

SPOT ON

LIVE SHOWS ACROSS LANCASHIRE

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WHAT'S ON THIS SEASON ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF LANCASHIRE

WELCOME TO THE **SPOT ON** SPRING 2026 SEASON

This spring tour bids a fond farewell to some of our partner projects and welcomes some exciting new plans for 2026 and beyond as well as welcoming back one of our original Spot On venues.

If music is your thing expect exceptional classical music from Sarah Hagen, toe-tapping Bluegrass from Old Baby Mackerel, the eloquence of Chinese traditional music played by storyteller and erhu prodigy, Ling Peng and alternative country with indigenous roots from Diyet & The Love Soldiers.

For our family audiences we're celebrating the beautiful game with Footy Fairy Tales, and welcoming our youngest audiences to a visit with Young MacDonald in his search for a farm of his own.



There's a whole new alternate ending for Juliet & Romeo with their internationally acclaimed dance performance by Lost Dog. Mesmerising storytelling from Lucy Lill and Sarah Liisa Wilkinson with their brand new show about the goddess Hecate - The Queen of Between.

Plus we're hosting a brand new theatre show commissioned specially for our spaces - get your Eyes Down ready for a night of bingo you'll never forget with Just Some Theatre.

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Sarah Hagen

WONDER WOMEN!

"HER COMIC TIMING IS AS SOLID
AS HER MUSICAL METER."

The Edmonton Journal

Part recital and part storytelling, "Wonder Women" is a celebration of the forgotten female composers of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Pianist Sarah Hagen brings her unique blend of humour and excellence to the stage in this personal and intimate recital which explores the lives and music of Clara Schumann, Cécile Chaminade, Agathe Backer Grøndahl, and others. Breaking down barriers with her engaging personality and hilarious sense of fun, she warmly invites listeners into the incredible and distinct world of classical music.

Awarded Artist of the Year by Ontario Contact (2017) and the British Columbia Touring Council (2015), Sarah is making an impact in communities across Canada and beyond.

Her interpretations have been described as "outstandingly inventive" *University of Waterloo Gazette*, "played flawlessly" *Review Vancouver* and "with great sensitivity and heart." *Vernon Morning Star*.

Touring as both a solo pianist and as a humorist, "Hagen reminds us the beauty of how an honest solo performance can make you so easily fall in love with its performer." *Montreal Rampage*

Tuesday, 10th March: 6pm
Oswaldtwistle Library

Wednesday, 11th March: 7pm
Clitheroe Library

Thursday, 12th March: 7pm
Blackburn Central Library

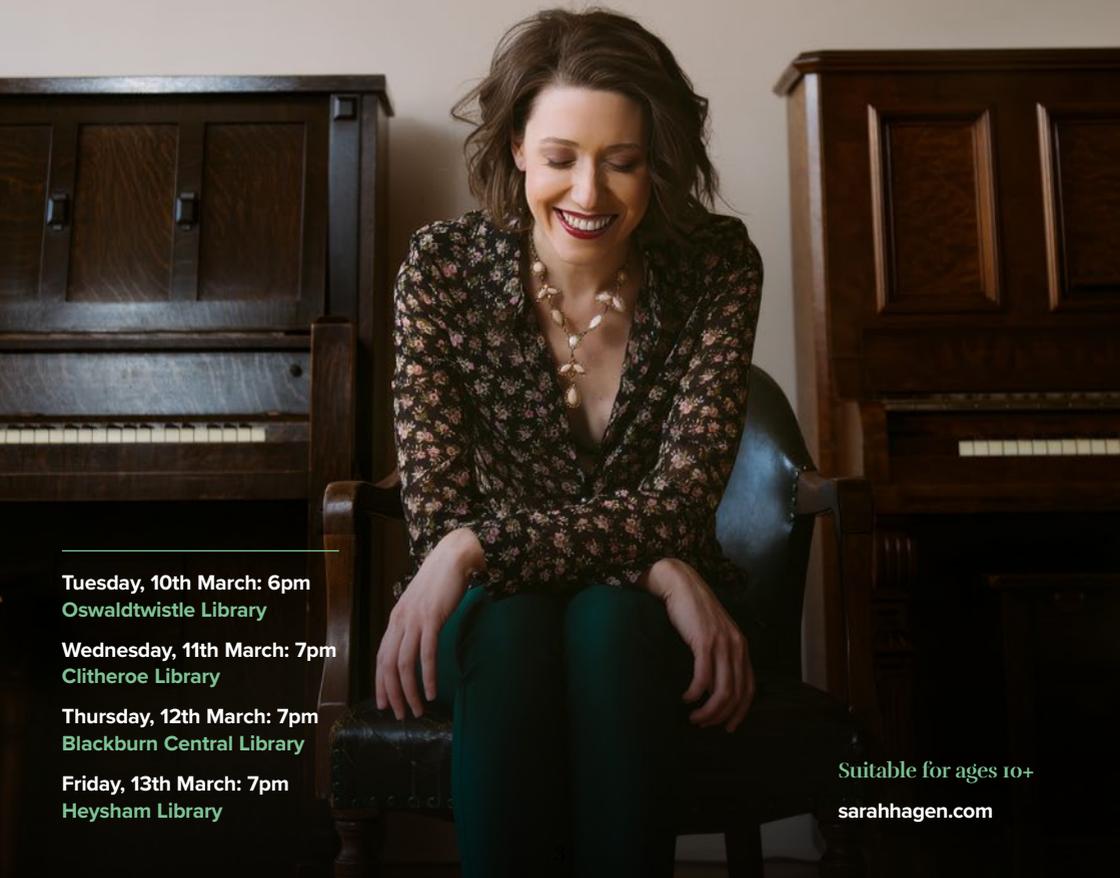
Friday, 13th March: 7pm
Heysham Library

Suitable for ages 10+

sarahhagen.com



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OLD BABY MACKEREL

Bluegrass
like no other!

That impossibly illusive blend of traditional Appalachian virtuosity and hard driving rhythm mixed with modern sensibility, tasteful originals, three-part harmonies and mind-boggling technical wizardry.

Old Baby Mackerel use banjo, mandolin, guitar and double bass to get knees bouncing and elbows swinging to the sweet harmonies, blistering solos and driving rhythm of the authentic Bluegrass sound. Be prepared to be transported back in time and space to early 20th century North America where songs dramatised the small town fascination with locomotion, love, rural life and the veneration of bootleg liquor.

Friday, 20th March - 7.30pm
Burnley Central Library

Sunday, 22nd March - 2pm
Haslingden Library

Monday, 23rd March - 7pm
Anchorsholme Library

Tuesday, 24th March - 6.30pm
(Doors 6pm)
Garstang Library

Suitable for ages 10+

oldbabymackerel.com

Lost Dog

JULIET & ROMEO

With Lost Dog's blend of dance, theatre and comedy, this Juliet & Romeo reveals the real story behind Shakespeare's famous lovers.

It turns out they didn't die in a tragic misunderstanding... Instead, they grew up and lived happily ever after. Well, they lived at least.

Now they're 40ish, at least one of them is in the grips of a mid-life crisis, they feel constantly mocked by their teenage selves and haunted by the pressures of being the poster couple for romantic love. They have decided to confront their current struggles by putting on a performance – about themselves. Their therapist told them it was a terrible idea.

Directed by Olivier Award nominated Ben Duke, Juliet & Romeo takes on our cultural obsession with youth and our inevitable issues with longevity. The show has been performed in 7 countries and translated into 5 different languages.



Tuesday, 24th March - 7.30pm
Padiham Town Hall

Suitable for ages 13+
lostdogdance.co.uk

Yarnbird Arts

FOOTY FAIRY TALES



Join Yarnbird Arts and a host of famous characters, as they bring your favourite Fairy Tales to life on the football pitch.

Featuring live music, entertaining storytelling and an inventive football twist, this clever show will captivate foody fans and non-players alike!

Help the Three Billy G's defeat a terrible troll who says 'no ball games allowed', watch Cindy-Ella achieve her goals and help Little Red Riding Hoodie stick to the training plan in this magical show suitable for all the family.



Tuesday, 7th April: 10.30am
Skelmersdale Library

Tuesday, 7th April: 2.30pm
Parbold Library

Wednesday, 8th April: 11am
Fairhaven Lake

Wednesday, 8th April: 4pm
Poulton Library

Saturday, 11th April: 11am
Great Harwood Library

Saturday, 11th April: 2.30pm
Rawtenstall Library

Suitable for 4-11's
and their grown ups

yarnbird.co.uk

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark blue traditional Chinese qipao, is seated and playing an erhu. She is looking upwards and to the right. The background is a softly lit room with traditional Chinese furniture, including a wooden chair and a table, and a glowing lantern. The overall atmosphere is warm and intimate.

Ling Peng

STORYTELLING THROUGH THE ERHU

Ling Peng is a storyteller and one of the UK's most well-known players of the erhu, an ancient, captivating and highly expressive instrument that summons the soul of Chinese culture.

In this specially created and intimate performance, Ling takes the audience both into the heart of Chinese heritage and storytelling, and on a deeply personal journey through her experiences growing up in China from the 1960s to the 1980s before leaving in 1991, just as the country entered a period of rapid change.

Storytelling through the Erhu is an entertaining and moving fusion of music and narrative that brings the past and present of China to life through the thrilling voice of a unique artist.

Thursday, 16th April: 7pm
Halton Mill

Friday, 17th April: 7pm
The Rainhall Centre,
Barnoldswick

Saturday, 18th April: 6pm
(Doors 5.30pm)
Chorley Library

Suitable for ages 10+

ling-peng.com



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Just Some Theatre

EYES DOWN

Mayhem, Murder and Real Games of Bingo!

It's Bingo Night at The Stairway To Heaven Social Club, and 'Mr Razzle Dazzle' himself, Bertie Bingo, is ready for an evening of dabbers, Droopy Drawers... and death! As numbers roll in and tension mounts, a body is discovered—but whose number is up? *Eyes Down* is a thrilling interactive comedy where the audience plays actual games of bingo for real prizes while a comedy thriller unfolds. From the team behind *The Plot Thickens* and *The Killer Question*, Just Some Theatre and writer David Payne bring this hilarious, high-stakes whodunit to UK audiences!



Friday, 24th April: 7.30pm
Bleasdale Parish Hall

Friday, 1st May: 7.30pm (Doors 7pm)
Glasson Dock Village Hall

Sunday, 3rd May: 7pm
Morecambe Library

Suitable for ages 14+

justsometheatre.co.uk

Little Seeds Music

YOUNG MACDONALD WANTS A FARM

A musical farmyard adventure.

Everyone knows Old MacDonald and his famously noisy farm. But now his son, Young MacDonald, is all grown up—and he's determined to start a farm of his own! Join him on a musical adventure into the big wide world as he fills his barn with animals and sets up a farm to rival his dear old dad's.

Specially made for early years audiences aged 2-6, Young MacDonald Wants A Farm uses electronic music, gentle clowning, and playful audience interaction to create a warm, engaging theatre experience for young children and the grown-ups who bring them.



Saturday, 2nd May: 2pm
Mercer Hall, Great Harwood

Suitable for ages 2-6
littleseedsmusic.co.uk

DIYET & THE LOVE SOLDIERS

Suitable for ages 10+

diyetsmusic.com



Diyet & The Love Soldiers' music reaches across the width of Americana music with a focus on lyrical stories taking the listener on a journey to Diyet's roots in the Kluane region of Canada's Yukon Territory.

Each song is rooted in her life in Kluane and her experience as an indigenous woman living a life of walking in two worlds. Inspired by vast landscapes, clashing and embracing environments, Diyet's heartfelt lyrics paint a picture of wildness, truth, hope, reconciliation, history and the community that surrounds her.

Saturday, 2nd May: 7pm
(Doors 6.30pm)
Bolton-Le-Sands Library

Saturday, 9th May: 7.30pm
Burnley Mechanics Theatre,
Front Room

Sunday, 10th May: 7pm
Thornton Library

Lucy Lill & Sarah Liisa Wilkinson

QUEEN OF BETWEEN



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hat happens...

When the goddess of childbirth crosses her legs?

When you're bound above chaos with golden threads?

When the weight of your grief means you can't walk on?

When you're neither living or dead so you don't fit in?

When you're ... stuck?

That's when you need Hecate: Queen of Between, many-shaped and multi-tasking goddess of birth, death, witches, weasels, hellhounds, crossroads, thresholds and ghosts.

Barking at her heels, Lucy Lill and Sarah Liisa Wilkinson take up their torches, jangle their keys and bring you stories of letting go, squeezing through and moving on.

Suitable for ages 14+

lucylill.com

Wednesday,
6th May: 7.30pm
Mellor Brook
Community Centre

Thursday, 7th May: 7pm
Whitworth Library

Friday, 8th May: 7.30pm
Longridge Library

Performances at a glance

Date	Time	Show	Venue	Postcode	For Ticket Bookings
Tue 10 March	6pm	Wonder Women!	Oswaldtwistle Library	BB5 5HS	oswaldtwistle.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Wed 11 March	7pm	Wonder Women!	Clitheroe Library	BB7 2DG	clitheroe.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Thu 12 March	7pm	Wonder Women!	Blackburn Central Library	BB2 1AG	01254 661221
Fri 13 March	7pm	Wonder Women!	Heysham Library	LA3 2BJ	heysham.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Fri 20 March	7.30pm	Old Baby Mackerel	Burnley Central Library	BB11 2BD	burnley.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Sun 22 March	2pm	Old Baby Mackerel	Haslingden Library	BB4 5QL	haslingden.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Mon 23 March	7pm	Old Baby Mackerel	Anchorsholme Library	FY5 3RS	01253 853588
Tue 24 March	6.30pm (Doors 6pm)	Old Baby Mackerel	Garstang Library	PR3 1ED	garstang.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Tue 24 March	7.30pm	Juliet & Romeo	Padigham Town Hall	BB12 8BL	01282 664400
Tue 7 April	10.30am	Footy Fairy Tales	Skelmersdale Library	WN8 6NL	skelmersdale.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Tue 7 April	2.30pm	Footy Fairy Tales	Parbold Library	WN8 7EA	parbold.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Wed 8 April	11am	Footy Fairy Tales	Fairhaven Lake	FY8 1BD	fairhavenbookings@fyldc.gov.uk
Wed 8 April	4pm	Footy Fairy Tales	Poulton Library	FY6 7DH	poulton.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Sat 11 April	11am	Footy Fairy Tales	Great Harwood Library	BB6 7AL	greatharwood.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Sat 11 April	2.30pm	Footy Fairy Tales	Rawtenstall Library	BB4 6QU	rawtenstall.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Thu 16 April	7pm	Storytelling Through The Erhu	Halton Mill	LA2 6ND	venue@haltonmill.org.uk
Fri 17 April	7pm	Storytelling Through The Erhu	The Rainhall Centre	BB18 5DR	01282 345200
Sat 18 April	6pm (Doors 5.30pm)	Storytelling Through The Erhu	Chorley Library	PR7 1EB	chorley.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Fri 24 April	7.30pm	Eyes Down	Bleasdale Parish Hall	PR3 1UZ	01995 606511 / 07736 248484
Fri 1 May	7.30pm (Doors 7pm)	Eyes Down	Glasson Dock Village Hall	LA2 0FE	glassondockvillagehall@gmail.com
Sat 2 May	2pm	Young MacDonald Wants A Farm	Mercer Hall	BB6 7AL	01254 269600
Sat 2 May	7pm (Doors 6.30pm)	Diyet & The Love Soldiers	Bolton-Le-Sands Library	LA5 8DN	bolton-le-sands.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Sun 3 May	7pm	Eyes Down	Morecambe Library	LA4 5DL	morecambe.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Wed 6 May	7.30pm	Queen of Between	Mellor Brook Community Centre	BB2 7PR	07377 788716
Thu 7 May	7pm	Queen of Between	Whitworth Library	OL12 8AA	whitworth.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Fri 8 May	7.30pm	Queen of Between	Longridge Library	PR3 3JA	longridge.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Sat 9 May	7.30pm	Diyet & The Love Soldiers	Burnley Mechanics Front Room	BB11 1BH	01282 664400
Sun 10 May	7pm	Diyet & The Love Soldiers	Thornton Library	FY5 3SZ	thornton.library@lancashire.gov.uk



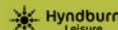
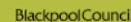
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