

# No, it's not an illusion – it's the infamous Derren Brown

## ENTERTAINMENT

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**A dark manipulator of magic and mind control arrives in the new city on Monday direct from the West End.**

Yes, Derren Brown, the master of psychological illusion returns to the stage at MK Theatre with Derren Brown: Infamous – a showcase demonstrating just why he is one of the world's most renowned performers. This unique theatrical experience is full of amazing feats of his idiosyncratic trickery. Critics have dubbed Infamous Derren's most 'heart-felt' show yet and the public have been universal in their praise. Do remember though that Derren's brand of mentalism and illusion means the show is not suitable for those under 12 years old. His show is at MK Theatre from Monday, April 14. Contact the box office on 0844 8717652 or visit [www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes](http://www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes) to book.

> There are some very varied offerings at The Stables this week. The eclecticism kicks

## This unique theatrical experience is full of feats

off tonight with Acoustic Alchemy. For nearly 25 years the group has pushed the limits of the acoustic guitar's potential, straddling all sorts of musical styles.

No-one could ever define or pigeon-hole Acoustic Alchemy and surely no-one could ever possibly measure up to Jimi Hendrix?

Are You Experienced? are the world's number one tribute to Jimi.

Decide for yourself just how uncanny frontman John Campbell's resemblance is tomorrow evening.

Folk-rock band Fred's House will garner some new fans on Saturday with their unforgettable songs.

> Saturday will also bring fresh and original music courtesy of Zimbabwe's talented Mokoomba.

<> Remember Joe McElderry, winner of 2009's X Factor? His first single 'The Climb'

reached number one and he stops off in Wavendon on Sunday for a tune or two.

> Over on stage two on Sunday, don't miss singer Luke Jackson and his guitar.

> Ireland's folk band of the year, The High Kings, will showcase their incredible versatility and skills as multi-instrumentalists on Monday, while Tuesday brings a stunning array of soulful singing from Deborah Bonham.

> Let's round off this round up with a look at Wednesday.

What started as a daft idea for a folk club night as grown into a folk-rock institution - Feast of Fiddles have six CDs to their name and will be at full strength on Wednesday as part of their 21st anniversary, see City Nights.

Meanwhile, stage 2 presents Screaming Blue Murder for some comedy capers.

### >>>> DON'T FORGET >>>>

**There's still time to catch Robin Cousins' Ice - The Skating Stage Experience at MK Theatre until Saturday, April 12.**

**> See our website [www.miltonkeynes.co.uk](http://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk) for Alan Wooding's review**



**MASTER OF ILLUSION:** Derren Brown is one of the world's most renowned live performers, a dark manipulator of magic and mind control and he's at MK Theatre from Monday, April 14



## Join us on a musical journey

### CITY ORCHESTRA

Fans of Milton City Orchestra are in for a treat this evening as musicians present a world premiere of a new symphony. Conductor Sian Edwards and soloist Diana Cummings will lead the orchestra through a varied programme featuring compositions from Schubert, Vaughan Williams, Mozart and Dvorak – alongside the world premiere of associate composer Emma-Ruth Rich-

ards' new symphony 'Proprioception'.

Describing the musical journey audience members can look forward to, Sian tells us: "Tonight's programme opens with one of Schubert's most poetic yet enigmatic symphonies, the Unfinished, and closes with Dvorak's Symphonic Variations.

"This is a marvellous journey from the simplest of beginnings through the most gorgeously lyrical moments to a

rumbustious 'lift-the-roof-off' finale."

Formed in 1974 by its founder, Hilary Davan Wetton, the MKCO is the orchestra in residence at Milton Keynes Theatre. This season, its vibrant programme is complemented by visits from some of Europe's finest orchestras to provide an exceptional season of music.

The concert begins at 7.30pm at The Venue, Walton High, visit [www.mkco.org](http://www.mkco.org).

## Triple-threat pupils ready to sing, dance and act on stage

### STANTONBURY THEATRE

The stars of tomorrow are set to light up the stage at Stantonbury Theatre until Saturday. Stony Stratford's Myra Tiffin Performing Arts School presents the opening night of its annual all-singing, all-

dancing showcase tonight.

'Let us go forward together' features talented young performers aged from three-18. With performances this evening, tomorrow and Saturday at 7.30pm, plus a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm, there is no excuse to miss the chance to be entertained by these local performers.

Funds from the show's raffle

and merchandise fundraising will be split between the school's own current restoration #projectwindows and The Association of Young People with ME.

Tickets cost £13/£11 for concessions. Call the theatre's box office on MK 324466 to book or visit [www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk](http://www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk).