

1. The Society's programme for the 2025-26 season is as wide ranging as ever and attempts to both inform and entertain. It combines a broad spectrum of music with a variety of illustrated talks. The Society strives to maintain our traditional high standards of presentations and speakers.
2. As we are a Charity, we are keen to keep the price of the season ticket as low as possible for our members. One way that we do this is by encouraging sponsorship of individual presentations by local businesses, societies and individuals. The society would like to thank those who have done so in this season. Sponsorships are visible underneath each artist.
3. If you want to become a member of the society, please contact our membership secretary – Debbie Day – on 01255 421579, or email her at day797@btinternet.com If we cannot offer membership at once, we maintain a waiting list.
4. If you are not a member but wish to attend a presentation, admission costs on night (at the door) are £15 for adults and £5 for students. Cash only at the door please.

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MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7.30pm
6th OCTOBER 2025 TO
2nd MARCH 2026

THE PRINCES THEATRE
TOWN HALL, CLACTON-ON-SEA

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ADMISSION CHARGES

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6th OCTOBER 2025 – 2nd MARCH 2026

October 6th – Our season opens with an unforgettable performance from the **NATIONAL YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA** paying tribute to the iconic **BLUE NOTE REIMAGINED**. They are an 18-piece ensemble, with musicians aged between 18 and 25, performing a mixture of new and existing arrangements. Look forward to a thrilling opening evening.

Sponsored by THE SQN. LDR. HARTLEY EVENING.

October 13th – This evening, we are in the fascinating company of **FRANCES CHRISTIE**, presenting **THE VALUE OF ART**. An art specialist and advisor who spent more than 20 years at Sotheby's and who is now a regular on the Antiques Roadshow.

Sponsored by a long standing member of the Society.

October 20th – Having previously experienced the delights of **MOJO 1**, tonight we warmly welcome back **JEREMY SASSOON** with **MOJO 2** (Music of Jewish Origin). A regular at Ronnie Scotts, headlining at London's premier Jazz venues, internationally renowned singer-pianist, Jeremy will present a foot-stomping celebration with more of the most iconic musicians and songwriters of Jewish origin.

October 27th – This evening, we will be serenaded by a string trio **ENSEMBLE 360**. The company, established in 2005, takes its name from performing "in-the-round space" at Sheffield's Crucible Studio where the ethos is to "give audiences a 360° experience that goes beyond the traditions of classical concerts".

November 3rd – We extend a very warm welcome to **AN EVENING WITH HAMZA YASSIN**. The very talented wildlife cameraman writer photographer and regular presenter on Countryfile and Animal Park. His work has also been used by Sir David Attenborough. You could ask how he found time to squeeze in and win Strictly Come Dancing in 2022?

Sponsored by a long standing member of the Society.

November 10th – Join us for a thrilling musical evening with **ANTHONY STUART LLOYD** and **GEORGINA STALBOW** with their **A SPOONFUL OF JULIE**. "The 90th Birthday celebrations of Dame Julie Andrews" will take us on a captivating journey featuring classics from My Fair Lady, The Sound of Music, Mary Poppins and many more.

Sponsored in memory of Brian Stephens and Derek Geale.

November 17th – **POSTING LETTERS TO THE MOON**. Sit back and listen to the touching and amusing wartime letters between the actress Celia Johnson and her husband Peter Fleming read by their daughter **LUCY FLEMING** with **SIMON WILLIAMS**. Gyles Brandreth's review said "The show is funny, touching, revealing, evocative, beautifully constructed and played with an easy charm that I found totally captivating".

Sponsored by Eamonn and Sue Gray.

November 24th – To end the first half of the season we have a delightful evening of swing melodies performed by **MATT FORD AND TRIO**. Matt has sung with The Syd Lawrence Orchestra, BBC Big Band and many more, and tonight they present an **EVENING WITH COLE PORTER** and a few Christmas songs to ease us into a festive mood.

Sponsored by David and Anne Needham

Your Committee wish you a very Happy Christmas.

January 12th – The New Year starts with a wonderful return visit from the **LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA** showcasing the **HIGHLIGHTS OF CARMEN**. An illustrated talk on Carmen with a live highlight performance in costume, followed by a programme of arias and ensembles from Mozart, Rossini, Verdi, Puccini and Gilbert & Sullivan.

Sponsored by Michael and Julie Payne.

January 19th – This evening the very talented actress **LESLEY NICOL** presents **ON MY WAY TO THE ABBEY**. Not just Mrs Patmore of Downtown Abbey, her credits also include musicals Jesus Christ Superstar, Mamma Mia and TV dramas Mr Bates vs. The Post Office and Dinnerladies to name but a few. Settle in to enjoy a delightful evening.

Sponsored by Lesley Barlow, Clacton-On-Sea.

January 26th – Tonight, we warmly welcome back **PATRICK DENNEY** and his **TO FETCH A PAIL OF WATER**. An informative, and at times hilarious, look at water supply and privies through time. Be prepared to be surprised.

Sponsored by a long standing member of the Society.

February 2nd – This evening, we have a musical treat from the **FOUR D's GROUP**. From London's West End and world class cruise liners, quoted as "Four voices, one sensational sound, with effortless harmonies to take your breath away". We will have a night of two halves. A set from The Jersey Boys and then timeless hits from a wide variety of music.

February 9th – **PROFESSOR LUCY EASTHOPE** is a leading authority on emergency planning and disaster recovery. Having been called upon after every major disaster, including 9/11, the 7/7 bombings and the Covid-19 pandemic, tonight she presents her talk **"WHEN THE DUST SETTLES", A LIFE IN DISASTER**.

February 16th – Get your Stetson at the ready and celebrate Country music at its best with **COUNTRYFIED**. Having played around the world, look forward to an energetic, interactive, toe tapping night with songs from Dolly Parton, Jonny Cash, Shania Twain and many many more.

February 23rd – Tonight, we have an absolute delight. **SIR DEREK JACOBI IN CONVERSATION WITH RICHARD CLIFFORD**. With Sir Derek, a long-standing acclaimed screen icon and Richard an esteemed actor and producer, we can look forward to a wealth of stories and insight into their careers and history together.

Sponsored by Friends of Frinton Theatre.

March 2nd – To close out this season, a fabulous uplifting night with "7 singing cellists" appearing as **THE MASSIVE VIOLINS**. Look forward to unique arrangement of popular classics ranging from Elvis to Adele, taking in Queen, the Beach Boys, The Beatles and many more. (Described by a critic as "diabolically entertaining, having fun like a stampede of wild animals"). An evening most definitely not to be missed.

Sponsored by Kathryn Cavender.

April 13th – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Entertainment. **ROY TYZACK**, B.E.M. Retired murder squad officer with Metropolitan CID and Essex Police Major Investigation Team Officer, who will entertain us with **THE AMUSING SIDE OF POLICING IN THE 1970's**.

THE PROGRAMME, AS ALWAYS, IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES OUTSIDE THE SOCIETY'S CONTROL.