



BIRMINGHAM
HIPPODROME

Supporter Spotlight

Welcome to your round-up of **membership benefits, offers, event dates** and **fundraising news** to accompany our new season brochure.

Our spring season has fully sprung! We have fantastic shows lined up for you, including *Only Fools and Horses*, *Kinky Boots*, *Tina The Musical*, *Mary Poppins* and the hugely anticipated extravaganza *Moulin Rouge!*

We love staying connected with you at project receptions, galas or hearing about your theatre experiences. Read about recent highlights and how you can get involved with future initiatives. We're looking forward to seeing you in the theatre very soon!



Judith, Rachel, Ben, Anouk and Emma
Fundraising and Development Team

Calendar of Events

2025

WED 2 APR: Relaxed Performance at *Shark in the Park*

THU 22 MAY: Relaxed Performance at *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

FRI 30 MAY - SUN 1 JUN: B-Side Hip Hop Festival - Celebrating 10 Years

WED 11 JUN: Curtain Raiser Performance at *Peaky Blinders - The Redemption of Thomas Shelby*

SAT 23 - MON 25 AUG: Birmingham Weekender

WED 8 OCT: Online Relaxed Performance Volunteer Training

WED 15 OCT: Sensational Fundraising Gala at *Moulin Rouge!*

TUE 2 DEC: Relaxed Performance at *The Nutcracker*

In the Spotlight

Patrons gift kindness at Pantomime!

Patrons and Big Give supporters, Ashley and Sebbie from **The Sebbie Hall Kindness Foundation** added joy at our *Peter Pan* Panto Relaxed Performance by gifting pupils from our SEN partner schools with Sebbie Teddies. Thank you for helping to spread kindness!

At our panto Relaxed Performance reception guests heard from IT lead Scott who shared insight about recent accessible improvements to our website and the introduction of the Nimbus card. The passionate spoken word creative contribution by Access & Inclusion Advocate, Benji was uplifting as they described how much it means to feel welcomed and supported at the Hippodrome. Our goal is to ensure everyone has a fantastic experience when they come through our doors!



Truth, Beauty, Freedom and -
above all - Love.

Sensational Fundraising Gala at *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*, Wed 15 Oct 2025

Join us for THE standout event in this year's calendar. Our Gala on opening night of musical extravaganza *Moulin Rouge!* will raise funds for Hippodrome Unlocked.

Be part of the glitz, the glamour and the grandeur by treating yourself with family or friends or make it an extra special gift.

Places start from £250pp to include a premium show ticket, drinks reception, exquisite 3-course dinner, and exclusive post-show party with DJ and dancefloor so that you too can Can-Can!

The ultimate upgrade is our **Premium package** - £345pp - packed with exclusive benefits including a gala shout-out for your enhanced donation - thank you!

PLACES ARE LIMITED, BOOK NOW online or call Anouk on 0121 689 3068 or email fundraising@birminghamhippodrome.com

Supporter Success

Together look at what we can achieve...



New Youth Theatres: Acting, Music, and Dance for all!

Our two brand new Youth Theatres for young people aged 11-15, a drama-focused Youth Theatre and an SEN Youth Theatre have launched!

Our YT for drama and physical theatre meets weekly on Saturdays with 21 participants led by incredible facilitators Ashlee and Carden. They use professional, industry standard exercises to build skills in improvisation, characterisation, and movement and with plenty of games mixed in too, of course! YT members are working towards a summer production in collaboration with our Hippodrome Musicals Youth Theatre company.

Ten young people with additional needs are supported in the SEN Youth Theatre to engage in acting, music, and dance. Already a wonderful success, participants have the chance to explore storytelling in a comfortable, safe environment using movement, props, and music. The sessions are delivered by expert facilitators Sam and Charlie, with support worker Megan. Young Advocates Dan and Ollie are also part of the dream team - their care and attention have made them both essential to the wonderful energy of the room.

"It makes my week so much better. It's a place I love to come and I can let out what I love to do. I've made new friends. Everyone is really welcoming."

Ethan, Youth Theatre Member



FESTIVITIES AND FUN for the family

Thousands flocked to Southside for the city's annual Chinese New Year celebrations, a free family festival we co-produce with Birmingham Chinese Festival Committee. Were you among the crowds?

The city came alive with lion and dragon processions, an artistic stage programme, pop-up performances, street food, funfair rides and a craft market in Southside. Festival goers also had the chance to meet Pom Pom, the giant ten-foot panda, across the weekend.

Jeffrey Yap, Chair of the Birmingham Chinese Festival Committee said:

"What a fantastic weekend! We loved seeing everyone come together to celebrate the Chinese New Year... Thank you to all who joined in the festivities!"

A Spectacular Showcase and My First Musical returns!

Our New Musical Theatre Department has hosted a fantastic Writers Group showcase of music, lyrics and storytelling for industry guests, supporters and creatives who were blown away by the quality and depth of the creative talent. It's fantastic to see how investment in helping to develop projects,

provide guidance and resources to emerging and mid-career creatives can result in incredible new work, in line with our strategic plan. Watch this space for more announcements and join us next time!

We're delighted to announce that the next show in our My First Musical series, following 5-star hit *The Jingleclaw* is *No Such Things as Wolves*. With catchy songs, hilarious scenes, and a wolfy twist in the tale, this show is sure to

have you howling with laughter!

The department's Founding Supporter, **Charles Holloway OBE** has generously expanded his involvement to become Principal Supporter of this brand-new show, part of our programme aimed at young audiences so they can experience their very first magical 'goosebump' moments at the Hippodrome.



Patrons are getting involved and YOU can too!

Patrons recently took part in training and provided support at **Peter Pan** and **BRB's Cinderella** with more to come - we're sending a huge thank you to all of our brilliant Volunteers! We know the experience brings so much fulfilment to our supporters who give back to the community through volunteering.

For more information call **Anouk** on 0121 689 3068 or fundraising@birminghamhippodrome.com

"The expressions on the faces of the audience is so humbling, whether they scream, shout, cheer, sing, or simply gasp!"

Katie, Relaxed Performance Volunteer

Make the most of your Membership

We extend the warmest Hippodrome welcome to our newest patrons **Marie Bushell, Connor Sherry & Jaydon Bushell**. We absolutely love your one-off Patrons hoody, Connor!

Don't forget as a Patron to show your membership card to enjoy a 20% discount during your visit on Front of House food & drink purchases.

For details about Patron ticket offers and other membership benefits click on birminghamhippodrome.com/patronshome. You can also call our Post Purchase line on 0121 689 1070 for on-the-day changes to your ticketing order.



To find out more about our fundraising activities, become a member or to book for an event, please get in touch with the team on **0121 689 3068** or email fundraising@birminghamhippodrome.com

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