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October December

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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to The Atkinson's winter guide.

As the festive season is fast approaching, we are so excited to bring another magical family pantomime to Southport, Aladdin! (8–31 Dec). Starring TV and film sensation Pasty Kensit, you can expect great singalong songs, dazzling dance routines and comedy in abundance. If you ask your genie for just one wish this year, make it a trip to see Aladdin!

The family fun does not stop there! We ask if there is Room On The Broom (11–12 Nov) for everyone in a fun-filled adaptation of the best-selling picture book. Rapunzel (25 Oct) and I Spy With My Little Eye (26 Oct) are great introductions to live theatre for little ones and make a fabulous family day out.

We look forward to welcoming the stage show of Helen Forrester's million-selling autobiography, Twopence To Cross The Mersey (1–4 Nov). Telling the story of a local woman's brutal childhood during the early 1930's in the midst of the Great Depression. This brand new production is not to be missed. Theatre at its finest right here in Southport.

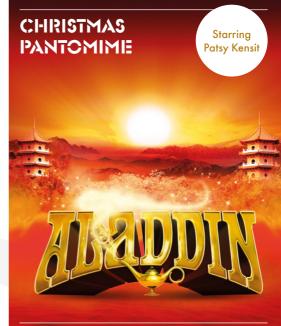
Music fans rejoice as Abbamania (28 Oct), GO NOW! The Music of The Moody Blues (17 Nov), and The Ultimate Boyband Party Show (26 Nov) will have you dancing in the aisles and singing at the top of your lungs.

Tickle your funny bone with Hal Cruttenden: It's Best You Hear It From Me (Fri 18 Nov). The fickle finger of fate has turned the Live at the Apollo star's life upside down, but he is sticking a finger right back at it.

In our galleries, guest curator Nahem Shoa reflects on our desire to create self-portraits in Unselfish Selfie (from 8 Oct). Our free lunchtime talk Why do artists paint themselves? (9 Nov) delves deeper into that question. Check our listings for more upcoming talks from expert guest speakers across the season.

Did you know that November marks the hundredth anniversary of Howard Carter opening the tomb of Tutankhamun? To mark the occasion we are hosting a variety of events in our Egyptology museum. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

With all this and so much more, we hope you find something to enjoy, and we look forward to welcoming you back to The Atkinson.



Thu 8 Dec – Sat 31 Dec, Times Vary
Beat the queue and pre-order your Aladdin
Show Programme (£3.50) and Kids Panto Packs
(£8 includes a light-up toy and refreshments).

THEATRE

PULSE RECORDS LTD in association with BILL ELMS presents





Tue 1 Nov, 7.30pm Wed 2 Nov, 2.30pm & 7.30pm Thu 3 Nov, 2.30pm & 7.30pm Fri 4 Nov, 7.30pm



MUSEUM



Free Entry

Between Land & Sea

In our local history museum explore the history of Sefton from hunter-gatherer footprints to Dan Dare Pilot of the Future. Bring artefacts to life by scanning the QR codes in the museum with your phone, send a digital postcard from Sunny Southport and take a selfie in a historic costume from our dressing up wall.

Discover Ancient Egypt

The stunning Egyptology museum takes visitors on a journey through life in ancient Egypt at the time of the Pharaohs, showcasing Anne Goodison's personal collection in an interactive display. Mrs Goodison was one of a handful of wealthy Victorian ladies in the North West who were fascinated by Ancient Egypt.

EXHIBITIONS



The Poetry of Trees 4 June 2022 - 11 March 2023

Trees have inspired artists and writers for millennia. A range of artistic perspectives help us reconnect with the natural world, through painting, sculpture, and digital artworks.

Barnum in the Blood: Six Generations, One Passion

25 June - 17 December 2022

Discover the story of the 6th generation showman behind Southport's historic Pleasureland. From a young age Norman Wallis worked on his father's rides and his grandfather was known as The Seaforth Barnum.

Southport's Victorian Visitors

2 July - 17 December 2022

What have P.T.Barnum, Arthur Conan Doyle and Sigmund Freud got in common? It might surprise you to discover that the answer is Southport! Curated by Michelle Caldwell.

The Landing: The Palette Club Invitation Exhibition

17 September - 26 November 2022

The Atkinson's longstanding partners Southport Palette Club present their fourth invitation exhibition showcasing Sefton artists. Artworks are available to purchase.

The Foyer: Protest of Identity

1 - 29 October 2022

The Atkinson and Open Eye Gallery have worked with New Beginnings youth group and artists Ocean Farini and Sally Gilford, to collaborate on a new project exploring fashion and identity.

Unselfish Selfie

8 October 2022 - 4 March 2023

Guest curator and artist Nahem Shoa presents historic self-portraits alongside contemporary self-portraits by artists who traditionally have not been given an equal voice and remained largely invisible.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Get involved

The Landing: Southport's Streets Open Exhibition

Submission deadline: 1 November 2022 Exhibition: 3 December 2022 – 3 February 2023

Submit your artwork of Southport's streets and buildings for an open exhibition celebrating our Townscape Heritage. Download submission guidelines from our website.



HELPFUL INFO

Opening Hours

Box Office

Monday – Saturday 10am – 2pm

(Open one hour before performance start times)

Museum, Gallery & Shop

Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

A Great Little Place Café

Monday - Friday 10am - 4.30pm Saturday 10am - 3.30pm

Southport Library

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The Atkinson is closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Please check opening hours before visiting.

General Information

Booking fees apply to purchases made online and over the phone. The Atkinson's refund policy is available online and at Box Office. All information is correct at the time of printing.



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Accessibility



Wheelchair spaces are available, please call the Box Office on 01704 533 333



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Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas of the venue



Lift access to all areas of the venue



Induction Loop available for any space in the venue

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October 2022

Cake & Classical Four Hands, One Piano Mon 3 Oct, 1pm, £13

John Gough and Tom Kimmance return with another great programme, cosily sharing one piano without even a cross word! Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake.

Ancient Worlds Evening Talk

Wed 05 Oct, 7pm, £5 / Free to Members A brilliant way to delve deeper into our exhibitions programme. The talks are delivered by a wide range

Grateful Fred's

Americana & Roots Music

of experts and offer insight into their field.

Wed 5 Oct, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors Grateful Fred's have been pioneering Americana and Roots music in Formby, Southport and Liverpool since 2010 and during that time have presented some of the best US, Canadian and World artists.

National Poetry Day Poetry Of Trees

Thu 6 Oct, 6.30pm, £5

A special event to celebrate National Poetry Day. Gillian Floyd & Gina Riley will be delivering their poetry inspired by trees and nature in our galleries. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake.

Object Of The Month

Pleasureland:

Building for the future, not the past

Wed 12 Oct, 1pm, Free, drop in event, donations welcome Pleasureland's CEO Norman Wallis joins us to provide a short history of the park, outlining the journey he has been on to develop the site since taking ownership in 2007. The best is yet to come!

A Way With Media Productions

Marti Pellow: Pellow Talk

OUT Thu 13 Oct, 7.30pm, £30 / £45 VIP / £75 VIP Me Join us for an evening with Marti Pellow, lead singer of Scottish pop group Wet Wet Wet, acclaimed solo artist and respected actor in musical theatre.



Strictly Theatre Co

Vincent Simone: Tango Passions Fri 14 Oct, 7.30pm, VIP Meet & Greet: £75 /

Zone 1: £36 / Zone 2: £34

Argentine Tango King and Strictly Come Dancing legend, Vincent Simone, returns to the stage with his brand new show. A sexy, steamy, passionate night not to be missed!

Prestige Productions Ltd

Carole: The Music of Carole King Sat 15 Oct, 7.30pm, £24.50

An incredibly talented cast will have you dancing in the aisles as they take you on a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Featuring songs from the Carole King Songbook alongside some of the greatest songwriting partnerships of the 50s and 60s.



Ned Boultina: Retour De Ned

Fri 21 Oct, 7.30pm, £25

After a year away from the front line, ITV's Tour de France commentator Ned Boulting returns with a fresh assault on our cycling senses. A must see for sports fans everywhere! Going Live Productions

Endless Love The Story Sat 22 Oct, 7.30pm, £25

Packed with Motown classics and timeless smash hits such as 'I'm Coming Out', 'Dancing On The Ceiling', 'Upside Down', 'Say You Say Me', 'Chain Reaction' and more, this show is guaranteed to get you on your feet!

Scott Ritchie Productions

Rapunzel

Tue 25 Oct, 2pm, £15 / £13 Under 16 / £52 Family Ticket, Age 5+

With a wicked witch, a feisty heroine, a tap dancing horse and a host of adventures, Rapunzel promises to be a vibrant take on a much loved story. Meet the characters after the show.

The People's Theatre Company

I Spy With My Little Eye Wed 26 Oct 2.30pm, £11 adult / £9 child, Age 2+

loin us for what promises to be a truly magical day of fun and laughter. Complete with an amazing birthday treasure hunt, all your favourite sing along songs and lots of interactive games for the little ones.



Chimes International Entertainments Ltd

Abbamania

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Fri 28 Oct, 7.30pm, £25

Europe's leading ABBA Tribute continue to entertain audiences with their outstanding vocals and musical performance live on stage. So dust off your platforms, put on your flares and come along and enjoy an unforgettable night.

Construction Club

Sat 29 Oct, 10.30am - 12.30pm, Free, drop in event, donations welcome, All Ages

Young inventors, creators and builders are invited to drop in and play with our massive supply of LEGO. Join us and let your imagination run wild! Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.

Selective Agency

China Crisis Sat 29 Oct, 8.30pm, £23

The Merseyside band, with their exquisitely melancholy post-punk sound, return to The Atkinson with singer Gary Daly and guitarist Eddie Lundon.

November 2022

Pulse Records Limited in association with Bill Elms

Helen Forrester's

Twopence to Cross the Mersey Tue 1 Nov, 7.30pm, Wed 2 Nov, 2.30pm & 7.30pm,

Thu 3 Nov, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Fri 4 Nov, 7.30pm, £23.50

Adapted from Helen Forrester's million-selling autobiography, Twopence To Cross The Mersey is a stunning period drama set in the early 1930's in the midst of the Great Depression. This emotional and powerful piece is no

Grateful Fred's

Americana & Roots Music

Wed 2 Nov, 7.30 pm, £13 advance / £15 doors Grateful Fred's have been pioneering Americana and Roots music in Formby, Southport and Liverpool

since 2010 and during that time have presented some of the best US, Canadian and World artists.

Ellis Live Ltd

The Psychology of Serial Killers

Sat 5 Nov, 7.30pm, £23.50

Are you obsessed with true crime documentaries? Then this show is perfect for you. Join expert forensics lecturer Jennifer Rees to explore one of Forensic Psychology's most troubling topics. Complete with audience interactive moments.

Cake & Classical

Elmore Quartet Mon 7 Nov, 1pm, £13

This fabulous young quartet now have a busy schedule of performances. We are delighted to welcome them to play Mozart's "Dissonance" quartet in C major and a little surprise. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake.



20 Stories High

Touchy & Anthology

Tue 8 Nov, 7.30pm, £10 / £5 Pay what you decide

A double bill bursting at the seams with originality, scouse humour and grit. TOUCHY is a collection of award-winning short films. ANTHOLOGY is a raw piece of gig theatre

Object Of The Month

Why Do Artists Paint Themselves? Wed 9 Nov, 1pm

Free, drop in event, donations welcome Artist Nahem Shoa explores the meaning behind some of the greatest Self Portraits from the 14th century to the present day. Discover why they remain fresh and relevant, even now in the 21st century.

Ancient Worlds

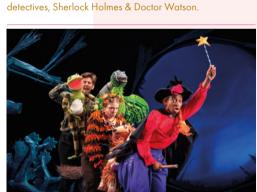
Air Defence F4 Phantom Operations from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands in 1986

Wed 9 Nov, 7pm, £5 / Free to Members A fascinating talk delivered by Wing Commander Steve Chaskin, OC 611 Sqn RAuxAF, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

Crime and Comedy Theatre Company

The Hound of the Baskervilles – A radio play on stage!

Wed 9 Nov, 7.30pm, £17.50 / £15 concessions Renowned stars of stage & screen Colin Baker (Doctor Who, The Brothers) & Terry Molloy (Mike Tucker in The Archers for 40 years) are joining forces to play the world's most famous



Room On The Broom

Fri 11 Nov, 1.30pm & 4pm, Sat 12 Nov, 2.30pm, £14 / £10 groups of 10+, Age 3+

Jump on board the broom with the witch and her cat in this

fun-filled adaptation of the best-selling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Will there ever be room on the broom for everyone? Find out in the magical Olivier Award-nominated show.

Legend of a Band Ltd

GO NOW! The Music of The Moody Blues (Tribute)

Thu 17 Nov. 7.30pm, £25

Hit songs such as 'Nights in White Satin', 'Tuesday Afternoon', 'Go Now' and 'Isn't Life Strange' are beautifully recreated live, and sound as close to the initial recordings as vou will ever hear.

Impatient Productions Ltd

Hal Cruttenden: It's Best You Hear It From Me Fri 18 Nov, 8pm, £19, Age 12+

After 21 years and 224 days Hal's back being single. But it's all going to be fine. Instead of getting the therapy he clearly needs, he's made a cracking show about it. Come along and see it but be warned; you WILL laugh your socks off!

Chapterhouse Theatre

A Christmas Carol

Thu 24 Nov 7.30pm, £18 Adult / £12 Under 16s & Students / £48 1 Adult & 3 Under 16s / £54 2 Adults & 2 Under 16s / Group booking discount: Buy 10 get 11th free, All Ages

A beautiful family-friendly rendition of one of the most memorable Christmas stories ever written, guaranteed to melt the hearts of even the sternest of Scrooges.

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David Michael Productions Ltd

The Ultimate Boy Band Party Show Sat 26 Nov, 7.30pm, £24

Go back to the naughty 90s with 5ive bad boys who have the power to rock you as they perform over 30 number one hits from all your favourite boybands... and this time they are 'Back For Good'!

December 2022

Cake & Classical

Quintets: Mozart versus Beethoven Mon 5 Dec, 1pm, £13

Dell'Arte's wind quartet are joined by pianist Tom Kimmance in two of the greatest works for this combination. Which will you prefer? Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece

Ancient Worlds

The Poetry of Trees in Ancient Greece and Rome

Wed 7 Dec, 7pm, £5 / Free to Members

Dr Gina Muskett tells us how the people of Ancient Greece & Rome valued trees and forests not merely as sources of timber but also as a major element in their religious beliefs and mythology.

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Object Of The Month

Southport: An Artist's View Wed 14 Dec, 1pm

Free, drop in event, donations welcome Ever since Southport developed as a seaside resort it has attracted the attention of artists, from local painters like Edwin Beattie to better known figures like LS Lowry and Lawrence Isherwood. This talk explores the changing face of Southport over the last 200 years as seen through artists' eyes.



Starring TV and film sensation Pasty Kensit as the Genie of the Lamp, Aladdin tells the legendary rags to riches story of a Chinese street urchin who falls in love with a beautiful princess. A talented cast deliver great singalong songs, dazzling dance routines and comedy in abundance. Go on a magical carpet ride with us this Christmas in a panto extravaganza for all the family.

Community Activities