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## GIGS & COMEDY

**Tue 21st**

**HOBGOBLIN COMEDY AWARDS GONG SHOW** / Comedians battle to survive a performance / 8.30pm. £6, £4 / http://oxfringe.com / Duke's Cut, 1 Park End St

**PAUL JEFFRIES** / Live Jazz / Jazz Cellar At The Big Bang / 8pm. £15 (includes main meal), £10 / The Big Bang, 124 Walton Street, Oxford / 511441

**MEANING MACHINES** / Music sourced in the written word / 8pm / £8/6 / oxfordimprovisers.com / St Michael at the North Gate, City Church, Cornmarket St

**OPEN MIC** / 8pm - 11.30pm. Free. / jamstreettavern.com / www.jamstreettavern.com / 4 James Street Tavern, 47-48 James St

**JAM NITE** / All welcome / 8pm. Free / The Port Mahon, 82 St Clements

**HOWARD PEACOCK QUINTET** / Live jazz plus DJ's playing r'n'b, funk and soul / The Oxford Jazz Club / 9.30pm. Free / The Bullington Arms, 162 Cowley Road

**JAZZ JAM** / All welcome / Oxford University Jazz Society / 8.30pm. £4, £2 (students). Free for members / Copa, 9-13 George St

**MIDSUMMERS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA** / Our favourite acoustic acts / Free, 7.30pm / The Masons Arms (Headington Quarry), 2 Quarry School Place

**HAMMER & TONGUE SLAM FINAL** / Simon Munery + slam winners battle / £7/55 adv wdggettickets.com / 07906 885069 / Restore Cafe & Garden, Manzil Way

**Wed 22nd**

**BLUES WEDNESDAY** / Live classic & contemporary blues with Tony Batey & Friends / 9pm. Free / Cricketers Arms, 43 Ilfield Rd, (corner of Circus Street)

**COLUMBO OF MUMBO JUMBO** / Wednesday & Thursday / Comic exploration: the paranormal & parapsychology / 8pm, £8/7 wdggettickets.com / Copa, 9-13 George St

**NOISE NORT DOOR** / Wednesday & Thursday / UK's premier improv / 9.30pm. £8, £6 / oxfringe.com / Simpkins Live Theatre, Lady Margaret Hall, Northam Gardens

**LAUREN RUSK POEMS** / Prize-winning American poet reads work, supported by Stephen Yax / 7pm. Free / Friends' Meeting House, 43 St Giles

**OPEN MIC** / Hosted by Lee Davies / 8.30pm. Free / The Cape of Good Hope

**ASTEROX AND FRIENDS** / Prog/rock plus open jam / 8.30pm / Duke of Mouthmouth, 260 Abingdon Rd

**CABARET OF CURIOSITIES** / Poetry, electro-pop cabaret and chanson / 9.30pm. £6, £5 / Copa, 9-13 George Street

**LIVE JAZZ** / World class live jazz. Tim Laphorn (piano) & Tim Dawes (double bass). / 6.30 & 8.30pm. Free / The Old Paragon Hotel, 1 Barbary Rd

**SECRET RIVALS, PEELER'S PIRATES, KING OF CATS** / Indie pop / Haslejs Presents / 8.30pm. £3 / The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford

**RASCALS OF RHYTHM** / 8.30pm / The Lamb Inn, 59 Mill St, Wantage OX12 9AB

## COW-LEY ROAD EDITION

## GINEMA to Thu 25 Jun

**Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)**

**MAMMUTH [15]** Wed: 7.00pm

Retire (Gerard Depardieu) battles to obtain his pension.

**SUBMARINE [15]** Tue: 7.00pm; Thu: 9.00pm

Teenager's rich fantasy world collides with real life. Comedy-drama.

**LIFE, ABOVE ALL [12A]** Mon, Wed: 7.00pm

Young girl holds her family together in a South African township.

**HEARTBEATS [15 AMOURS IMAGINAIRES] [15]**

Youthful message-a-rous study. Tue: 10.10, 7.30pm

**Vue Cinema (0812 240 240)**

**THE GREEN LANTERN [12A]**

Wed: 12.50, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50, 11.30pm  
(3D)  
Mon & Tue: 12.50, 3.30pm; Thu: 12.50, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50pm

Jack Sparrow returns in a search for the fountain of youth. Subtitled Mon 5.30pm

**TEEN SCREENING: FAST AND FURIOUS 5 [12A]** Tue: 5.30pm

Men of racers try & clear their names before the police hunt them down.

**BAD TEACHER [15]** Wed: 1.00, 3.10, 5.20, 7.40, 9.50pm, 12.00am

Free mouthed Junior High School teacher attempts to be a colleague.

**HONEY 2 [PG]** Wed: 11.30am, 2.10, 4.50, 7.30, 10.10pm

Spirited young dancer rebuilds her life after a brush with the law.

**KUNG FU PANDA 2 [PG] (2D)** Mon & Tue: 11.30am, 2.10, 4.50, 7.30pm

The sequel: Po and his fellow masters must stop a villain who wants to take over China.

**X-MEN: FIRST CLASS [12A]** Mon & Tue: 11.40am, 12.40, 2.40, 3.40, 5.40, 6.40, 8.30, 9.30pm

Prequel to the X-Men trilogy, starring James McAvoy. Subtitled Sun 12.40, Tue 6.40pm

**THE HANGOVER PART 2 [15]** Fri: 12.20, 3.00, 5.30, 8.10, 9.20, 10.40, 11.40pm

Mon & Tue: 12.20, 3.00, 5.30, 8.10, 9.20pm; Wed: 12.20, 3.00, 5.30, 8.10, 9.20pm

Following the bachelor party farce, a pre-wedding bonfire goes seriously awry.

**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES [2D] [12A]** Mon & Tue: 12.10, 3.20, 6.20, 9.10pm

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**LIFE IN A DAY [12A]** Mon: 7.00pm

Documentary time capsule to show future generations what it was like on 24 July 2010.

**BRIDESMAIDS [15]** Tue: 8.00pm; Wed: 12.15, 3.20, 6.00, 8.40, 11.35pm

Anna is suddenly her best friend's Maid of Honour. Tue: 12.15, 3.20, 6.00, 8.40pm

**SENNA [12A]** Tue: 7.00pm

Lyrical, haunting portrait of charismatic Brazilian racing driver.

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**THOR (3D) [12A]** Mon - Tue: 8.20pm

Superhero film: warrior Thor is banished to earth.

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Men get superhero-style powers after he finds a green ring. Tue: 12.00pm

**SENIOR SCREEN: THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU [12A]** Wed: 10.50am

Matt Damon & Emily Blunt are pursued across New York by secret agents. Wed: 10.50am

**BRIDESMAIDS [15]** Tue: 2.20, 5.20, 8.20pm

Incompetent Anna is her best friend's Maid of Honour. Tue: 2.20, 5.20, 8.20pm

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Mel Gibson stars communicating through a beaver hand puppet. Subtitled Tue 1.30, Thu 8.40pm

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**Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 902 5736)**

**ANGELS OF EVIL [15]** Fri: 1.15pm; Tue: 3.45pm; Wed: 1.00pm

Crime drama based on the life of Milanese banker Roberto Calvi. Thu: 9.00pm

**KABOOM [15]** Mon: 3.45pm; Tue: 1.00, 3.00pm; Wed: 2.00, 9.00pm

Surreal film about the sexual awakening of some college students. Thu: 1.00pm

**POTICHE [15]** Mon, Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45pm

Story: trophy wife takes over her husband's business. French with English subtitles.

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Story of West Indian cricketers in the 70s & 80s with archive footage & classic music.

**GREEK FILM FESTIVAL: SHIRLEY VALENTINE [15]** Mon: 6.30pm

Put-upon housewife rediscovers freedom on a Greek island. Popular B&S classic.

**BIG SCREAM: POTICHE [15]** Wed: 11.30am

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**PICTUREHOUSE DOCS: COUNTDOWN TO ZERO** Thu: 6.30pm

Documentary film arguing we are closer to the use of nuclear weapons than we think.

**Music Faculty (276125)**

**FIVE ROBERT RAPPAPORT FILMS** Wed: 4.15pm

Featuring an original score by systems of the Faculty. Free admission.

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**TASTE OF THE TROPICS** / Caribbean cuisine, raise funds to aid sustainability / 12-4pm, from £3.50 - £5 / East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes St

**AN EVENING WITH FLORA THOMPSON** / An introduction to Flora Thompson by Martin Greenwood. / Cole's Bookroom / 7pm, £5 / 4 Crown Walk, Biester

**PATRICK GEDDES AND ECOLOGICAL TOWN PLANNING IN INDIA** / Chris Williams / 4th@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / www.ox.ac.uk/gm?id=20206 / All Souls College, High St, Oxford OX1 4AL; Tel: 01865 279719

**DAD PATTERSON SEMINAR** / Prof S Friedman: 'Maimonides' First Draft of the Mishne Torah - the Bodeleian Quire' / 8pm, Free / Yartnon Manor, Yartnon

**1ST ANNUAL ARTS & DEMENTIA CONFERENCE** / 10am-4pm (register 9.30am) / eminemence-grise.co.uk / Jacqueline Du Pre Music Building, St Hill's

**PROFLOU TAYLOR** / Lecture: Material Culture Meanings of the Indian Chintz worn in 'Richard' / 5.45pm, £2 / Pauling Centre for Human Sciences, 58 Banbury Rd

**YASHIN ALIBAI-BROWN** / The Denial of Mental Illness in the 21st Century. / 5.45-6.45pm, £5 / oxfordshire-mind.org.uk / The Mill, 46 Cowley Rd

**THERMOMIC DEMONSTRATION & LUNCH** / + O&A and 3 course lunch / 10.30am, £30 / Fallowfields Country House Hotel, Faringdon Rd, Southmore

**HAND PAIN-FREE TALKS** / 7.15-8.15pm / Wellbeing Clinic, 1 Windmill Rd, Headington

**HOW FAITH CAN RESTORE COMMUNITY** / Maurice Glasman (Blue Labour) & John Milbank (Radical Orthodox) / 7.30pm. Free. / St Mary the Virgin, High St

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**Oxford Playhouse (305305)**

**COMMUNICATING DOORS** Mon 20th - Wed 22nd, Fri 24th: 7.30pm

Alan Ayckbourn comedy thriller. £15.50 - £22.50. Thu 23rd, Sat 25th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm

**New Theatre (0844 8471585)**

**DANNY BHOY** Tue 21st: 8pm

Limited 10-date tour of the UK. Personal storytelling, razor sharp wit, relaxed style. £16

**JONATHAN ANSELL & FRIENDS** Fri 24th: 7.30pm

Former 6-foot man and international recording star. £25.50 - £39.50

**Simpkins Live Theatre, Lady Margaret Hall**

**TIMOTHY MANN'S SPACE** Wed 22nd - Sat 25th: 6.30pm

HIGHLY INTERACTIVE, physical one-man show. £7 (£5)

**SEIZE THE DAY: 2 PLAYS** Thu 23rd, Sat 25th: 8.00pm

2 plays about people who never thought they could. £8 (£6 each if you book together)

**Merton College Fellows' Lawn**

**LA DAMA BOBA** Wed 22nd - Sat 25th: 7pm

Comedy, Spanish princesses, one wise, one beautiful & foolish. Seating only. £7.50 (£4.50)

**Pegasus Theatre (812150)**

**WIZARD OF OZ** Thu 23rd - Sat 25th: 8pm

Adaptation of Frank Baum's famous story by drama students at the OCVL £7 (£5)

**Garsington Opera (368201)**

**IL TURCO IN ITALIA** Fri 24th: 6.20pm

Rossini directed by Martin Dunlop. £90 - £155

**LA VERITA IN CIMENTO** Thu 23rd, Sat 25th: 6.10pm

Verdi's tale of truth next to the test. £90 - £155

**THE MAGIC FLUTE** Tue 21st: 6.10pm

Mozart, & Jeremy Sams' translation of Emanuel Schikaneder's libretto. £90 - £155.

**Oxford University Press**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Tue 21st - Fri 24th: 7pm

Top & cucumber sandwiches supplied. 910 handbag. £10. Sat 25th: 3.30pm, 7pm

**North Wall Arts Centre (319450)**

**THE ZIGGURAT BUILDERS** Sat 25th: 8pm

New sound source for voice, 'ud and cello. £10 (£7).

**Rewley House (270360)**

**PHILOSOPHY AND DEMENTIA** Sat 25th: 7pm

Interviewing Marianne Talbot, author of 'Keeping Mum: Caring for Someone with Dementia'. Free

**Oxford Castle (201657)**

**MR ALEXANDER'S TRAVELLING SHOW** Sat 25th: 10am-4pm

Traditional open air variety show: magic, juggling, acrobatics, balance & illusion. Free

**Cornerstone Arts Ctr. (01235 515444)**

**THE DETECTIVE SHOW** Sat 25th: 7.30pm

A murder. No body, no weapon, no motive, one suspect with memory loss. £14-£11.50

**Jam Factory (244613)**

**STORIES AND SECRETS** Wed 22nd & Thu 23rd: 6.30pm

Story-telling & secrets from prize-winning poets & authors. £5

**UNCOUPLED** Fri 24th & Sat 25th: 8pm

Suzanne recounts the bitter-sweet story of her marriage. £7 (£5)

**GIBB RISHES SONGOLOGUE** Fri 24th & Sat 25th: 6.30pm

Cowen's many voices assume the role of the traditional down pipe, in the Baller Room. £7 (£5)

**Oxfringe @ Copa, George Street**

**JUBILATE!** Wed 22nd & Thu 23rd: 6.30pm

Anna, the vicar's wife, is perfect and she loves to help those less fortunate. £7 (£5)

**THE MAHARAJAH AND THE KOHINOOR** Fri 24th & Sat 25th: 6.30pm

True tale of how the Kohinoor diamond came to be part of the British crown. £9 (£5)

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## Majestic Movin' Melvin

Copa, Wed 15th - Sat June 18th

Majestic Movin' Melvin arrived dressed in a sharp red, natty waistcoat, braces and tails, slowly making his way on stage, crooning a soul classic, his metal-soled tap shoes gently creating a rhythmic accompaniment to an otherwise a cappella performance.

Thus was our introduction to an evening of gospel, soul, blues, doo-wap, rock and roll, jazz, pop and funk favourites, delivered like accents and embellishments to define the sounds of an era, and the high- and lowlights of the storyteller's life, spanning over 65 years.

Right from that first song it was clear that the voice and the moves would keep us smiling from start to finish, and hot on its heels Melvin launched into one of the Gospel songs he had cut his singing teeth on as a child, forced to church every Sunday. With each song, showcasing the best talents around at the time, Melvin did a superb job of recreating the mood of the era, and in most cases, a pretty fine imitation of the original performer. Singing isn't Melvin's only talent by any means. We were treated to some fantastic footwork, and more, from this nimble sixty-six

The one man show was indeed magic, but I spent the evening wishing that Melvin had the band or the backing singers, or the dance troupe there to support him. Not because he needed them in any way to enhance his performance - but because I felt he deserved them!

- Liz Buckle

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