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Sat 30th January - Mon 1st February 2010 (2nd week)

WHAT'S ON / COMING SOON

Schubert Ensemble
William Howard (piano), Simon Blendis (violin), Jane Salmon (cello), Douglas Paterson (viola)
Mozart G minor Piano Quartet
Chausson Piano Quartet in A
Oxford Coffee Concerts — Tickets: Playhouse 01865 305305 / 07518 479062
Holywell Music Room
www.coffeeconcerts.com **Sun 31 Jan, 11.15am**

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❤*Sufi burlesque from THE NAKED MYSTIC*
❤*jazz-folk and beatboxing from NORPSTAR*
❤*special Valentine's TREATS* ❤ *DANCING*
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Valentine's competitions **2010**
Daily Info has a veritable cornucopia of treats for you to win this Valentine's, namely:
- Breakfast, lunch or dinner for two at The Big Bang, Jericho
- Lunch or dinner for two at the Magdalen Arms, Iffley Rd
- Dinner for two at Fallowfields Country House, Southmoor
- Champagne Afternoon Tea for two at the Orangery, Blenheim Palace
- 3 pairs of tickets to Pasion De Buena Vista at the New Theatre
- Evening cycle rickshaw ride with bubbly for two from Oxoncarts
- 2 tickets to Queen of Clubs Valentine's Cabaret at the Bullingdon

Plus: **Valentine's Announcements** - pledge your love in print and online!
www.dailyinfo.co.uk/whatson/valentine_2010.html
These competitions close at noon on Tue 9th Feb. Winners will be contacted shortly afterwards.

CINEMA to Thu 4th

Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)
ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL [U] daily: 1.40, 4.10pm; *plus* Sat, Sun: 11.15am, 6.30pm
Little furry singers contend with school, stardom and lady chipmunks.
ASTRO BOY [PG] Sat, Sun: 10.05am, 12.15, 2.20, 4.40, 7.00pm
Robot child superhero battles aliens!
AVATAR 3D [12A] ✍ daily: 12.30, 4.00, 7.30pm
James Cameron's latest and greatest blockbuster. *plus* Fri, Sat, Wed: 11.10pm
THE BOOK OF ELI [15] daily: 12.00, 2.30, 5.20, 8.15pm
Lone man protects knowledge to save humanity. *plus* Fri, Sat, Wed: 11.00pm
BROTHERS [15] Fri, Wed: 6.30, 8.45, 11.20pm; Sat: 8.45, 11.20pm Sun: 8.45pm; Mon, Tue, Thu: 6.30, 8.45pm
Brother-in-law comforts the wife of a US Marine presumed dead.
DAYBREAKERS [15] Fri, Wed: 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30, 11.55pm Sat: 2.00, 4.30, 9.30, 11.55pm; Sun: 2.00, 4.30, 9.30pm
Vampires rule in the year 2019. Mon, Tue, Thu: 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30pm
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? [PG] daily: 1.50, 6.50pm
An estranged couple are relocated to small-town Wyoming after witnessing a murder.
EDGE OF DARKNESS [15] daily: 12.50, 3.30, 6.10, 9.00pm
Policeman uncovers government conspiracy. *plus* Fri, Sat, Wed: 11.50pm
IT'S COMPLICATED [15] ✍ daily: 2.15, 5.10, 8.00pm
Divorcée has an affair with her ex-husband. *plus* Fri, Sat, Wed: 11.45pm
KIDS AM: ICE AGE 3: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS [U] ✍
Further adventures, this time with dinosaurs! Sat, Sun: 10.30am
PLANET 51 [U] Sat, Sun: 10.10am, 12.10pm
Aliens worry about a visiting astronaut...
SEX & DRUGS & ROCK & ROLL [15] ✍ daily: 4.20, 9.20pm
Biopic of Ian Dury. *plus* Fri, Sat, Wed: 12 midnight
SHERLOCK HOLMES [12A] ✍ daily: 2.40, 5.30, 8.30pm
Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law star. *plus* Fri, Sat, Wed: 11.40pm
ST TRINIAN'S 2: THE LEGEND OF FRITTON'S GOLD [PG] ✍
Unruly girls hunt for pirate treasure. daily: 12.20pm; *plus* Sat, Sun: 10.00am
TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON [12A] ✍ Sat, Sun: 11.00am
Second instalment of the teen vampire phenomenon.
UP IN THE AIR [15] ✍ daily: 1.00, 3.40, 6.20, 9.10pm *plus* Fri, Sat, Wed: 11.45pm; *plus* Sat, Sun: 10.20am
High-flyer is brought back down to earth. *Subtitled: Sun 3.40pm, Tue 6.20pm*

Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 704 2062)
BIG SCREAM: PRECIOUS [15] Wed: 11.30am
Abused girl finds empowerment. *Exclusive screening for parents with babies under one.*
I'M GONNA EXPLODE [15] Fri, Tue, Wed: 2.30pm; Sun: 11.30am Mon: 6.15pm; Thu: 6.20pm
Two alienated teenagers take off together. *Spanish with English subtitles.*
KIDS' CLUB: BEE MOVIE [U] ✍ Sat: 1.30pm
A bee sues the human race for honey theft. Activites beforehand at 12.45pm.
Adults must be accompanied by a child; children under 8 must bring an adult!
PRECIOUS [15] Fri, Sun - Tue, Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm Sat: 3.30, 6.30, 9.00pm; Wed: 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm
Abused girl struggles towards self-empowerment.
A PROPHET [18] ✍ Fri, Tue, Wed: 5.15, 8.30pm; Sat: 5.45, 8.45pm Sun: 2.00, 5.15, 8.30pm; Mon: 2.30, 8.30pm; Thu: 12.15, 3.15, 8.30pm
Young inmate builds a following behind bars. *French with English subtitles.*

Ultimate Picture Palace (01865 245288)
THE HURT LOCKER [15] ✍ Fri, Sat: 9.30pm; Sun: 6.00pm
Bomb squad get new rogue leader. Tue: 9.00pm; Wed: 2.30pm; Thu: 9.15pm
NINE [12A] ✍ Fri, Sat, Thu: 7.00pm; Sun, Mon, Wed: 8.30pm
Musical. Film director enters creative and romantic freefall. Tue: 6.30pm
TULPAN [12A] Sat: 5.00pm; Sun: 4.00pm; Mon, Wed: 6.30pm
Discharged Kazakh sailor has to marry to secure the ranch of his dreams.

Odeon George Street (0871 2244 007)
ASTRO BOY [PG] Sat, Sun: 11.15am, 1.15, 3.45pm
Robot child superhero battles aliens!
AVATAR 3D [12A] ✍ Fri, Sat: 3.15, 7.00, 10.40pm
Officially the highest grossing film of all time. Sun - Thu: 4.00, 7.45pm
AVATAR 2D [12A] ✍ Sat, Sun: 12.00pm
What occurs if you put *Aliens*, *The Matrix* and *Dances with Wolves* in a box and shake it.
DAYBREAKERS [15] Fri, Sat: 11.00pm
Vampires rule in the year 2019.
IT'S COMPLICATED [15] ✍ daily: 1.45, 4.45, 8.00pm
Divorcée has an affair with her ex-husband.
NINE [12A] ✍ daily: 6.00pm
Musical. Film director enters creative and romantic freefall.
THE ROAD [15] ✍ daily: 3.30, 6.15, 9.00pm
Father and son cross post-apocalyptic America.
SENIOR SCREEN: 2012 [12A] ✍ Wed: 10.45am
Mayan-inspired apocalypse movie.
SEX & DRUGS & ROCK & ROLL [15] ✍
Biopic of Ian Dury. Fri, Mon - Thu: 3.15, 8.45pm; Sat, Sun: 8.45pm
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Unruly girls hunt for pirate treasure. Sat: 12.45pm; Sun: 11.45am
TOY STORY 2 3D [U] Fri: 1.00pm; Sat: 11.00am, 1.00pm
Disney/Pixar classic re-rendered. Sun: 11.30am, 1.30pm; Mon - Thu: 1.30pm
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High-flyer is brought back down to earth. *Subtitled: Fri 3.45, Sun 5.30, Tue 8.15pm*

Odeon Magdalen Street (0871 2244 007)
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Brother-in-law comforts the wife of a US Marine presumed dead.
EDGE OF DARKNESS [15] daily: 2.30, 5.45, 8.30pm
Policeman investigating daughter's death uncovers government conspiracy.
DIRECTOR'S CHAIR: FISH TANK [15] ✍ Tue: 8.45pm
A girl's life is turned upside-down by mum's new boyfriend.

Saskatchewan Room, Exeter College
OIS CINEMA OF INDIA SERIES Fri: 7pm
Shwaas (Breath) *Marathi with English subtitles*

Pitt Rivers Museum (01865 270927)
IMAGINED WORLDS Wed: 2.00pm; free
This presentation explores the use of videos exchanged between two communities, Tlaxcala, Mexico and its diaspora in the United States in 2006, through the film 'Tiempo de Vals'. Followed by discussion led by Rebecca Savage, MA Visual Anthropology

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THEATRE to Sat 6th

New Theatre (0844 8471585)
SNOW WHITE ON ICE ✍ Fri 29th: 7.30pm; Sat 30th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm; Sun 31st: 1.30pm
World-renowned Russian Ice Stars bring glamour, glitz and colour. *£12.50-£26.50*
ABBA MANIA Fri 5th: 7.30pm
Join in and enjoy all of your favourites. *£17.50/£19.50*
LEE MACK - GOING OUT Sat 6th: 8pm
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Oxford Playhouse (01865 305305)
WAR POETS Fri 29th: 5pm
The finest British war poetry of the last 500 years accompanied by live music. *£11/£6*
THE MAGIC TOYSHOP ✍ Fri 29th: 8pm; Sat 30th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm
Ox. Uni. student company presents vibrant adaptation of Angela Carter. *£14/£11/£9*
MEDEA
Tue 2nd, Wed 3rd: 7.30pm; Thu 4th, Sat 6th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm; Fri 5th: 8pm
Poet Tom Paulin's new version of Euripides' Greek tragedy + post-show talk. *£11-£22*

OFS Studio (0844 847 2360)
GOING DOWN ✍ Fri 29th, Sat 30th: 8pm
As six people descend in a lift, they must confront dark secrets from their pasts. *£9 (£7)*
EQUUS Tue 2nd - Fri 5th: 7.30pm; Sat 6th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm
This dark tale examines the conflict between personal values and institutions. *£9 (£7)*

Burton Taylor Studio (01865 305305)
FAR AWAY ✍ Fri 29th & Sat 30th: 7.30pm
The cats are on the side the French; the elephants work with the Koreans now. *£5(£4)*
SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME Tue 2nd - Sat 6th: 7.30pm
Three hostages in a mid-80s Lebanese prison cell battle to stay sane and alive. *£5(£4)*
RHINOCEROS Tue 2nd - Sat 6th: 9.30pm
A whole community begins to morph into pachyderms. *£5(£4)*

O'Reilly Theatre, Keble College
MACBETH Tue 2nd - Fri 5th: 7.30pm; Sat 6th: 2.30pm, 8pm
Innovative and unsettling tale of power, betrayal and murder. *£7/£5*

North Wall Arts Centre (01865 319450)
JO CAULFIELD... WON'T SHUT UP! Fri 29th: 8pm
'Sharp-witted, urban comedy that goes down a treat' - The Times *£14/£12*

Kennington Village Centre
DICK WHITTINGTON Fri 29th: 7.30pm; Sat 30th: 2pm, 7.30pm
Will our hero Dick save the day & become Lord Mayor? Panto fun for all. *£8 (£5.50)*

Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon
I'LL GET MY MAN Fri 29th: 7.30pm; Sat 30th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm
A lonely parson, a TV star, a rock-chick, a merry widow and a Bishop... *£6-£8*

Elsfield Village Room (01865 559685)
THE FISHERMAN - PUPPET SHOW Sat 6th: 3pm
Ancient tale that will delight children. Tickets must be booked in advance. *£7 (£5)*

Cornerstone, Didcot (01235 515144)
AN EVENING OF TALENT! Sat 6th: 7.30pm
Acts showcasing talent from Didcot, Wallingford and Thame. *£12 (£10.50 concs)*

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MEETINGS & LECTURES

Sun 31st
NOT-FOR-PROFIT BIKE CLINIC / Repair bicycles together / 10am-1pm, donation+spare parts / 01865 512860 / Wolvercote Primary School, First Turn
BICYCLE RIDE / Ride into scenic Oxfordshire countryside / Oxford City CTC / 9.30am from Campus Stores, Broad Street, free / www.oxonctc.org.uk

Mon 1st
THE COMPOSER SPEAKS! / Gary Carpenter: composer, arranger, orchestrator / 5.30pm, free / 01865 276133 / Denis Arnold Hall, Faculty of Music, St Aldates
ROSE HILL READ/SWAP LIBRARY / Take new books away, bring books you've finished. / 2-4.30pm, free / Rose Hill Community Centre, The Oval
THAMES VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION / Get together to stop climate change / 7pm, free / http://tvca.ox4.org / East Oxford Community Centre, Princes St
AGEING / The social, biological and ethical implications for an ageing society. / 6pm, free / emily.davis@sbs.ox.ac.uk / Saïd Business School, Park End St
WORDS OF PEACE / Prem Pal Rawat / 6pm, free / http://wordsofpeace.net / 01865 311718 / East Oxford Community Centre, Princes Street
POETRY AND STORY TELLING / Contributions from the floor; music from Ian Trinder / 8pm, free / 07950 491511 / The Gardeners Arms, Plantation Road
ASTRONOMY FOR ALL / 'Impact Earth – the threat of asteroid collision' / 6pm, free (age 13+) / 01865 282447 / Green Templeton Coll., Woodstock Rd

GIGS & COMEDY

Sat 30th
ALEX & NEIL / Live music & party atmosphere! / 8.30pm, free / 01865 260210 / The Living Room, 1 Oxford Castle, New Road, Oxford
OLA ONABULE FIVE-PIECE / A blend of soul, jazz, and West African music / 8pm, £14/£12.50/£11.50 / www.cornerstone-arts.org / 01235 515144 / Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot, OX11 7NE
PARALLEL BLONDIE / 9pm, free / 01235 522556 / Crown & Thistle, Abingdon
DENNY ILETT JR / Local guitarist Hendrix tribute / Port Mahon, St Clements
CODY / Covers / 9pm, free / The Royal Standard, London Road, Headington
VIENNA DITTO + 1877 + SMALL MACHINE / 8pm, £4.50 (cheaper in advance) / gappytooth.com / 01865 327395 / The Wheatsheaf, 120 High St
COMEDY NIGHT / 8pm, £5 / 07788 645989 / Didcot Labour Club, 89 Station Rd
ELEPHANTS, STAGECOACH, UTE / 8pm, £5 / The Cellar, Frewin Court
WINTER CEILIDH (BARN DANCE) / MoonDance Ceilidh Band, caller Roger Watson; licensed bar, real ale / White Horse Ceilidhs / 8pm, £6 adults, £3 u16s / whitehorseceilidhs.org.uk / 07855 548512 / Grove Village Hall, nr Wantage
REQUESTER AT THE CHESTER! / Warm atmosphere+DJ with a www.orld of music / From the creators of Mishmash / 8pm, free / Chester Arms, Chester St

Sun 31st
JAZZ TRUMPET CLASSICS / 5pm / Quod, 92-94 High St, Oxford; 01865 202505
OPEN MIC NIGHT / Come and have a go if you think you're good enough / 8.30pm, free / 01865 553549 / The Old Bookbinder's Arms, Victor Street
BRIGITTE BERAHA / Jazz vocalist accompanied by Tim Lapthorn (keys) & Tim Dawes (double bass) / 8pm / Gee's, 61 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PE
JAZZ SUNDAY / Top bebop licks, tea, cocktails, food and lounging around. / 5-8pm, free / 01865 793857 / Café Coco (Royal Oxford Hotel), Park End Street
IGLU & HARTLY, NEW POLITICS, RIOT PARK / Academy Events Presents / 7pm, £8 / 0844 477 2000 / 02 Academy, Cowley Road, Oxford
MALMAISON SEMI-ACOUSTIC / Scotty Gordon Band, Matthew Kilford and Hearts In Pencil / 5pm, free / 07939 592732 / Malmaison, Oxford Castle, New Rd

Mon 1st
ACOUSTIC NIGHT / Open mic / 8.30pm, free / The Corridor, 119 Cowley Road
JEFF, MATTY & FRIENDS / A great jam session of melodic jazz / 9pm, free / 01865 762372 / Ampleforth Arms, 53 Collinwood Road, Risinghurst, Oxford
THE OXFORD IMPS / 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?' style improvised comedy / 8pm, £3.50 / oxfordimps.com / 07985 922753 / The Wheatsheaf, High St
CARL DONNELLY / Comedy night; free beer, wine or soft drink with every ticket / 8pm, £5-£7 / The Cellar, Frewin Court, off Cornmarket St
PETE BOSS & THE BLUEHEARTS / The Famous Monday Blues / 9pm, £10 / www.famousmondayblues.co.uk / The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford

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THEATRE REVIEW

Snow White On Ice

New Theatre, Oxford: Fri 29th – Sun 31st January

Awesome, thrilling, spectacular, and very very beautiful. This was my first ice-dance and I didn't quite know what to expect, but I think I was expecting something lower-budget in all respects than this gorgeously realised and Olympian-standard production. Ice-dance in Russia at any rate, does not bear any relationship to Mr Disney's excellent products; it is in fact very similar to ballet, only much, much faster. One of my companions dazzled me with technical terms that I didn't entirely understand such as triple-axles and double-lutzes etc., but the bottom line is, the Russian Ice Stars can do pretty much everything that Olympic medallists can do, only in a far more confined space. I confess I would have been very nervous if I were sitting in the front row.

The effect is to make one gasp and stretch one's eyes, particularly on those occasions when the handsome prince held Snow White above his head with one arm and spun round very fast, or actually threw her in a graceful, soaring arc across the stage, and she landed perfectly *on one foot, skating backwards.* Why wasn't her ankle shattered into thirty tiny delicate pieces? And how, after spinning on the spot so fast that he become a blur for say fifty or sixty rotations, did Toppa the Crow not fall over afterwards? He can't possibly be doing that thing of whipping his head round that enables ballerinas to pirouette endlessly, because no human can move that fast.

Well, these are mysteries that only skating fans can explain. But what is very clear is that these are people who have dedicated their lives to this art – they are not people who didn't get into ballet school – and now they have pretty much got it down. They are also stunners, in a wide-cheek-boned, Slavic way, particularly Irina Tkachuk, who was Snow White, Svetlana Kuprina who was *awesome* as the wicked Queen, and Ekaterina Murugova who was Fua the goose (love those Russian names) and even more so Valdis Mintals (the Prince), Alexei Kozlov (Toppa the Crow), and Sergei Smirnov (Gras the Goose).

You will see from these character names that this isn't quite the same version of *Snow White* that we have grown up with, and indeed she stays in the forest with the Seven Woodcutters rather than the Seven Dwarfs – if there was one thing I wished for more of, it was information in the programme about the production itself - where did the story come from, how did the ice-dance version develop? I'd also quite like to know how they make the stage of the New Theatre into an ice rink. A composer and a choreographer are featured, so from this I suppose that the music and the choreography are original, and if so they are in themselves an awesome achievement. The costumes were exquisite.

The whole production was a magnificent vehicle for displaying the virtuosity of the dancers, and the dance was a superb vehicle for telling the story. As with ballet, and silent movies, the dancers have to be able to express their reactions with their faces, and here again they triumphed, inhabiting their characters and engaging the audience's sympathy. I didn't quite understand what happened to the wicked Queen in the end; she seemed to do a dance of dazzling viciousness and spite, and then lay down and died. Here again the programme notes left something to be desired.

But this is a mere quibble. All in all, absolutely first-rate, and highly recommended.

Andrea Hopkins, 29/01/10