

#### **The Fire Station Events**

The Fire Station Summer Parties: Ibiza in Symphony

Sunday 13 August, 14:30

Tickets £25

Get ready for the summer party to end all parties! Join us in the Parade Ground this August for festival vibes with Ibiza in Symphony, street food, DJs and bar.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/the-fire-station-summer-parties-ibiza-in-symphony/

#### September

Simon & Garfunkel: Through the Years

Saturday 2 September, 19:30

Tickets from £24

The Bookends return to The Fire Station with their unforgettable Through the Years show, recreating the musical excellence of folk/rock legends Simon & Garfunkel.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/simon-garfunkel-through-the-years/

Stuart Michael The Psychic Medium

Friday 8 September, 19:30

Tickets from £22

A thrilling and intriguing night of psychic mediumship. Boasting an impressive celebrity client list, Stuart brings his quick-witted humour, sensitivity and compassion to the stage.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/stuart-michael-the-psychic-medium/

An Audience with Sir Bradley Wiggins

Saturday 9 September, 20:00

Tickets from £16.50

Join The Tour De France & Olymic Medalist, Bradley Wiggins at The Fire Station as he discusses his fantastic career, what brought him to cycling and everything in-between!

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/an-audience-with-sir-bradley-wiggins/

P.P. Arnold

Thursday 14 September, 19:30

Tickets from £17

Don't miss the chance to see a living legend live in Sunderland as the Queen of Soul, former Ikette and all-round powerful performer P.P. Arnold comes to The Fire Station.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/p-p-arnold/

Lindisfarne Saturday 16 September, 19:30

Tickets from £22

Legendary 70s folk-rock pioneers Lindisfarne come to Sunderland with a classic 5-piece line-up of long-time members fronted by founding-member Rod Clements.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/lindisfarne-plus-support/

Bridesmaids of Britain

Sunday 17 September, 16:00 & 19:00

Tickets from £16.50

A hilarious show that promises to be the girl's night out to remember. Things go awry when competition heats up between the loyal Maid of Honour and the bride's new BFF threatening to upend the wedding planning that has been in the making since Primary School.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/bridesmaids-of-britain/

Public Image Ltd

Monday 18 September, 19:30

Tickets £36

Post-punk originators, fronted by Sex Pistols' John Lydon are heading to Sunderland this autumn with a brand-new album.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/public-image-ltd/

Shawn Colvin

Wednesday 20 September, 19:30

Tickets from £30

The multiple Grammy Award-winning, Queen of Americana, Shawn Colvin heads to The Fire Station on a rare tour of the UK.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/shawn-colvin/

John Grant sings the songs of Patsy Cline with Richard Hawley & Band

Thursday 21 September, 19:30

Tickets from £22

Following the Manchester International Festival premiere, two of the best live artists around come together in celebration of the legendary country star.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/john-grant-sings-the-songs-of-patsy-cline-with-richardhawley-band/

Eddi Reader

Friday 22 September, 19:30

Tickets from £17

Celebrating over 40 years as a live performer, Eddi Reader has effortlessly developed into one of popular music's most thrilling and affecting performers. From the traditional to the contemporary, Eddi extinguishes the preordained boundaries of genre, bringing joyous life to all forms of songs.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/eddi-reader/

Blackmore's Blood

Saturday 23 September, 20:00

Tickets £22

A critically acclaimed and authentic tribute to the genius, flamboyance and flair of Ritchie Blackmore's music from Deep Purple to Rainbow, incorporating the true sound and the showmanship of the man himself.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/blackmores-blood/

Tom Stade: Natural Born Killer

Sunday 24 September, 20:00

#### Tickets from £14

Join legendary Canadian superstar, Tom Stade as he brings a killer new show to Sunderland, toying with the complexities of our ever-changing world and musing on progressiveness and pronouns.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/tom-stade-natural-born-killer/

Graham Parker & The Goldtops

With support from Connor Selby

Tuesday 26 September, 20:00

Tickets from £22

Graham Parker returns to the UK for six exclusive dates with backing band The Goldtops. Expect a night of classic Parker songs alongside some newer material.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/graham-parker-the-goldtops/

Josie Long: Re-Enchantment

Thursday 28 September, 20:00

Tickets from £11

The triple Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, underdog Fringe hero and delirious new mother (the first person to have two babies) returns with a show about the changes wrought by time, passion, moving to Scotland and loving the world under – let's face it – difficult circumstances.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/josie-long-re-enchantment/

Sweet Caroline: A Tribute to Neil Diamond

Friday 29 September, 19:30

Tickets from £22

Celebrate the music that has charmed six generations as Sweet Caroline brings you all things Diamond with a sensational live show.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/sweet-caroline-a-tribute-to-neil-diamond/

Voices of Virtue Choir Saturday 30 September, 19:30 Tickets £22 (adults), £13.20 (under 14s)

The amazing Voices of Virtue Gospel Choir will be bringing their biggest show yet to Sunderland featuring the full ensemble and dynamic live band. A high energy performance of great gospel tunes, a sprinkle of soul and a touch of reggae, guaranteed to lift your spirits.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/voices-of-virtue-choir/

October

An Evening Without Kate Bush

Sunday 1 October, 19:30

Tickets from £20

Whether you've been a fan for decades or recently joined the shoal via the 'Stranger Things' phenomenon, there has never been a better time to release your inner Bush and celebrate at this joyful, unique and mind-blowing show.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/an-evening-without-kate-bush/

The Gruffalo's Child

Tuesday 3 October, 16:30

Wednesday 4 October, 10:30 & 13:30

Tickets from £14

Follow the Gruffalo's Child on her adventurous mission in Tall Stories' enchanting adaptation of the much-loved picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/the-gruffalos-child/

The Rocket Man

Friday 6 October, 19:30

Tickets from £22

Head down the Yellow Brick Road with Jimmy Love and his amazing band for two hours of Elton John hits performed live in this sensational show.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/the-rocket-man/

Rhys James: Spilt Milk Saturday 7 October, 20:00

Tickets from £17

Following a sold-out nationwide tour, Rhys James is back where he belongs, on tour around the country, with a markedly different schedule to Chelsea's fixture list to prove he's not the footballer.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/rhys-james-spilt-milk/

Royal Northern Sinfonia: Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante

Thursday 12 October, 19:30

Tickets from £11

Royal Northern Sinfonia kick off a brand-new classical season here at The Fire Station performing Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, Lera Auerbach's Sogno di Stabat Mater and closing the show will be Mahler's dramatic reworking of Schubert's Death and the Maiden.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/royal-northern-sinfonia-mozarts-sinfonia-concertante/

Thank You For The Music

Friday 13 October, 19:30

Tickets from £22

Calling all dancing queens – say Thank You for the Music as the international smash-hit ABBA tribute show comes back to Sunderland.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/thank-you-for-the-music/

Smoove & Turrell Live

Saturday 14 October, 19:30

Tickets £22

The North East's finest Smoove & Turrell bring their sound of soul, funk and electronica back to The Fire Station with a whole load of new material from their forthcoming album *Red Ellen*.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/smoove-turrell-live/

Samantha Fish & Jesse Dayton: Death Wish Blues UK Tour Plus special guests The Commoners Thursday 19 October, 19:30 Tickets from £28

One of the most dynamic forces in. the blues world today, Samantha Fish and the extraordinarily talented Jesse Dayton have joined forces, melding their eclectic sensibilities for a body of work pushing the limits of blues music.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/samantha-fish/

Jimeoin: The Craic

Friday 20 October, 19:30

Tickets £21.45

Join us for a hilarious evening of world-class stand-up from live comedy's Irish master, Jimeoin. Award-winning appeal with no gimmicks and superbly observed sense of humour, Jimeon has audiences in stitches across the globe.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/jimeoin-the-craic/

Radio GaGa

Saturday 21 October & Sunday 22 October, 19:30

Tickets from £22

Be a part of a night like no other as the ultimate celebration of Queen returns to Sunderland with a brand-new show.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/radio-gaga/

Lisa O'Neill

Wednesday 25 October, 19:30

Tickets from £17

Irish folksinger/songwriter and powerful storyteller, Lisa O'Neill is heading out on tour with a brandnew, critically acclaimed album *All of this is chance*.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/lisa-oneill/

80s Live

Thursday 26 October, 19:30

Tickets from £22

Get ready as the biggest 80s party returns to Sunderland – 80s Live! The show includes hits Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, Edge of Heaven, Tainted Love, Love Shack, Living on a Prayer and more!

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/80s-live-2/

Axel Blake: In Style

Friday 27 October, 20:00

Tickets from £17

Catch the Britain's Got Talent 2022 winner, Axel Blake, as he heads out on his very first national tour with new show In Style.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/axel-blake-in-style/

#### November

Penguin Cafe

Thursday 2 November, 19:30

Tickets from £17

Avant-pop from musician, composer and producer Arthur Jeffes and his Penguin Cafe ensemble, performing music from their much-anticipated new album Rain Before Seven and back catalogue favourites.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/penguin-cafe/

Calexico Friday 3 November, 19:30

Tickets from £28

Americana, tex-mex, indie/rock band Calexico come to Sunderland this Autumn for one of only four UK shows celebrating 20 years of their breakthrough album *Feast of Wire*.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/calexico/

One Night of Billy Joel – The Piano Man

Saturday 4 November, 19:30

Tickets from £22

The ultimate celebration of one of the most iconic and best-selling artists of all time, Billy Joel.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/one-night-of-billy-joel-the-piano-man/

Sinatra: Raw

Sunday 5 November, 19:30

This critically-acclaimed, multi award-winning play, staring Richard Shelton, masterfully recreates Frank Sinatra's iconic, pre-retirement show at The Purple Room, Palm Springs in 1971.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/sinatra-raw/

Pete Firman: TrikTok

Thursday 9 November, 20:00

Tickets from £17

The UK's top comedy magician and award-winning performer, Pete Firman brings an evening of jawdropping magic and laugh-out-loud comedy to The Fire Station this autumn.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/pete-firman-triktok/

The Magic of The Bee Gees

Thursday 16 November, 19:30

Tickets from £22

It's time to put your dancing shoes on for the night out of the year as this concert spectacular celebrates the songs of music royalty, the Bee Gees.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/the-magic-of-the-bee-gees/

90s Live

Friday 17 November, 19:30

Tickets from £25

The Entertainers spice up your life, taking you back for good and hit you one more time with the ultimate 90s party night out!

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/90s-live/

Do You Believe in Ghosts? Saturday 18 November, 19:30 Tickets from £22

An experiential ghost story, unlike you have ever experienced before. Welcome to a haunting night at the theatre. Are you feeling brave? If you are, join us and we'll tell you all the secrets of what goes on when the theatre goes dark.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/do-you-believe-in-ghosts-3/

There's A Monster In Your Show

Sunday 19 November, 14:00 & 16:30

Tickets from £15

Tom Fletcher's interactive adventures for big imaginations are leaping from page to stage as the beloved 'Who's in Your Book?' series makes its debut as a brand-new musical show.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/theres-a-monster-in-your-show/

Sam Sweeney Band

Thursday 23 November, 19:30

Tickets from £17

Following the huge success of supporting Bellowhead on their comeback tour in 2022, Sam arrives in Sunderland to play his genre-defying landmark album Escape That, with his band.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/sam-sweeney-band/

Live/Wire the AC/DC Show

Friday 24 November, 20:00

Tickets £22

With over 20 years of touring under their belt, Live/Wire put the audience right in the middle of a live experience comparable only to that AC/DC themselves produce – a critically-acclaimed, high voltage rock'n'roll set with canons and Marshall amps.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/livewire-the-ac-dc-show/

China Crisis: Celebrating working with Fire & Steel at 40

Saturday 25 November, 19:30

Tickets from £25

80s new wave veterans, China Crisis return to Sunderland this November with their China Greatness tour.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/china-crisis-china-greatness/

Seth Lakeman

Accompanied by Benji Kirkpatrick & Alex Hart

Wednesday 29 November, 19:30

Tickets from £17

Following a sell-out spring tour, Westcountry folksinger and multi-instrumentalist Seth Lakeman heads back out on the road this autumn for an string of intimate shows accompanied by folksinger and musician Benji Kirkpatrick and Devon singer-songwriter Alex Hart.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/seth-lakeman-accompanied-by-benji-kirkpatrick-alex-hart/

#### December

Royal Northern Sinfonia: Christmas by Candlelight

Friday 1 December, 19:30

Tickets from £11

Get into the Christmas spirit with festive classical music bathes in the warm flickering glow of candlelight as Royal Northern Sinfonia's much-loved seasonal concert returns to The Fire Station.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/royal-northern-sinfonia-christmas-by-candlelight/

Transatlantic Blondie with the Transatlantic Ensemble

Saturday 2 December, 20:00

Tickets from £16.50

After a super-fun sell-out performance last year, the transatlantic ensemble returns to Sunderland to recreate all those classic Blondie hits you know and love at this special, one-off Saturday night show.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/transatlantic-blondie-with-the-transatlantic-ensemble/

80s Live Sunday 3 December, 19:30 Tickets from £22

Get ready as the biggest 80s party returns to Sunderland bringing all your favourite hits including Girls Just Want to Have Fun, Love Shack, It's Raining Men, Rio, The Final Countdown and more.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/80s-live/

An Evening of Burlesque

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 December, 19:30

Tickets from £24

Roll up, roll up for a scintillating night out of sparkling entertainment – the UK's longest running burlesque show is back touring the nation and it's bigger than ever.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/an-evening-of-burlesque/

Tom A Smith

Friday 8 & Saturday 9 December, 19:30

Tickets from £14

Fresh off the back of his hugely supported latest single 'Little Bits', Sunderland's own rising star Tom A Smith heads out on tour, finishing up with a return visit to The Fire Station!

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/tom-a-smith/

Sweet

Sunday 10 December, 19:30

Tickets £31

Glam rock royalty, Sweet are back and you're not going to want to miss out come December as they go Full Circle!

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/sweet/

100% Soul! The Festive Special

Tuesday 12 December, 20:00

Tickets from £17

After their sell-out show last Christmas, Voices of Virtue Gospel Choir return to The Fire Station performing all of the classic soul and Motown hits for 100% Soul with a festive twist.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/100-soul-the-festive-special/



Fleetwood Mac's Rumours with the Transatlantic Ensemble

Thursday 14 December, 20:00

Tickets from £19.80

After two back-to-back sell-out shows at The Fire Station last year, this incredible collective of session musicians and vocalists return once more with this amazing show.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/fleetwood-macs-rumours-with-the-transatlanticensemble/

Kim Wilde: Wilde Winter Acoustic

Friday 15 December, 19:30

Tickets from £33

British pop icon, Kim Wilde brings joy and cheer to Sunderland with a special acoustic Christmas concert – Wilde Winter.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/kim-wilde-wilde-winter-acoustic/

Cirque: The Greatest Show Saturday 16 December, 15:00, 19:00

Sunday 17 December, 13:00, 17:00

Tickets from £31

Escape for a night like no other, as Cirque returns to Sunderland to take you on a journey into a world where the very best of musical theatre meets jaw-dropping circus spectacular.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/cirque-the-greatest-show/

Eliza Carthy & Jon Boden's Wassail

Thursday 21 December, 19:30

Tickets from £19

Before there was carolling, there was wassailing. This winter Eliza and Jon combine their considerable talents and reputations on the UK folk scene for the first time to perform some of the oldest songs in the English canon, tell Christmas tales and spread good cheer.

https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/events/eliza-carthy-jon-bodens-wassail/

