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English National Ballet

MK Theatre, October 17-21
Dance fans can look forward to two new additions to the ENB repertoire as the company again demonstrates its commitment to touring world-class ballet nationwide, writes *Georgina Butler*. Dancers will perform Sir Kenneth MacMillan's *Song of the Earth*, alongside Frank Andersen and Eva Kloborg's recreation of August Bournonville's *La Sylphide*. *Song of the Earth* is a powerful story of love, loss and mortality that is



indisputably one of the greatest ballets of the 20th century. ENB's first-ever performances of this masterpiece coincides with the 25th anniversary of MacMillan's death. Originally commissioned by Stuttgart Ballet in 1965, it was a point of departure

for MacMillan. Audiences and critics alike were enthralled by the expressive dancing and deeply moved by the ballet's profound message that death awaits us all, but is not to be feared. Husband and wife team, Frank Andersen and Eva Kloborg, have devotedly recreated his classic 1830s' Romantic era ballet, *La Sylphide*. ENB is making history as the first company to dance their version in the UK.

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John Challis - Only Fools & Boycie

Stantonbury Theatre, October 15

Enjoy an intimate evening with John Challis, one of the nation's greatest comedy actors, best known as Boycie in BBC1's *Only Fools and Horses*. In this one-off show, the national treasure will reveal secrets from the set with stories and anecdotes from his career.

Having worked with some of the biggest names in show business, he'll be spilling the beans about *Only Fools and Horses* co-stars Sir David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst, and friends and fellow performers like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Oliver Reed and George Best. He'll also recall tales from his time in *Dr Who*, *Coronation Street* and other TV classics.

Post show, the popular actor will sign copies of his autobiography, *Being Boycie*.

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The Hunting of the Snark

Stantonbury Theatre, October 14
A riotous ragtag gang of bold adventurers, including the Boy, the Banker, the Butcher, the Baker, the Bellman and the knitting Beaver, set off on a quest to catch the mythical Snark... on the journey they encounter the Jub Jub bird, the sly Bandersnatch and the dastardly Boojum... Can a Snark be caught with soap?
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The Addams Family

MK Theatre, October 24-28
Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, is all grown up and has a shocking secret that only Gomez knows. She's fallen in love with a sweet young man from a respectable family. With his cherished Morticia in the dark, will Gomez manage to keep his daughter's secret until the two families meet?
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Jerry Sadowitz
Aylesbury Waterside
October 13



Cabaret
MK Theatre
October 31–November 4



Legally Blonde

Northampton Derngate, October 16-21
Beautiful and popular sorority sister, Elle Woods, loves to be pampered and is passionate about pink. When she is dumped by her boyfriend for a more serious girlfriend, she puts down the credit cards and picks up the books. A place at prestigious Harvard Law School calls, to try to win him back.
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The Caretaker

Northampton Royal, October 17-28
Aston welcomes the homeless Davies into his dilapidated flat, sheltering him from the violence of the streets. Recognising an opportunity, Davies attempts to leave his past behind and start afresh. But what is he being offered? Friendship? Shelter? A job? Or a home? Take a seat and all will be revealed.
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Stewart Lee
Northampton Derngate
Today, October 12

