



The Stevenage Festival of Arts and Leisure  
OCTOBER 1994

8 to 16 October , 1994

# A Programme of Events

*An easy to follow list of  
activities and productions  
for this Festival week*

*A Stevenage Arts Guild  
Presentation*



STEVENAGE ARTS GUILD





## **The Stevenage Festival of Arts and Leisure**

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The Stevenage Festival of Arts and Leisure is presenting for the first time on a large scale a collection of the town's vast reserves of amateur talent.

The Festival is being arranged under the auspices of the Arts Guild of Stevenage. Its Festival sub-committee has been working hard putting in place an action-packed week of events including concerts, musical shows, straight plays, displays of art, photography, sport and sculpture.

Their investigations have proved without a doubt that there is the talent and the will to succeed with such a venture.

"All the entertainment and spectacle during the week will be provided by Stevenage organisations – a wonderful showcase of talent," said the chairman of the Festival sub-committee, Arts Guild treasurer, Roy Mugridge.

Talent they found in abundance when they visited performing and artistic groups of many kinds, from magicians to sculptors, singers to stilt-walkers, poets to painters.

Enough talent to fill seven nights at the Gordon Craig Theatre with music, dance, laughter and drama. Enough talent to put on major exhibitions of 'home-grown' paintings and sculpture.

Finding the money to stage such an event in the current climate is a difficult task, which nevertheless continues with modest success.

Stevenage Arts Guild's vice chairman and Festival sub-committee member Ron Walker said: "The Festival will strengthen links between cultural and leisure groups in the town and underscore the benefits of community spirit"



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During the week the Boxfield Gallery and theatre foyer will feature paintings photographs and sculptures by the Stevenage Artists' Co-operative, the Stevenage Photographic Club and the Stevenage Watercolour Group, complimented by flower arrangements from South Stevenage Flower Club. A series of Exhibitions will be held in Stevenage Museum during the week together with African Storytelling.

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**Saturday 8 October**

THE ARTS GUILD FESTIVAL COMMITTEE  
presents

# **A Day of Fun & Frolics**

**The Town Square, The Joyride  
Platform, Westgate, Gordon Craig Theatre  
– Etc. Etc. Etc.**

*Street entertainment, bands playing , dancers  
dancing, singers singing , painters painting, clowns  
clowning , musicians playing, poets performing  
programmes distributing , enthusiasm engendering  
photographers photographing , crowds pulling*

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**Parnassus Performance**

presents

## **Celebration**

at

**Springfield House**

**From 20.00 to 23.00**



**Sunday 9 October**

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**THE ACE MAGIC CLUB (STEVENAGE)**  
presents

# **Magic and Mystery**

**A Family Show**  
**Gordon Craig Theatre**  
**Curtain up 12.00**

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**STEVENAGE MUSIC SOCIETY**  
presents

# **Elijah**

**Mendelssohn**  
**Stevenage Choral Society,**  
**Orchestra and Soloists**  
**Conductor: Trevor Hughes**

**Gordon Craig Theatre**  
**Curtain up 19.45**



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**Monday 10 October**

**STEVENAGE ARTSCAPE PRESENT:  
THE ELDERFLOWERS**

**Touring musical theatre for the over 50s, by the over 50s.**

**The group will be presenting performances of  
THE LATE LATE SUMMER SHOW  
at selected sheltered accomodation in Stevenage.**

**FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM:**

**Stevenage Artscape: 0438 313754**

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**STEVENAGE SCOUTS  
present**

**A Gang  
Show**

**An Entertainment  
with  
Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Leaders**

**Gordon Craig Theatre  
Curtain up 19.45**

**Tuesday 11 October**

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**STEVENAGE LYTTON  
PLAYERS  
present**

# **Murder in Company**

**A Play**

**By**

**Philip King  
and John Boland**

**Gordon Craig Theatre  
Curtain up 19.45**

**SPONSORED BY  
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**THE PAGE THREE BIG  
BAND**

**in  
Concert**

**Musical Director Ray Martin**

**Special guests**

**TOMMY WHITTLE and BARBARA JAY**

**Gordon Craig Theatre**

**Curtain up 19.45**

**SPONSORED BY  
MARCONI INSTRUMENTS LTD.**



**Thursday 13 October**

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**PARNASSUS PERFORMANCE**

# **Mickey's Night Out**

**Community Arts Pavilion**

**Adults only**

**20.00 - 22.30**

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**STEVENAGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
**present**

## **A Concert**

**Finlandia: Sibelius**

**Triple Concerto: Beethoven**

**Symphony Fantastique: Berlioz**

**Conductor: David Murphy**

**Leader: Jack Hobbs**

**Gordon Craig Theatre**

**Curtain up 19.45**



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**STEVENAGE MALE VOICE CHOIR AND  
STEVENAGE LADIES CHOIR  
present**

**TOGETHER  
AGAIN**

**With  
The Classic Buskers  
Gordon Craig Theatre  
Curtain up 19.45**

**SPONSORED BY GLAXO RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT LTD**



**Saturday 15 October**

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**DEBRA KNIGHTS SCHOOL OF DANCING  
STEVENAGE TWINNING AND AMANMERE**

**present**

# **A Dance Show**

**Gordon Craig Theatre  
Curtain up 10.30**

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**STEVENAGE MUSIC CENTRE**

**presents**

# **A Youth Concert**

**Gordon Craig Theatre  
Curtain up 15.00**

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**STEVENAGE LYTTON PLAYERS**

**present**

# **Trial by Jury**

**by**

**Gilbert & Sullivan  
and**

# **A Grand Night for Singing**

**The music of Rogers & Hammerstein**

**Gordon Craig Theatre  
Curtain up 19.45**

**SPONSORED BY ICL (UK) LTD.**



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**Sunday 16 October**

**THE STEVENAGE CHURCHES**

present

**A Songs of Praise**

and

**Flower Festival**

at

**St Georges Church**

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**STEVENAGE ARTSCAPE**

present

**A LANTERN PROCESSION**

at dusk through the Town Centre

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**All week**

**THE STEVENAGE ARTS GUILD**

presents

**An Exhibition of work by:**

**Stevenage Photographic Society**

**Stevenage Artists' Co-operative**

**South Stevenage Flower Club**

**Stevenage Water Colour Group**

in

**Boxfield Gallery and Theatre Foyer**

**at The Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre**



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**There will be demonstrations and shows staged in the Sports Hall during Friday 14 October and Saturday 15 October**

### Static exhibits will include:

## Sports Council

## Ramblers Association

## Sub-Aqua Club

**Land Yachting (plus land yacht if possible)**

**Other sports will also be represented**

are sponsoring a young persons Photographic Competition  
with the subject "SPORT"

**The competition is open to all under 18 on 1 October 1994  
Prizes donated by Dormans will be given in three categories:  
under 12 - under 16 - under 18**

**Entry forms from: Dorman Photographic, 15 Park Place, Stevenage. Winning entries will be exhibited in the Arts & Leisure Centre during the Festival**



## FRINGE CONTRIBUTION TO FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Bowes Lyon House over the years has become a major regional centre for various youth cultures.

Rock bands, Raves, Indie, Grunge, Garage, Soul. Hard-core & Wiggly all feature regularly.

If you like any of these kinds of music watch this space as we will be putting on events to suit you.

But if you have ever wondered what these names mean or what young people are getting up to at the weekend come and check us out. Details of what's on during the Festival will be available nearer the time, so watch this space.

There will also be displays and demonstrations in multi-cultural arts, animation, video and film, hands on music, junk sculptures and projects young people will be working on over the summer.

If you have any weird, whacky, and creative ideas we may have a space for you, please contact Jonathan Lohn on Stevenage 353175 or drop in at Bowes Lyon House in St. Georges Way.

## STEVENAGE ARTSCAPE

*working with the community*

*For the Festival, Stevenage Artscape will be co-ordinating a series of free workshops for the local community. There will be workshops offered at venues suggested by local people themselves, as well as a residency in central Stevenage throughout the period of the Festival.*

*We will be working with local people and professional artists to produce lanterns for Stevenage Artscape's first Lantern Procession which will take place at dusk on the final Sunday of the Festival : 16 October*



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YOUR  
TICKETS  
NOW*

*From the Gordon Craig Theatre  
box office*

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Buy tickets for four different  
shows and save £1 off each*

*Concessions available.*



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