters visit for the weekend, there are signs that something is wrong.

**The Height of the Storm** is a warm and thought-provoking study of ageing, from the author of *The Father*.

### MAIN HOUSE



## COMMITTED2ROCK

**FRIDAY 9 – SATURDAY 10 MAY**

**Tickets:** £16

Join this energetic and exciting choir as they present another engaging programme of songs to have you rocking in the aisles.

These charity Gala evenings feature choir members from all over the county raising funds for Theatre by the Lake, Hospice at Home in Cumbria and Cash for Kids Cumbria.

Keswick Amateur Operatics Society presents

## DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

**THURSDAY 22 – SUNDAY 25 MAY**

**Tickets:** £28 - £13

Nominated for a staggering 11 Tony Awards, **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** is a musical based on the 1988 comedy film of the same name, starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin.

This hilarious battle of cons will keep you laughing, humming, and guessing to the end!

We're proud to welcome our local creative communities, from choirs to musicians, and theatre enthusiasts to young actors treading the boards for the first time. To find out more about how we work with local groups, email [enquiries@theatrebythelake.com](mailto:enquiries@theatrebythelake.com)

# YOUR VISIT



### BOX OFFICE

☎ 017687 74411 | 🖱 [theatrebythelake.com](http://theatrebythelake.com)

### HOW TO FIND US

**Address:** Theatre by the Lake, Lakeside, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5DJ

Find us a five-minute walk from Keswick town centre.

### PARKING

Lakeside Car Park is owned and operated by Cumberland Council and offers pay and display parking (cash and card payments accepted or payment via the MiPermit app). The car park is situated next to the theatre and contains 235 parking bays, 14 disabled spaces and 4 coach bays. Parking after 7pm costs £1.10.

The car park is extremely busy, particularly for matinee performances, with visitors to Derwentwater, Hope Park and Keswick town centre as well as the theatre. We advise planning in advance and arriving in plenty of time before performances.

Further car parks in Keswick can be found at [keswick.org/visitor-information/car-parks](http://keswick.org/visitor-information/car-parks)



### MAIN HOUSE



### STUDIO



## LAKESIDE

CAFE & RESTAURANT

The stunningly situated Lakeside Cafe Restaurant is nestled between the lake and the theatre and is the perfect place to enjoy breakfast, lunch, coffee and cake, or something more substantial before the show.

A place where menus match the impressive views of Catbells.

**View sample menus and reserve a table for dinner at [theatrebythelake.com/food](http://theatrebythelake.com/food) or call 017687 81102.**

# ACCESS



Romeo and Juliet, 2024.  
Photography by Patch Dolan

For the shows we make here in Keswick we offer regular Audio Described, British Sign Language Interpreted, Captioned and Relaxed Performances. Please see individual show pages or the diary at the back of this brochure for performance dates and times.

An Access Guide is available on request by emailing [enquiries@theatrebythelake.com](mailto:enquiries@theatrebythelake.com)

To book for an Access Performance or to request a copy of this brochure in an alternate format please contact us at:

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## TICKETS FOR DEAF AND DISABLED PEOPLE

Tickets are £12 for Deaf and disabled customers and their carer, companion or personal assistant\*.

\*limitations apply for visiting shows.

## HEARING ENHANCEMENT

We offer assistive listening in our Main House free of charge. Speak to our Box Office team by phone on **017687 74411** or email [enquiries@theatrebythelake.com](mailto:enquiries@theatrebythelake.com) for advice on the best seats.

## WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Theatre by the Lake has a lift offering flat floor access to all floors and accessible toilets available on every floor. Wheelchair spaces are available in both our Main House and Studio. To book a wheelchair space please contact our Box Office team by phone on **017687 74411** or email [enquiries@theatrebythelake.com](mailto:enquiries@theatrebythelake.com)

## ASSISTANCE DOGS

Assistance Dogs are welcome in all areas of the theatre.

## RELAXED PERFORMANCES

For every show we make here in Keswick, we offer a specially altered performance for people who would benefit from a more relaxed environment. Some alterations are specific to the show, but in general these include quieter sound and calmer lighting, a printed visual story of the show and the doors to the theatre space remaining open so that you can enter and exit at any time. Our Relaxed Performances are popular with people who live with Dementia, sensory communication disorders, autism and learning difficulties, as well as people attending the theatre with babies.

All tickets for Relaxed Performances are £12.

## DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

We are a Dementia Friendly building and the majority of our staff and volunteers are Dementia Friends. We offer familiarisation tours and access packs on request. Email [enquiries@theatrebythelake.com](mailto:enquiries@theatrebythelake.com) to request these.



## AUDIO BROCHURE

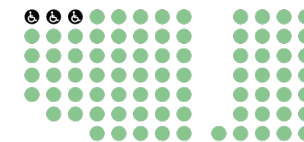
For every Theatre by the Lake brochure we also produce a corresponding Audio Brochure available to listen to online. For more information on our audio brochures please email [enquiries@theatrebythelake.com](mailto:enquiries@theatrebythelake.com).

# SEATING PLANS

## STUDIO

End-on

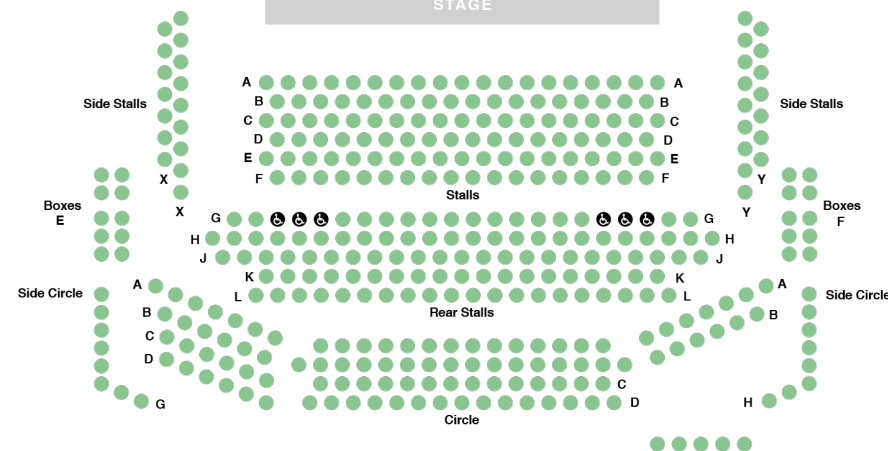
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## MAIN HOUSE

End-on

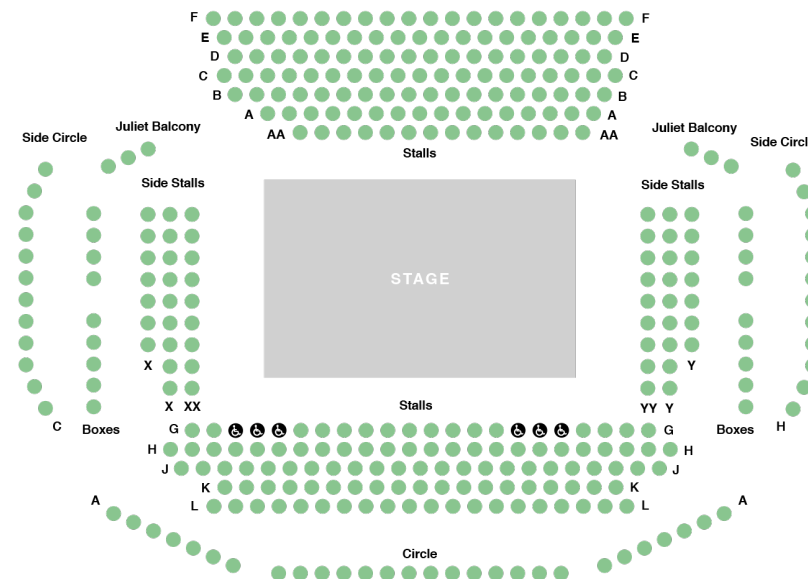
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## MAIN HOUSE

In the Round

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# HOW TO BOOK

## BOX OFFICE

Our Box Office is open for in person and phone bookings Monday – Saturday from 12noon – 7.30pm (5pm on non-performance days). For any morning performances, the Box Office opens 30 minutes before the event. You can book online via our website at any time.

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✉ enquiries@theatrebythelake.com

👉 theatrebythelake.com

A transaction fee of £1.50 is applicable for bookings made in person or on the phone. There is no fee to book tickets online.

## GIFT VOUCHERS

Treat the theatre lover in your life with a voucher they can redeem against any show at Theatre by the Lake. Gift Vouchers are available to buy at Box Office or over the phone.

## TICKET PROTECTION

Tickets booked with Theatre by the Lake are non-refundable. Ticket Protection offers you protection against cancellation resulting from accidents, unexpected illnesses and other unforeseen circumstances. Just add to your order when booking.

## RECEIVING YOUR TICKETS

**E-Ticket:** FREE

**By post:** £1.50\*

**Collect from Box Office:** £1

\*Tickets booked less than 7 days before a performance are not available for postal delivery.

## PERFORMANCE TIMES

Please arrive in plenty of time for performances as latecomers may not be admitted.

## SPECIAL EFFECTS

Strobe lighting, smoke or stage effects and the smoking of stage-cigarettes or e-cigarettes may be used in productions. These may not be advertised in advance as they may not be known until the day of the performance. Please speak to our Box Office team by phone on **017687 74411** or email **enquiries@theatrebythelake.com** if you have any concerns.

## CONTENT WARNINGS

Some productions may contain content or themes that some audience members may find upsetting. Wherever possible, these are highlighted on our website.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Discounts

Only one discount per ticket is permitted. Discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. All discounts and offers are subject to availability.

### Children

Children aged under 4 will only be permitted to Family Friendly or Relaxed Performances. Booster seats are available on request. Lap Seats or Babe In Arms tickets for babies up to 18 months will not be charged but must be booked. Under 16s must be accompanied at all times. Theatre by the Lake cannot accept responsibility for unaccompanied children.

### Data Protection

Theatre by the Lake is committed to protecting your personal information, being transparent about what data we hold and giving you control over how we use it. View our Privacy Policy online at [theatrebythelake.com/privacy-policy](http://theatrebythelake.com/privacy-policy).

### Programme alterations

Every effort is made to avoid alterations to the programme. However, Theatre by the Lake reserves the right to cancel or alter events if this is unavoidable. In this unlikely event, we are committed to contacting all customers in advance wherever possible.

### Ticket exchanges and refunds

Theatre by the Lake does not offer refunds unless the event is cancelled. We are happy to exchange tickets up to 48 hours before the event, for another date in the run of the same production. There is a £1.50 fee for this service.

For information on our refunds and exchanges please contact Box Office on 017687 74411.

All requests for exchanges or changes to an order must be made by the individual that booked the tickets. We are unable to process requests by third parties.

# DIARY

**AD** Audio Described  
**BSL** British Sign Language Interpreted  
**ON** Opening Night

**PR** Preview  
**PSD** Post Show Discussion  
**RP** Relaxed Performance

FEBRUARY			
Wed 19	Buffy Revamped		7:30pm
Fri 21	Mr Toad's Money-Go-Round	11am	2pm
Sat 22	Mr Toad's Money-Go-Round	11am	2pm
Sun 23	Mr Toad's Money-Go-Round	11am	2pm
Tue 25	Black is the Colour of my Voice		7:30pm
Fri 28	BANFF Mountain Film Festival		7:30pm
MARCH			
Sat 1	BANFF Mountain Film Festival		7:30pm
Wed 5	Juan Martin		7:30pm
Fri 7	Keswick Film Festival		
Sat 8	Keswick Film Festival		
Sun 9	Keswick Film Festival		
Wed 12	Words by the Water		
Thu 13	Words by the Water		
Fri 14	Words by the Water		
Sat 15	Words by the Water		
Sun 16	Words by the Water		
Wed 19	Peatbog Faeries		7:30pm
Sun 23	Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers		7:30pm
Tue 25	Spitfire Girls		7:30pm
Wed 26	Spitfire Girls		7:30pm
Thu 27	Spitfire Girls	2pm	7:30pm
Fri 28	Spitfire Girls		7:30pm
Sat 29	Spitfire Girls	2pm	7:30pm
APRIL			
Wed 2	Kate Mosse		7:30pm
Thu 3	The Lindisfarne Story		7:30pm
Fri 4	The Manfreds		7:30pm
Tue 8	King Arthur		7:30pm
Wed 9	King Arthur		7:30pm
	The Height of the Storm		7:30pm <b>STUDIO</b>
Thu 10	King Arthur	2pm	7:30pm
	The Height of the Storm		7:30pm <b>STUDIO</b>
Fri 11	King Arthur		7:30pm
	The Height of the Storm		7:30pm <b>STUDIO</b>
Sat 12	King Arthur	2pm	7:30pm
	The Height of the Storm	2pm <b>STUDIO</b>	7:30pm <b>STUDIO</b>
Wed 16	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>PR AD</b>
Thu 17	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>ON AD</b>
Fri 18	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>AD</b>

Sat 19	Of Mice and Men	2pm <b>AD</b>	7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Mon 21	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Tue 22	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Wed 23	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Thu 24	Of Mice and Men	2pm <b>BSL CAP AD</b>	7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Fri 25	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Sat 26	Of Mice and Men	2pm <b>AD</b>	7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Mon 28	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Tue 29	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>PSD AD</b>
Wed 30	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>AD</b>

### MAY

Thu 1	Of Mice and Men	11am <b>RP AD</b>	7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Fri 2	Of Mice and Men		7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Sat 3	Of Mice and Men	2pm <b>AD</b>	7:30pm <b>AD</b>
Wed 7	An Evening with Jimmy Tarbuck		7:30pm
Fri 9	Committed2Rock		7:30pm
Sat 10	Committed2Rock		7:30pm
Thu 22	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels		7:30pm
Fri 23	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels	2pm	7:30pm
Sat 24	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels	2pm	7:30pm
Sun 25	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels	5pm	
Fri 30	Three Little Vikings		2pm
Sat 31	Three Little Vikings	10:30am	1:30pm

### JUNE

Sun 1	Three Little Vikings	10:30am	1:30pm
Thu 5	James Phelan: The Dreamer		7:30pm
Sat 7	Brighthouse & Rastrick Brass Band		7:30pm
Tue 10	Pirates Love Underpants	1:30pm	
Thu 12	An Evening Without Kate Bush		7:30pm
Wed 25	Noises Off		7:30pm <b>PR</b>
Thu 26	Noises Off	2pm	7:30pm <b>ON</b>
Fri 27	Noises Off		7:30pm
Sat 28	Noises Off	2pm	7:30pm
Mon 30	Noises Off		7:30pm

### JULY

Tue 1	Noises Off		7:30pm
Wed 2	Noises Off		7:30pm
Thu 3	Noises Off	2pm	7:30pm
Fri 4	Noises Off		7:30pm
Sat 5	Noises Off	2pm	7:30pm
Mon 7	Noises Off		7:30pm
Tue 8	Noises Off		7:30pm
Wed 9	Noises Off		7:30pm

Thu 10	Noises Off	11am <b>RP</b>	7:30pm
Fri 11	Noises Off		7:30pm
Sat 12	Noises Off	2pm <b>BSL CAP</b>	7:30pm
Mon 14	Noises Off		7:30pm
Tue 15	Noises Off		7:30pm <b>PSD</b>
Wed 16	Noises Off		7:30pm
Thu 17	Noises Off	2pm <b>AD</b>	7:30pm
Fri 18	Noises Off		7:30pm
Sat 19	Noises Off	2pm	7:30pm
Mon 21	Noises Off		7:30pm
Tue 22	Noises Off		7:30pm
Wed 23	Noises Off		7:30pm
Thu 24	Noises Off	2pm	7:30pm
Fri 25	Noises Off		7:30pm
Sat 26	Noises Off	2pm	7:30pm

### AUGUST

Thu 7	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm <b>PR</b>
Fri 8	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm <b>ON</b>
Sat 9	Pride and Prejudice	2pm	7:30pm
Mon 11	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Tue 12	Pride and Prejudice	2pm	7:30pm
Wed 13	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Thu 14	Pride and Prejudice	2pm	7:30pm
Fri 15	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Sat 16	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Mon 18	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Tue 19	Pride and Prejudice	11am <b>RP</b>	7:30pm
Wed 20	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
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Sat 23	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
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Wed 27	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm <b>PSD</b>
Thu 28	Pride and Prejudice	2pm	7:30pm
Fri 29	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Sat 30	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm

### SEPTEMBER

Mon 1	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Tue 2	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Wed 3	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Thu 4	Pride and Prejudice	2pm	7:30pm
Fri 5	Pride and Prejudice		7:30pm
Sat 6	Pride and Prejudice	2pm	7:30pm



LAKESIDE  
CAFÉ | RESTAURANT



# TASTE THE FLAVOURS OF SPRING & SUMMER BY THE LAKE

Whether it's a quick breakfast, a leisurely brunch, or a light snack and cold beverage after your adventures, our all-day menu offers something for everyone - including your four-legged companions! Settle into our café, the Spotlight Bar or enjoy Keswick's best terrace, with locally sourced ingredients delivering an authentic lakeside experience.

#### SERVING:

BREAKFAST | BRUNCH | SPECIALITY COFFEE  
HOME BAKES | LUNCH | DINNER PRE-THEATRE | TERRACE BAR



Make a reservation:

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 Lakeside Café, Keswick