



Pontio

Arts and Innovation
Centre, Bangor

September-December
Season 2016

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Sunday
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orders 9pm
Sunday
12.00pm - 6pm

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Sunday
12.00pm - 6pm

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Sunday
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Tickets

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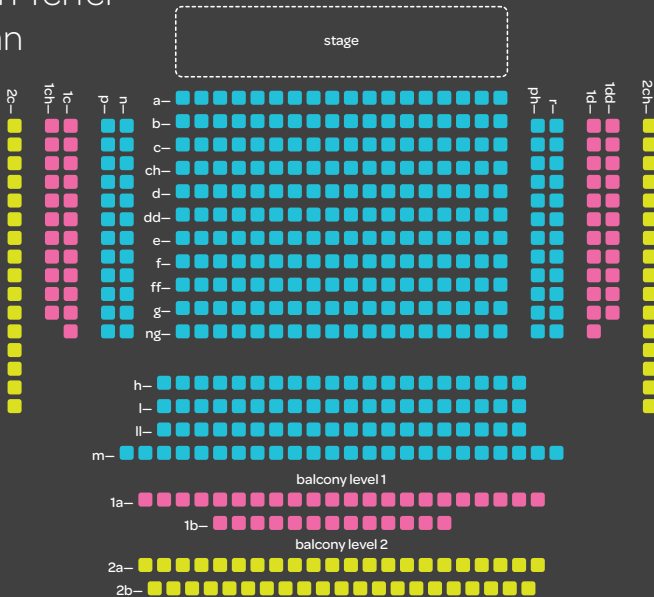


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Theatr Bryn Terfel Seating Plan



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Welcome, and thank you

Welcome to a jam-packed autumn programme, and thank you all for your support during this first year of opening ... it's been a journey of discovery for us all, with over 35,000 attending events in our opening season.

For those of you picking up a Pontio programme for the first time – the doors are wide open – take us up on our offers, come in for a coffee, discover the Caban, to see a film, drama, circus show, to enjoy an evening of cabaret, a concert, workshop, or one of our monthly shows for families.

We look forward to seeing you!

Elen ap Robert
Artistic Director

Special Offers this season

We're pleased to introduce ways to enjoy more of what Pontio's artistic programme has to offer in the theatre, studio and cinema – take advantage of our special offers...

See more for less...*



Treat yourself to more drama, dance or music by saving 20% off the total ticket price when you book 5 shows or more at the same time. All the shows part of this offer are highlighted using the logo above in the programme and the offer is also available online.

Pontio Comedy Club*



Book three of our Comedy Central Live evenings at the same time and save £££. Book online or phone 01248 38 28 28

**Comedy Club Meal Deal
Burger & Beer £10*
Gorad restaurant**

2-4-1 Tuesdays at Pontio Cinema**

Tuesdays are the ideal opportunity to bring a friend or family member to see a film at Pontio with our two for the price of one offer. Make an evening of it and enjoy a meal at Gorad restaurant.

**From 1.9.16.

*Terms and conditions apply see www.pontio.co.uk



Saturday, 10 September

11am & 2pm

Anyday

Studio

£6/£20 Family & Friends Ticket
(4 people, at least one under 18)



This may be the last day in this place. Max may have been in this place for some time. And today, Max will pull us deeper into the intimate world he shares with his bird on his trampoline.

This world is a tender, heart-breaking world. A world filled with strange sounds, echoes of the past, and perhaps an idea of the future?

Comic, absurd, surreal, **Anyday** explores the archaeology of loneliness with light, darkness and ultimately joy.

Set to an original score by Matt Huxley, **Anyday** is a charming tale that transmutes the clangs and boings of unbearable hope to make our spirits soar.

Age 5+

A creative workshop inspired by 'Anyday'

Suitable for families and friends follows the show

12.15pm - 1.15pm

3.15pm - 4.15pm

PL2, Level 2

FREE



Dance



Photo: Rhys Cozens

Friday 16, September, 7.30pm
Saturday, 17 September, 1pm
Interactive Family Matinee

Folk/Autumn Tour 2016

Theatr Bryn Terfel

Evening Performance £14/£12

Family Interactive Matinee £8/£6



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Dance
Company
Wales
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Dawns
Cymru

Folk by NDCWales' Artistic Director, Caroline Finn features darkly comic expressions of life and people, using a quirky choreographic style. Exploring the theme of social dynamics, characters in familiar and surreal scenes come alive to an eclectic and enchanting musical landscape.

NDCWales also performs *Tuplet*, by Alexander Ekman a high energy witty piece using rhythms of everyday life, and *They Seek to Find the Happiness They Seem*, a touching duet by Lee Johnston.

"...weird and wonderful like all the best myths & fables."

MATTHEW BOURNE, ON FOLK

@ndcwales #NDCWalesFolk

Families can take part in activities with the dancers and watch a performance of *Tuplet* at the **Bilingual Family Interactive Matinee** in partnership with Dawns i Bawr.

Delicious homemade
food with a Welsh flavour



GORAD



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Comedy



Tuesday, 20 September

8pm

Comedy Central Live presents

MC: Phill Ellis, Edd Hedges & Rob Deering

Studio

£10/£8

 **LIVE**

Join us for a night of laughs featuring three comedians on the UK touring circuit.

Drinks are permitted in the studio at Comedy Central Live events.

Age guidance 16+

Comedians advertised here are subject to change. Please check website for updates.

Jessica Lloyd-Jones Public Art Commission

Jessica Lloyd-Jones merges art, science and technology as she investigates the interaction of materials and processes with light, creating artworks and installations that often encourage us to experience the world in a different way.

Over the course of Summer 2016, Jessica is undertaking a period of research at Pontio, testing ideas for temporary installations and interventions involving light within Pontio's public spaces.

The process will inform proposals for more permanent public art installations for Pontio which will contribute and enhance the atmosphere, identity and delight of the building.

Jessica is based in Llangollen and previous site-specific works include a permanent light installation at Ruthin Craft Centre, Ruthin and wind responsive architectural lighting at Plas Heli, Pwllheli.

The public art part of the capital build is funded by the Arts Council of Wales and Bangor University.



Saturday, 24 September

12pm & 3pm

Dripping Tap Theatre Company

Webster & Jones: A Pocket Guide to Wales

Pontio Landscape

FREE

Join Webster & Jones on their quest to conquer the great outdoors! A comic participatory adventure which follows the journey of an intrepid, yet hapless, explorer and his faithful guide as they quest through the

great outdoors of Wales, towards their ultimate goal: the summit of mount 'Snowed On.' Mr. Webster's aim to create a pocket guide to Wales is an ambitious prospect considering his guide doesn't speak a word of English...

Commissioned by Articulture in collaboration with the Wales Outdoor Arts Commissioning Consortium. Supported by the Arts Council of Wales.

Bilingual



Sunday, 25 September

1-2pm

Platform

Anne Denholm

On the bridge, Level 2

FREE

Originally from South West Wales and of Scottish heritage, **Anne Denholm** is one of Britain's leading young harpists, and is Official Harpist to HRH The Prince of Wales.

Anne had a British musical upbringing, studying at the Junior Department of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, the

Purcell School, Cambridge University and the RAM. However, she has inherited rich traditions from the French and Russian schools of harp playing.

Anne is increasingly in demand as an interpreter and performer of new music; she has been




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TRANSFORMING LIVES

recording and premiering new works for solo harp since 2006. She returns to Pontio with Ensemble Cymru on October 30.

In addition to performing, Anne is passionate about music in community and education contexts.


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Screening with actor Celyn Jones



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Book at
pontio.co.uk
01248 38 28 28



Tuesday, 27 September

7.30pm

Soho Theatre and
Francesca Moody present

Spine

Studio

£12/£10 students and concessions

From fast-rising Channel 4 playwright Clara Brennan, comes the Fringe First and Herald Angel award winning **Spine**, a hilarious and heartbreaking call to arms for our modern age.

Spine charts the explosive friendship between a ferocious, wise-cracking teenager and an elderly East End widow. Mischievous activist pensioner Glenda is hell-bent on leaving a political legacy and saving Amy from the Tory scrapheap because 'there's nothing more terrifying than a teenager with something to say'.

In this era of damaging coalition cuts and disillusionment, has politics forgotten people? Can we really take the power back? Amy is about to be forced to find out.

Age guidance: 16+

With post-show talk

★★★★★

"An outstanding piece of writing"

BRITISH THEATRE GUIDE

★★★★★

"Leaves you exhausted, thrilled and full of potential"

FEST





Friday, 30 September

8pm

Cabaret Pontio presents

Black Umfolosi

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£14/£12 students and concessions



Black Umfolosi's performances are inspired by the traditional song and dance of their native southern Africa, with a beauty and enthusiasm that is unrivalled. The group have become firm favourites around the world

with people of all ages and cultures, due to their natural ability to communicate passion and feeling in their shows.

Drinks are permitted in the theatre for Cabaret events.

Age guidance: 6+

**Voice and
Movement Workshop**

**Friday, 30 September
12.30-2pm**

**Studio (30 people max)
FREE, but booking required**

An inspirational song and dance workshop to suit all age ranges - a sheer joy to experience.

"It was the best of all the festival, They have an incredible way to sing, to dance, a beautiful presence on the stage. Their simplicity, naturalness and cheerfulness was for us, at the end of the festival a beautiful present."

MILAN FESTIVAL



Meet the **BLAS** crew!

BLAS is Pontio's youth project giving children and young people a taste for the arts.

We have three weekly drama workshops every Monday night at Pontio Studio.

Class Year 3 and 4
5-6pm

Year 5 and 6
6.15-7.15pm

Year 7, 8 and 9
7.30pm-8.30pm

In addition to the workshops, BLAS works in the community and with schools.

Our latest projects

Mae Yna Le – With NoFit State Circus and Ysgol Friars, Glanadda, Glancegin, Hirael and Canolfan Addysg Y Bont

Call of the Wild – With Citrus Arts and Bangor Dance Studio

Dod â Siwan yn Fyw – For A Level students studying the play *Siwan* by Saunders Lewis

Disgleirio – With Pirates of the Carabina and Ysgol Coed Mawr, Glancegin and Theatr Ieuencid Môn.



Remember to use the #BLAS when tweeting!

We have started a waiting list for young people that would like to join. For more info please contact Mared Elliw Huws, BLAS and Arts Development Coordinator on m.huws@bangor.ac.uk or call the Box Office on 01248 38 28 28.

Pontio Gift voucher

The perfect gift for any occasion

With a wide range of events being held at Pontio, from drama and contemporary circus to world music, gigs, ballet, panto, film and much

more – why not consider a gift voucher for £10, £20 or £50.

You can order gift vouchers from our website pontio.co.uk, by

calling the Box Office on **01248 38 28 28** or visiting in person.

We're sure you'll find something to suit everyone.



Saturday, 1 October

7.30pm

Cyngerdd Dathlu Côr Seiriol yn 25

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£15

Come and enjoy **Côr Seiriol's** twenty-fifth birthday celebrations in the presence of two of Wales's best choirs - **Côr Seiriol** and **Côr Godre'r Aran**. The compère is **Nia Roberts**, of BBC Radio Cymru, a recent recipient of an Honorary

Fellowship from Bangor University. You can also enjoy contributions from two local talents, **Steffan Lloyd Owen**, a recent winner of the Kathleen Ferrier prize and **Jâms Coleman**, the Instrumental Blue Riband winner at the

Meifod Eisteddfod in 2015 and a candidate for the Bryn Terfel Scholarship in October 2016.

Welsh medium event.



Steffan Lloyd Owen



Jâms Coleman

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Drama



**Wednesday, 5 October
and Thursday, 6 October**

7.30pm

Neontopia and Wales Millennium Centre present

A Good Clean Heart

in association with The Other Room and
Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru

Studio

£12/£10 students and concessions



**HEFIN knows he's adopted
- just not where from.**

**JAY's felt hiraeth for
fifteen years. What
the f*** is 'hiraeth'?**

This dynamic, bilingual play in English & Welsh from award-winning playwright Alun Saunders is the story of two brothers, raised apart in separate families and different languages.

With animated surtitles in both languages, this is a truly accessible and exciting production of a funny and moving play.

**Winner, Best Playwright in
the the English Language
Wales Theatre Awards**

**A Neontopia & Wales
Millennium Centre
present, in association
with The Other Room
and Theatr Genedlaethol
Cymru, supported by the
Arts Council of Wales.**

Ask about group discounts.

Age guidance 14+

Thursday, 6 October

8pm

Orchard Entertainment present

Christy Moore

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£35/£32.50

As he turns 70 later in the year, this marks Christy's 50th year on the road.

He will be joined on stage by Declan Sinnott on guitar and Jim Higgins on percussion.

Christy Moore remains a relevant force on today's contemporary music scene.

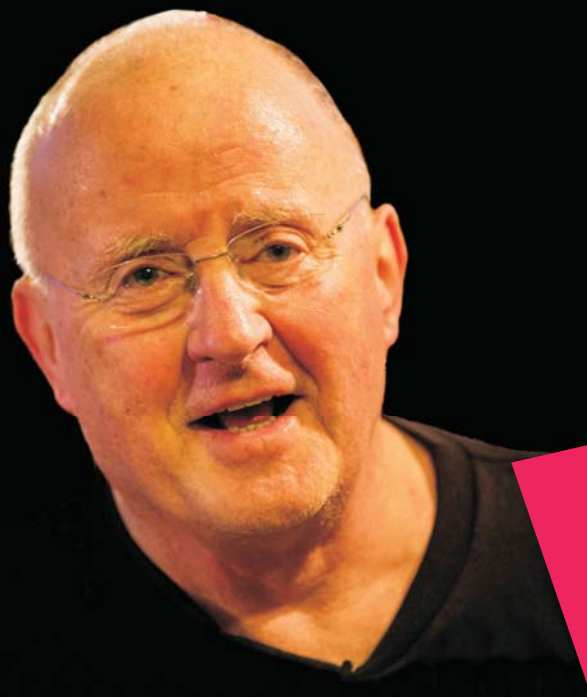
2010 saw him win Best Male Artist at Ireland's prestigious Meteor Music Awards and the Penguin Book of Irish Verse included his song 'Lisdoonvarna'. Meanwhile, 2011 saw him take the stage with Coldplay in front of 80,000 at Oxygen Festival and his cover of Bob Dylan's 'Hattie Carroll' has been included in The Rough

Guide to Bob Dylan, which features the best Bob Dylan covers.

Christy has been working on a documentary film for the past six months, made by award winning film maker Mark McLoughlin for RTE.

Age guidance: 14+

Pontio gratefully acknowledges the generous contribution of Bangor University Vice-Chancellor John G. Hughes whose gift has made this event possible.



GORAD

Experience our pre-theatre Irish Menu tailored especially for this event call 01248 383826 to book or visit www.pontio.co.uk



Friday, 7 October

8pm

Cabaret Pontio presents

We Banjo 3

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£14/£12 students and concessions

One of the best live acts to come out of Ireland in recent years, the multi award winning **We Banjo 3** combine supergroup credentials with a breath-taking command of the emotive power of fiddle, guitar, mandolin and banjo. Any single member of this group could electrify a venue with a solo performance, but together, in the joyous musical alchemy of **We Banjo 3**, the result is truly unforgettable.

On both sides of the Atlantic the word is out about this group. And along with the buzz, the same refrain is always heard: 'See them while you can.'

We Banjo 3. The new gold-standard of traditional Irish and American roots music.

Drinks are permitted in the theatre for this laid-back cabaret-style event.

GORAD

Experience our pre-theatre Irish Menu tailored especially for this event call 01248 383826 to book or visit www.pontio.co.uk



Saturday, 8 October

11am & 2pm

M6 Theatre Company presents

Mavis Sparkle

Studio

£6/£20 Family & Friends Ticket
(4 people, at least one under 18)

With a magician for a Dad and a stargazer for a Mum, no wonder there's more to Mavis than meets the eye!

A feather duster in one hand and a few tricks up her sleeve, our chatty cleaner is moving ever closer to making her dreams come true.

With a little help from her cheeky cuckoo clock, mischievous mop bucket and a nice cup of tea, Mavis is on a journey north to see

nature's biggest light show with her own eyes.

Back by popular demand, M6's cosmic production mixes illusion, animation and laughter inspiring us all to dust away doubts, follow our dreams and reach for the stars!

Written and Directed by Gilly Baskeyfield and Dot Wood

For ages 4+ and families
DURATION: 45 minutes
(approx.)



"Enchanting...a treasure trove of delights"

THE STAGE



Family Workshop

Create artwork full of magic with the artist **Lois Prys**.

12.15 - 1.15pm or
3.15 - 4.15pm
PL2, Level 2
FREE





**Tuesday, 11 October &
Wednesday, 12 October**

7.30pm

Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru and
Teatr Piba in partnership with Aberystwyth Arts Centre



**Theatr
Genedlaethol
Cymru**

Merch yr Eog / Merc'h an Eog

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£12/£10 students & concessions

Mair is called home to a funeral in Wales, and feelings of guilt and responsibility are brought to the surface. She starts to question her values and the happiness she thought she'd found with her partner Loeiza in Rennes, and Brittany has never felt so far from West Wales.

But can a friendly neighbour, who brings a strange gift to her door, calm her troubled mind?

A new, contemporary and multilingual play that explores the close relationship between Wales and Brittany and some of the issues facing young people in rural communities.



***Sibwrdd is free to
download from Itunes
and Google Play.
Please see sibwrdd.com
for further details.***

*The play is performed in
Welsh, Breton and French,
with translation available in
the three languages plus in
English through Sibwrdd app.
Please download the
Sibwrdd app before arriving
at the theatre.*

*Group bookings of ten or
more: 10% discount*

Comedy

Join us for pre-show
drinks at Bar Ffynnon

Friday, 14 October

8pm

Off the Kerb productions presents

FFYNNON

Rich Hall: Live 2016

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£16

Rich Hall's critically acclaimed grouchy, deadpan style has established him as a master of absurdist irony and the king of rapid-fire wit. The award-winning Montana native, renowned for his expertly crafted tirades and quick fire banter with audiences and delightful musical sequences saddles up and hitches his wagon to tour the British Isles once again, and he's heading here to Bangor.

This is a comedian whose plain spoken growling indignation and acerbic observations have an unerring talent for hitting his targets with precision every time, leaving his audience hanging on every word winning him fans all over the globe.

Perrier (Edinburgh Comedy Festival) Award and Barry (Melbourne International Comedy Festival) Award winner Hall has been described as a transatlantic messenger lampooning each country he visits with his common sense, and he is no less harsh to his homeland.

Age guidance: 14+

"Now is the time to grab this chance to see the great man at work"

THE GUARDIAN

"captivating and brilliant... ability to make the room guffaw was worthy of standing applause"

SUNDAY MIRROR



Tuesday, 18 October

8pm

Comedy Central Live presents



MC: Michael Legge
Sean McLoughlin
Andrew Bird



Studio

£10/£8

Join us for a night of laughs featuring three comedians on the UK touring circuit.

Drinks are permitted in the studio at Comedy Central Live events.

Comedians advertised subject to change. Please check website for updates.

Age guidance: 16+

Thursday, 20 October

12.30pm – 2.30pm

6.30pm – 9pm

Pop-up exhibition:

Ant Dickinson
Crossed Lines

Pontio Public Spaces

Crossed Lines is a musical and visual exploration of digitally controlled, mechanised, hand crafted instruments. Through the use of digitally controlled

solenoids and motors, combined with algorithmic generative sequencing, the project explores the sonic potential of traditional/medieval Welsh instruments

outside of conventional musical technique and structures.





Thursday, 20 October

7.30pm

Electroacoustics Wales

Unseen Preludes Denis Smalley at 70

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£10/£8/£5 students and under 18s

A concert of sonic art celebrating the 70th year of one of the UK's most important acousmatic composers.

Denis Smalley has been a pioneer of acousmatic music in the UK since the 1970s. His work harnesses the power of digital technology to create invisible yet vivid shapes and colours in sound and space. In celebration of his 70th year, the composer himself will present his

newest works, including the Welsh premiere of *Fabrezan Preludes*, alongside the latest sonic art from Wales.

The programme will be performed on the Electroacoustic Wales 'Acosmonium', an orchestra of loudspeakers filling every part of Theatr Bryn Terfel, creating a truly immersive experience of sound in space.



**Theatr Bryn Terfel,
1-2pm
Hands-On with
the Acousmonium**

**FREE introduction
and workshop**

An introduction to the amazing expressive power of the Acousmonium. Try your hand at projecting sounds in space, directing the orchestra of loudspeakers from the mixing console. Suitable for all ages.

FREE but booking required



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Dance



Pic: Sleepy Robot

Saturday, 22 October

7.30pm

Ballet Cymru

Romeo a Juliet

by William Shakespeare

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£12/£10



balletcymru

*From forth the fatal loins
of these two foes*

*A pair of star-crossed
lovers take their life*

Critics' Circle Award
winning company,
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Coreo Cymru (Creative
Producer for Dance in Wales
www.coreocymru.com) and
The Riverfront Theatre in
Newport (www.newport.gov.uk/theriverfront)

"Romeo a Juliet" features
costumes by Georg Meyer-
Wiel (www.meyerwiel.com)
who studied at The Royal
College of Art and has
created costumes
for some of the world's
leading companies
including Rambert Dance
Company and Australian
Dance Theatre.

Ask about group discounts.



Sunday, 30 October

3pm – 4pm

Ensemble Cymru @Pontio

Studio

£12/£10/£5 students & under 18s

Ensemble Cymru, resident ensemble at Bangor University and Venue Cymru launches its 2016-2017 season packed with the finest chamber music from Wales and across the world at Pontio.

The first of three performances features its new principal harpist and first recipient of its Gaynor Cemlyn-Jones International Chair for Harp, **Anne Denholm**. The programme, co-curated with Anne, will

celebrate the most beautiful and exciting works for harp and chamber ensemble.

Audience members are invited to complimentary refreshments at a post-concert reception with Ensemble Cymru performers at Gorad restaurant.

Further programme information will be released from July onwards
www.ensemble.cymru



Anne Denholm
Official Harpist to
HRH, The Prince of Wales

Platform

Ensemble Cymru
Discovering the classics
1-2pm
Level 2

Let musicians from Ensemble Cymru entertain you around Gorad restaurant and Pontio's public spaces.

Music



Wednesday, 2 November

7.30pm

Kizzy Crawford, Gwilym Simcock
& Sinfonia Cymru

Cân yr Adar Birdsong

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£14/£12/£5 students and under 18s



There is a Celtic rainforest that lives and breathes in Wales.

Birdsong / Cân Yr Adar

tells a story through music inspired by **Carngafallt**, home to a complex ecosystem, which makes up some of the country's rainforest territory and can be found in Powys.

Birdsong / Cân Yr Adar

brings wildlife of Carngafallt to the stage through a live

orchestral fusing of soul-folk and jazz. Pianist and jazz composer **Gwilym Simcock** collaborates with Welsh/Bajan songstress **Kizzy Crawford** to create a special collection of newly composed and inspired songs. This special performance features a classical ensemble from **Sinfonia Cymru** and is created in partnership with RSPB Cymru and the Arts Council of Wales.

Lose yourself in this landscape as we explore the hidden secrets of the forest across the seasons (and sometimes against the elements). Experience a day and night amongst nature.

Escape the noise and learn to listen again.

Ask about group discounts.



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Thursday, 3 November

7.30pm

The Boy with The Tape on his Face is

Tape Face

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£16/£14

Tape Face is a character with universal appeal.

Delightful, wry, many-layered and hilarious, Sam Wills accesses an inner child in us all that must be fed.

Through simple, clever and charming humour aimed at satisfying that hunger, he has created one of the most accessible and enjoyable shows the world has ever seen.

Drawing on a heritage that includes silent film, mime, magic, puppetry, Motown and the films of Patrick Swayze, **Tape Face** is a pensive, curious soul

approaching every object and audience member as a potential friend – or plaything.

Wills creates a world of possibilities where the only certainty is laughter. Previous shows have seen him totally sell-out at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe for four years in a row. He has also had four sold-out UK tours, a smash hit run in London's West End, and has become a critically acclaimed marvel around the world.

Age guidance: 10+

★★★★★

"This boy is going places"

TIMES

★★★★★

"Endlessly inventive, hysterically funny"

TIME OUT



Friday, 4 November 7.30pm

Saturday, 5 November 2pm

Crying Out Loud on behalf of Circus Evolution presents
Circa Tsuica

Opus 7

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£12/£10 students and concessions

Family ticket £40 (4 people, at least one under 18)

Welcome to the mischievous and playful world of **Circa Tsuica**. A company of cracking musicians and daredevil acrobats, they serve a cocktail of funky brass beats and inspiring physical feats.

As the performers play a joyous blend of ripping rhythms they show off their

circus skills without dropping a note or each other!

Through a potent blend of acrobatics and foot-stomping live music, **Circa Tsuica** create a vibrant spectacle.

Adding to the revelry will be local musicians from **Band Jazz Tryfan**.

Looking for a rip-roaring good time?

Join them as they shake the party in this fun and uproarious show.

Circa Tsuica is the creation of Cheptel Aleïkoum, a collective of unique French entertainers who tour the world performing their feel-good shows.

Join us from 7pm in the bar where Circa Tsuica will put us all in the mood for a great night!





Wednesday, 9 November

7.30pm

Phoenix Piano Trio

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£12/£10/£5 students and under 18s

Joseph Haydn:
Trio in E flat, Hob.XV/30

Niels Gade:
5 Noveletten

INTERVAL

Franz Schubert:
Trio in B flat

The **Phoenix Piano Trio** was formed in 2010 and has established itself as one of today's leading ensembles.

Described in *Strings Magazine* as having 'a musical narrative of tremendous, involving depth', they have performed on several occasions at London's Wigmore Hall and their first CD – a live recording of Beethoven's works including the "Archduke" trio and the trio in E flat, Op. 70 no. 2. – was launched at Wigmore in 2012.

They are also advocates of new music, so far having commissioned new works by five British composers, including Cheryl Frances-Hoad, Philip Venables and Edwin Roxburgh. Recent highlights have included performances at the Ryedale Festival, the Happy Days Festival in Eniskillen, the Leicester International Music Festival, and the London Chamber Music Society at Kings Place.



Friday, 11 November 7pm
Saturday, 12 November 3pm

balletLORENT

Snow White

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£15/£13/£10 students and under 18s

£45 Family & Friends Ticket (4 people, at least one under 18)



balletLORENT presents Snow White, co-produced by Northern Stage and retold by Carol Ann Duffy.

"In the cold heart of winter, when snow fell as though the sky was a story that had been ripped into a thousand pieces, a beautiful Queen sat by her window..."

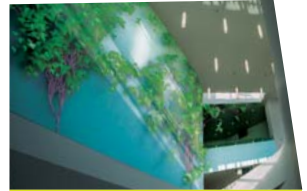
A mother who longs for a daughter with unrivalled beauty gets her wish, with devastating consequences. In the deep dark forest, seven miners are Snow White's only hope - and temptation is her biggest threat...

balletLORENT's dance theatre adaptation of one of the most well loved Brothers Grimm fairytales is a tale of magical mirrors, unexpected friendships and the importance of inner beauty.

From the makers of the award-winning Rapunzel comes Snow White, an enchanting dance theatre production for the whole family.

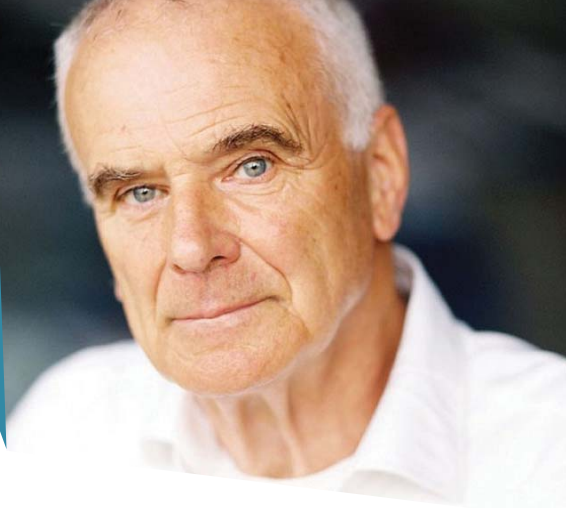
12 young children aged between 6 & 8 from the local area will be performing as part of this production.

Recommended age 7+



During the interval and post show

Following the success of the Porth 3D projection and vertical dance project on the external wall of Pontio in July 2015, we welcome **Guildhall School of Music and Drama** video design collaborators back to Bangor, this time to explore the potential of the vast white walls of Pontio public spaces... They will take "fairytales" as their inspiration in a specially-commissioned piece to be projected on the white walls during the interval and post performances of Snow White.



Saturday, 12 November

From 6.45pm

Psappha
Hebrides Ensemble
Benyounes Quartet
Ensemble Cymru

A Tribute to Max

Studio

£12/£10/£5 students and under 18s

Leading chamber and contemporary music ensembles from across the UK – **Psappha** (Manchester), **Hebrides Ensemble** (Scotland), the **Benyounes Quartet** (London) and **Ensemble Cymru** (Wales) join forces in a joyous celebration of new music as a tribute to the late Sir Peter Maxwell Davies.

Not to be missed!



6.45pm

Benyounes Quartet

Quartet No.2 – Simon Bainbridge (World Première)

7.30pm **Transfigured Night** **Hebrides & Psappha – 25 years of new music**

Peter Maxwell Davies –
The Last Island: Farewell to Stromness (arr David Horne)

David Fennessy – new co-commission (Wales first performance)

Arnold Schoenberg –
Verklärte Nacht

Full details available from
www.ensemble.cymru

Gorad, Pontio
9.15pm
Free

Ensemble Cymru & Benyounes Quartet

Relaxed performances at the bar: music specially written by young composers of Bangor University's School of Music*

**Presented by Ensemble Cymru, Resident Ensemble at Bangor University and Venue Cymru in association with Bangor University's School of Music and Pontio*

Tuesday, 15 November

8pm

Comedy



Comedy Central Live

MC: Ro Campbell, Laura Lexx & John Hastings

Studio

£10/£8

 **LIVE**

Join us for a night of laughs featuring three comedians on the UK touring circuit.

Drinks are permitted in the studio at Comedy Central Live events.

Comedians advertised subject to change. Please check website for updates.

Age guidance: 16+

Wednesday, 16 November

7.30pm

Drama

Volcano Theatre

Macbeth

Director's Cut

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£12/£10



A Radical Classic™ from the Volcano back-catalogue, remade for 2016.

Originally directed by Nigel Charnock for Volcano in 1999, this furious two-hander takes the bloodiest and most intense of Shakespeare's plays and strips it bare of its

"Brings one closer to the dark heart of the play than many more orthodox versions"

THE GUARDIAN

"Like seeing Tarantino on stage"

WHAT'S ON

regal cushioning, evoking the tawdry domestic world of contemporary serial killers in an erotic and violent theatrical assault on the senses. It is lyrical, apocalyptic, extreme and dangerous.

Age advisory: 14+





Thursday, 17 November

7.30pm

Tŷ Bach Twt

Studio

£5

Choreographer: Filipa Francisco (Portugal)

Performers: Angharad Harrop, Ceri Rimmer and Henry Horrell

Tŷ Bach Twt explores the notion of 'cynefin' and inquiries into what influences our thoughts and feelings about home and the role Wales and Welshness has to play. The piece will delve into questions of culture and heritage and

what it means to call a place home. Through exploring Welsh folk dance and music, the piece will bring together the past and the present in a dynamic performance that asks the audience to consider the places, spaces and feelings they call home.

Co-produced by Migrations with the support of Pontio, University of Chester and De Montfort University.

Tŷ Bach Twt is a collaborative project led by Angharad Harrop, Pontio's Dance Buddy.

Dance Buddy is a Creu Cymru programme that places artist development hand-in-hand with audience development. It pairs independent dance artists with a theatre or arts centre in a co-mentoring partnership.



Friday, 18 November

7.30pm

BBC National Orchestra of Wales

Elgar & Brahms with BBC NOW

Prichard-Jones Hall

£15/£13.50/£5 students and under 18s

Family ticket: £15/£20

Strauss, J
Die Fledermaus: Overture

Elgar
Cello Concerto

Brahms
Symphony No. 4

Christoph König
Conductor

Leonard Elschenbroich
Cello

Immerse yourself in music of heartbreak, drama and joy this autumn, courtesy of **BBC NOW** and two greats of classical music: Brahms and Elgar.

It's hard to understand the doubt that settled in Brahms' mind ahead of the first performance of his fourth symphony. Now firmly positioned as a concert hall essential;

audiences across the globe remain grateful that it lived beyond its premiere. Elgar's poetic and passionate Cello Concerto gives no indication of any such worries; soulful and passionate from the opening bars, this is music of deep emotion that has an unfailing ability to connect.



BBC National
Orchestra
of Wales

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Friday, 18 November

8pm

Cabaret Pontio and Making Tracks presents

Chango Spasiuk Argentinian

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£14/£12



Accordion magic and deep swing from Argentina.

At home in Argentina, **Chango Spasiuk** is considered the new hero of chamamé, the music 'with the deepest swing in Argentina'. This warm-hearted, accordion-based style taps into native Guaraní, Spanish and Eastern European roots.

Its natural home is the red lands and lush jungles of north-east Argentina, where Spasiuk was born to a family of Ukrainian immigrants. A fiery and sensitive virtuoso on his accordion, he brings rare charisma to his live performances: his rapt, dervish-like stage presence and his outstanding ensemble make for music of profound beauty and feeling, infusing melancholy with resilient optimism.

Winner of a BBC World Music Award and nominated for a Latin Grammy, Spasiuk makes a long awaited return to Britain with this autumn tour – not to be missed!

changospasiuk.com.ar

Drinks are permitted in the theatre during these laid-back, cabaret-style events.

"A gifted, profoundly expressive performer"

ROOTSWORLD

Saturday, 19 November

8pm

Rhys a Meinir

Composed by Cian Ciarán

BBC National Orchestra of Wales

Poetry by Gruffudd Antur

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£15/£13.50/£5 students and under 18s

Family ticket: £15/£20

Conductor Alastair King

For 20 years and counting a member of Super Furry Animals, **Cian Ciarán** comes together with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales to tell a traditional Welsh fable in music.

Almost two decades in development, Cian Ciarán's first orchestral piece

Rhys & Meinir promises a rare aural experience that encapsulates the drama of ancient Welsh folklore, the envisioned splendour of rural Wales and the innate, musical curiosity of the intrepid composer.

Rhys and Meinir found love in the village of Nant Gwrtheyrn, North Wales and



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BBC

their childhood romance blossomed for all to see. On the day of their marriage, Meinir is nowhere to be found and the mystery leads Rhys into months of despair. When finally a thunder strike reveals Meinir's final hiding place, Rhys is unable to live a second longer.

After the concert Jam in the Bar

Join us in Bar Ffynnon, Pontio after the concert, for something a little "extra" with some of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales' finest performers. A Pontio and BBC collaboration.



Saturday, 26 November

11am & 2pm

Cwmni'r Frân Wen

Dilyn Fi

Studio

£6/£20 Family & Friends Ticket
(4 people, at least one under 18)



Fresh from the 2016 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, **Dilyn Fi** is a show for under 7s to help develop imagination, language skills and confidence.

Nansi has just become a big sister for the first time.

To deal with the new arrival she escapes into her own imaginary world.

How does Cai, her very best friend, help her face up to the reality of the situation?

Join us on an adventure full of play, discovery and elephants!

Welsh medium production.



Family Workshop

A FREE Creative workshop that will take you into the world of elephants with the artist

Nerys Jones

12.15 - 1.15pm or

3.15 - 4.15pm

PL2, Level 2

FREE





Music

Sunday, 27 November

3pm



Gloria!

A choral adventure with Welsh National Opera

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£12/£10/£5 students and unders 18s

VIVALDI : GLORIA

Bach: Brandenburg Concerto no 3

Fauré: Les Djinns

Bartók: Four Slovak Folksongs

Fauré: Cantique de Jean Racine

Dilys Elwyn Edwards: Exultate Deo

The Coolin' - Barber

Last words of David - Randall Thompson

Conductors: WNO, Jenny Pearson, Chris Collins and Guto Pryderi Puw

Accompanist: Stephen Evans

This special concert brings Bangor University Chorus and Chamber Choir, Canolfan Gerdd William Mathias Chamber Choir, and promising young talent together for a celebratory afternoon of choral singing in Theatr Bryn Terfel.

Today prepares the way for a WNO residency in spring 2017 and is part of a longer term partnership between Pontio, Bangor University and Welsh National Opera.

WNO Come & Sing

Welsh National Opera Come & Sing events are free for everyone with no previous singing experience required. Join us on a choral adventure, where everyone is welcome to come along to Pontio foyer an hour before the concert, to take part in a good, old fashioned sing-along. There will be songs to get you in the mood for the concert including the Can-can with newly commissioned lyrics, celebrating 70 years of WNO.

Everyone is welcome to sing with WNO.

**2.00 – 2.45 pm
FREE**



Wednesday, 30 November

7pm

BLAS presents...

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£6/£3/£15 Family Ticket

(up to 4 people, one to be under 18)



BLAS gives young people the chance to discover the performing arts through weekly sessions and unique opportunities to work with professional companies.

During **BLAS'** first two terms at the centre, members have been learning performance skills concentrating on physical theatre whilst having fun!

During the autumn term they will be bringing all their new skills together to devise their own show.

What you will see on the stage will be their ideas brought to fruition.

Come and see the actors, scriptwriters and directors of the future take the first step on their theatrical journey.



Thursday, 1 December

8pm

Rob Beckett - Mouth of the South

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£15

Beckett's back with a brand-new show of funnies and he's taking on the big issues like Kit Kats and flatbread! Star of BBC1's *Live At The Apollo*, *Would I Lie To You?*, Channel 4's *8 Out Of 10 Cats* and *Cats Does Countdown*, BBC2's *Mock The Week*, ITV's *Play To The Whistle*,

and ITV2's *Celebrity Juice*. Rob is also a host of Dave's podcast, *The Magic Sponge*, alongside Jimmy Bullard and Ian Smith, as well as hosting Absolute Radio's hit show, *Rock n Roll Football*.

Age: 14+

"There are hints that his eyes are set firmly on arenas that are as big as his mouth of his"

METRO

"Relentlessly smiley, perpetually grinning Londoner whose unshowy, unpretentious but thoroughly funny shtick has every chance of winning him a big audience..."

GUARDIAN

"Lights up the stage with his magnetic personality (not to mention the dazzle from his teeth)"

MAIL ON SUNDAY





Friday, 2 December

8pm

Cabaret Pontio presents

Emily Portman & The Coracle Band

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£14/£12



Emily Portman's third album *Coracle* has been gathering momentum since its release in June, along with a wave of glowing reviews. *Coracle* was recently named a 'Best Album of 2015' by the Telegraph and has received airplay from the likes of Jarvis Cocker, *Late Junction*, with a BBC live session in store for Mark Radcliffe's Folk Show.

Emily Portman performs with **The Coracle Band**, a stellar cast of musicians who featured on the studio album, now brought together to recreate *Coracle* in an ambitious live show. Together, **The Coracle Band** will realise the full breadth and beauty of Emily's finest work to date. Percussion, vibes, pedal steel, electric harp and soaring strings combine with a veritable choir of voices.

★★★★★
*"Coracle is a triumph...
Delicate as a spider's
web, yet tough as
memory, this is a rich and
remarkable record"*

R2 MAGAZINE

★★★★★
*"Coracle is, without
doubt, one of the folk
albums of the year"*

SONGLINES

*Drinks are permitted in the
theatre during this laid-back
cabaret-style event.*



Saturday, 3 December

7.30pm

Hogia'r Ddwylan yn Dathlu 50

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£12

Pontio are delighted to welcome **Hogia'r Ddwylan** as they celebrate their fiftieth anniversary.

Established originally as a traditional cerdd dant group of some dozen singers, **Hogia'r Ddwylan** expanded to be a cerdd dant choir, then a folk choir and eventually to be a male voice choir.

As the name Ddwylan ('two shores') suggests, members are drawn from Anglesey and Arfon but have toured Europe and North America as well as Ireland and England.

Over the years, the choir has won competitions in the National Eisteddfod, the Gwyl Gerdd Dant, Radio Cymru, national and international festivals, as well as releasing several CDs.



Soloist: Aled Wyn Davies
Musical Director: Iwan Williams



Wednesday, 7 December, 12.30pm

Thursday, 8 December, 10am and 12.45pm

Friday, 9 December, 10am and 12.45pm

Cwmni Mega

Blodeuwedd

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£10 adults/£8 children

**By Huw Garmon
(based on the legend
of Lleu Llaw Gyffes)**

Once upon a time, when streaks of lightning shot across the sky and claps of thunder shook the earth, the Welsh people believed that it was the powers of night and day fighting each other.

After a very ferocious battle between the eagles of the sun and huntsmen of the night, a little baby fell to earth.

The baby was Lleu, the son of Eryr yr Haul and during this production we will hear about the strange events leading to Blodeuwedd falling in love with Lleu.

But is all as it appears? Who is Blodeuwedd? Will their enemies be overcome? Come and join the fun to find out!

Welsh medium event



Saturday, 10 December

11am - 4pm

Magical Caban

Caban, Pontio outdoor space

FREE

Come along to Pontio as part of the city of Bangor's festive celebrations.

We'll be transforming Caban, the public art piece located

in the Pontio landscape, into a world of wonder for children and their families.

Venture in and see what you discover...



There will be a Christmas Market in Bangor on this date so call in to Pontio as part of the day to enjoy food or drink and an unique experience.



STORIEL : 2016/17



02.07.16 - 10.09.16

HIRAEI

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A photographic portrait



09.07.16 - 17.09.16

VAL HUNT



09.07.16 - 17.09.16

COLIN SEE-PAYNTON



10.09.16 - 29.10.16

AR FAES A BRYN

ON HILL AND FIELD



17.08.16 - 05.11.16

CLYWED Y CYN-CUDDIEDIG HIDDEN NOW HEARD



24.09.16 - 12.11.16

AIL-WNEUD/AIL-DDYFEISIO RE-TAKE / RE-INVENT



19.11.16 - 28.01.17

YN ERYRI IN SNOWDONIA

Ar agor Mawrth-Sadwrn 11.00 - 5.00
Open Tuesday-Saturday 11.00 - 5.00

Saturday, 10 December

8pm

Meilyr Jones

Plus special guests

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£10

Pontio are delighted to bring **Meilyr Jones** to perform at Theatr Bryn Terfel for the first time.

With his debut album of literate, folky baroque pop **2013** – confusingly released this year – under his belt, the former Race Horses man comes to Bangor following a run of summer UK festivals and as part of a second headline tour.

2013 is a staggeringly rich array of influences and musical textures. There are flushes of baroque, of recorder and harpsichord, there is a recording of a Japanese accordion player he met in Rome, snatches of

karaoke on a mobile phone, lush walls of sound followed by a wisp of David Bowie's Rebel Rebel or an organ recording made in a church in Bristol.

"I wanted to make something that felt right to me and expressed my interests, which are classical music and rock 'n' roll music, and films, and nature and karaoke, and tacky stuff," Jones says. "And I wanted to capture that feeling in Rome of high culture and low-brow stuff all mixed together."

Unmissable stuff!

Stand up gig
Age guidance 16+





Sunday, 11 December

7.30pm

Bangor University Symphony Orchestra

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£12/£10/£5 students and under 18s

Prokofiev:
Lieutenant Kijé Suite

Arutiunian:
Trumpet Concerto

Beethoven:
Symphony No. 6, 'Pastoral'

Bari Gwilliam (trumpet)

Chris Collins (conductor)

The **University Symphony Orchestra** presents two 20th-century Soviet masterpieces alongside one of Beethoven's greatest symphonies. Originally the score to a comedy film about an imaginary soldier invented as the result of a clerical error, Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kijé Suite* is full of tongue-in-cheek humour and Russian colour.



Beethoven's 'Pastoral' Symphony is a magical evocation of the countryside in its many guises: a welcome taste of spring on this winter's evening. In between, the orchestra is joined by local trumpet virtuoso Bari Gwilliam in the stirring and lyrical concerto by the Armenian composer Alexander Arutiunian.

Thursday, 15 December, 6.30pm

Friday, 16 December, 12.30pm & 6.30pm

Saturday, 17 December, 1pm & 6.30pm

Theatr Bara Caws in partnership with Galeri

Raslas Bach a Mawr

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£10/£9 students and concessions

Family Ticket for 4 £35 (at least one adult)

Family Ticket for 5 £43 (at least one adult)



Come lend a hand to our intrepid duo, Syr Wynff ap Concord y Bos and Plwmsan y Twmffat Twp, as they set off on a perilous adventure to save the nation from the evil authorities and repossess their family home...

A brand new show for people of all ages by Wynford Ellis Owen and Mici Plwm.

Cast includes Iwan Charles, Llyr Evans and Carys Gwilym

Please enquire about group bookings on 01248 38 28 28.





Sunday, 18 December

7.30pm

Côr Glanaethwy

Llafn o Wawl

Theatr Bryn Terfel

£12/£10

A special evening to unveil the sculpture of Wilbert Lloyd Roberts and launch Côr Glanaethwy's latest CD.

Tonight we celebrate two events which have been eagerly anticipated. It's over a year now since **Côr Glanaethwy** made a lasting impression on 'Britain's Got Talent' and tonight they will launch their latest CD, including some of the songs performed by them as part of the TV series.

However it's been many more years since the **Wilbert Lloyd Roberts Sculpture Appeal** was established. 'Wilbert' was

the director that contributed towards founding theatre in Wales and it's fair to say that without his vision, we may not have an arts and innovation centre of the kind we see here in Bangor today.

Tonight, to remember his priceless contribution, we will be unveiling a sculpture by **Nick Elphick** here at Pontio.

After Christmas, **Côr Glanaethwy** will travel across the Atlantic to perform at Carnegie Hall, New York, so come over to wish them well on their big adventure and to be one of the first to see this unique sculpture at Pontio.



This event will be through the medium of Welsh.

Llenor tu hwnt
i'r llenni; - fe
roddodd wefr ei
freuddwyd inni; Llafn
o wawl, a'n llwyfan
ni a lanwyd â'i oleuni.

John Gwilym Jones

General information

Group Bookings

We cater for groups and can occasionally offer great discounts. Please contact our Box Office for more information on 01248 38 28 28.

All bookings are subject to our standard terms and conditions. Please visit our website for more information <https://www.pontio.co.uk/Online/terms>

Postal Charges

No booking fee will be charged when you buy tickets, but a £1 mailing charge is applied if you request tickets by post. Tickets by post can only be requested until 10 days before the event to ensure they reach you on time. After this, all pre-bought tickets can be collected from the box office.

Families

Where a family ticket price is denoted, the offer is available to a group of four. A minimum of one member of the group must be under 18.

Concessions

Wherever concessions are denoted for Pontio events, the following categories are included in that definition: students and those over 60. Children and young people include anyone under the age of 18. Children under 2 years of age go free.

Hynt Access Scheme

Art and culture is for everyone. If you have an impairment or a specific access requirement, often enjoying a visit to a theatre or an arts centre can be more complicated than just booking tickets and choosing what to wear.

Hynt is a national scheme that works with theatres and arts centres across Wales to make things clear and consistent. Pontio is a part of the Hynt scheme as we believe it offers our customers the very best practice in fair ticketing policy and accessibility.

Hynt is a Membership Card Hynt is a resource

Hynt cardholders are entitled to a ticket free of charge for a personal assistant or carer at Pontio and all the theatres and arts centres participating in the scheme.

Visit hynt.co.uk or www.hynt.cymru to find a range of information and guidance about the scheme.



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