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As summer transforms to autumn we're celebrating another fantastic year of captivating performance and charmed clients. Plus - we are looking forward to our 30th Birthday in 2020!

Lea Graham has been supplying high quality entertainment since 1990 so we know a thing or two about what works and what doesn't. We pride ourselves on our professional service, wealth of musical knowledge and close working relationships with our artists and clients.

Whether you're looking for something low key, tried, trusted and traditional, rousing, enthralling or totally different we promise you the talent to deliver it.

Here are just a few ideas to inspire...





Go bold or go home with **'LICENCED TO THRILL'** an exciting show in celebration of the 25th Bond Movie release performed by **Chris Dean's Syd Lawrence Orchestra**. There's never been a better time to woo your audience with the power and atmosphere of the Bond back catalogue.

Musical Director, Chris Dean has played on seven Bond movie soundtracks working regularly with the fabulous John Barry and David Arnold. This explosive show has three sensational West End singers and bespoke arrangements, which combined with the fabulous Syd Lawrence Orchestra guarantees 'a licence to thrill'!

From "Goldfinger" and "Moonraker" to "Man with the Golden Gun" and "Diamonds are Forever", there's a tune for everyone, shaken, stirred and thoroughly entertained.

2020 also sees the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It's a platinum opportunity to revisit the music of the age for young and old alike. Chris Dean's Syd Lawrence Orchestra Presents **HEROES OF THE SKIES & THE VALIANT YEARS**. The 'best big band in the land' performs a musical extravaganza which brings the war years to life with thrilling sights and sounds and a totally immersive experience.

The show commemorates the Royal Air Force and the War Years – and tells the story of the heroes who risk everything for their country. Hear music that defines and pays tribute to serving members of the RAF, and war heroes past & present.

From favourites like Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines and Tail End Charlie to the Dambusters Theme, Where Eagles Dare, 663 Squadron and many more. This stirring show is vibrantly illustrated with a backdrop of thematic film footage underpinning the orchestra. See a snippet: <http://tiny.cc/sydlawrence>



With Downton Abbey fever sweeping the land following the long-awaited release of the film, what could be more appealing than a touch of country-house charm? **OLD HERBACEOUS** is a full-length one-man play with Giles Shenton as Herbert Pinnegar. This floriferous tale has been bringing a little bit of horticultural joy to sell-out audiences around the country since February 2016.

Think Downton Abbey with gardening tips! In this one man show old Herbert Pinnegar shares his life as a gardener at 'the big house'. Poignant memories and his interest in plants and flowers (aroused by the village schoolmistress) blossom on stage.

Evocative and immersive, Old Herbaceous is Adapted by Alfred Shaughnessy from Reginald Arkell's novel of the same name. It's an hour and a half of sheer delight, where the audience is greeted upon arrival by a small packet of seeds on their seats, from there, the heartfelt story unfolds. It is nothing if not quirky – a total delight for an audience in search of something more than a little different!



The Rolling Stones celebrates the golden anniversary of one of its best albums this year, *Let it Bleed*. Stones fans can get the next best thing and be blown away by **THE RAILING STAINS**.

This legendary Stones cover band, captures the same raw 60s energy as the original and were chosen by the Stones themselves to perform at the first ever Rolling Stones convention at the Brixton Academy.

The Stains have been established for more than 20 years playing to adoring audiences at arenas to open air concerts, private parties to corporate events. They have also graced the stage at iconic Glastonbury and entertained the armed forces worldwide.



Let's face it; Hollywood is never out of fashion or fascination. Sussex tenor Lawrence Olsworth-Peter and Soprano Lucy Cronin present an evening of songs from the golden age of Hollywood, accompanied by pianist Harry Sever. The show is entitled **TRANSATLANTIC MELODIES | THE GOLDEN AGE OF SONG.**

The programme follows the story of the great 20th century European musical songwriters crossing the Atlantic such as Irving Berlin, Noel Coward, Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter and many more. Big band hits from *Showboat*, *Top Hat* and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* contrast with rousing war time favourites such as Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' and all performed with a light jazzy touch.

Equally at home as performers on the operatic stage, each have worked with international opera companies such as ENO, Garsington, Grange Park, Holland Park and throughout Europe.



Something you simply can't go wrong with is a Steel Band. In the dark days of winter this joyous whirlpool of sound will lighten the mood, while in summer it perfectly complements the season. The **CARIBANA STEEL BAND** is one of the UK's premier steel bands playing the sounds of the Caribbean

and Latin America. Led by Eugene de Vlugt, its flexible format (from solo to three-piece) and acoustic nature makes it the perfect choice for anywhere, anytime as electricity is not essential. Repertoire covers Caribbean and Latin American music as well as steel versions of well known popular English tunes.



And last, but certainly not least, CHRISTMAS is very much in the wings! Christmas may come but once a year, but it's a big deal and an even bigger deal to organise. When it comes to entertainment, the 'C' word is undoubtedly Creativity in an age where surprise and delight is a valuable commodity.

All That Malarkey (pictured above) "four dangerously-good singers with a hilarious MC/pianist" – Edinburgh Festival. They are truly one of the most innovative cabaret acts we have ever seen.

Mix up your Christmas event this year and substitute carol singers for a piper or bring back the magic of the season with a seasoned magician. Make the most of the fervour for fragrance with a seasonal perfume party or a crazy caricaturist to put a smile on everyone's face, in an exaggerated way. Or, why not go for a cabaret act that arrives disguised as a team of tradesmen only to reveal their singing aspirations combined with witty banter and charismatic appeal!

Whether you are looking for a harpist, jazz trio, string quartet, musical cabaret, singing waiter, close-up magician, rock band, big band or anything else – you call the tune and the agency will play it!

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