



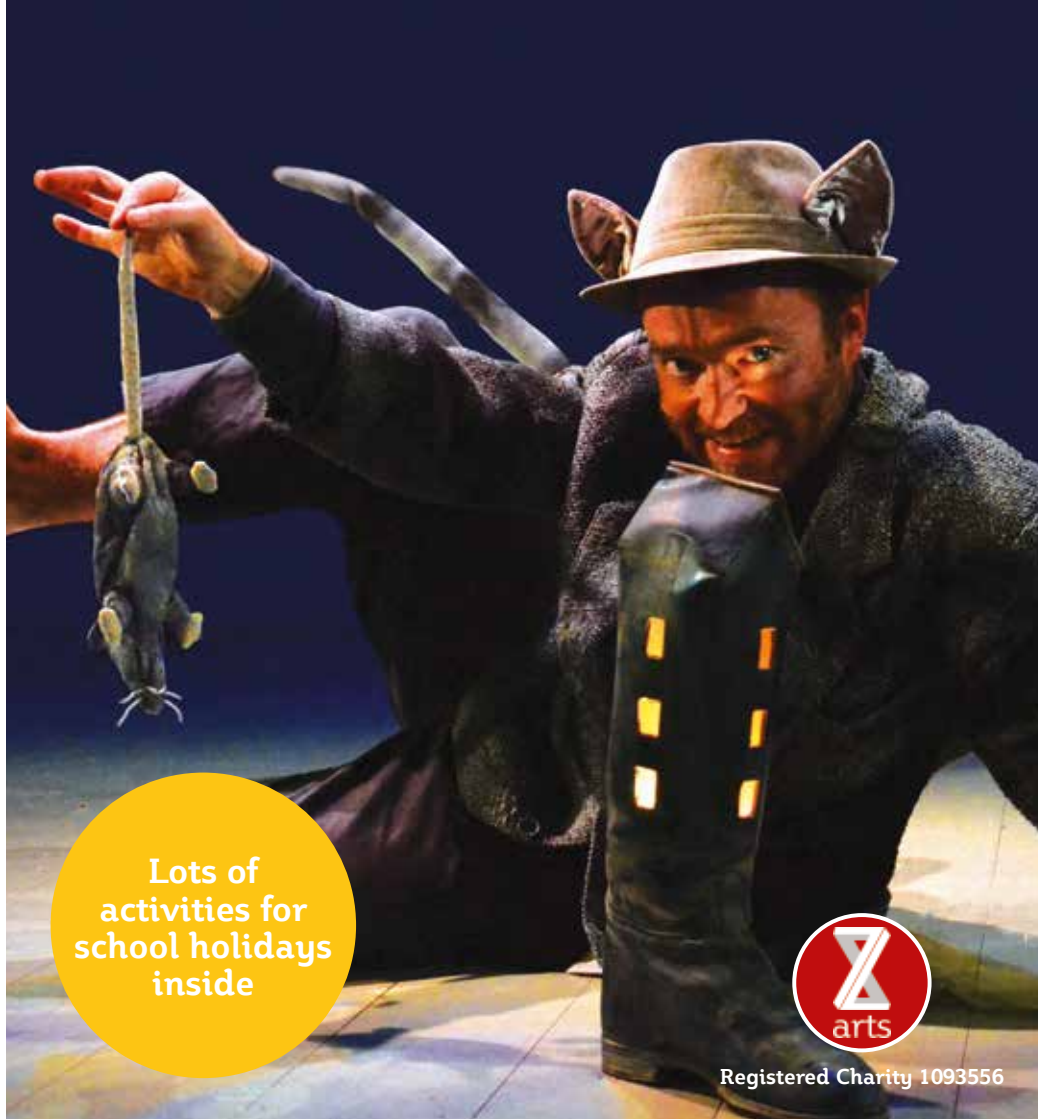
335 Stretford Road,  
Manchester, M15 5ZA

## What's On May - August 2017

Manchester's venue for  
children, families and friends

[www.z-arts.org](http://www.z-arts.org)  
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Lots of  
activities for  
school holidays  
inside



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## Welcome to Summer at Z-arts

Welcome to Summer at Z-arts, Manchester's venue for children, families and friends. As you know, we pride ourselves on being welcoming at Z-arts and this season we're sharing that welcome in a big way to mark our co-commission with Manchester International Festival, Theatre-Rites and Ruhrtriennale International Festival of the Arts.

In July *The Welcoming Party* receives a world-premiere. Come and help us give a warm welcome to some new arrivals in this inspiring immersive show, taking place at 1830 Warehouse Museum of Science & Industry. Bright Sparks members will be able to access exclusive tickets with a unique booking code sent to all members. Then the welcome continues throughout August with our summer activities, including creative sessions for families every Saturday at the Welcoming Party HQ, a two week-long programmes for young people aged 11+ to make a piece of drama or music, inspired by the theme of welcome.

You don't have to wait until August to be welcomed though! We've got a vibrant season in store for you before then, including activities for June half term. But first we bring you *Pat a Cake Baby* (based on the book by Joyce & Polly Dunbar) and then more family theatre based on classic children's fiction with *Puss In Boots* as part of Manchester Children's Book Festival on Sunday 25 June.

Lots of choices for you to come and experience a great welcome at Z-arts!

**Liz O'Neill,**  
Chief Executive/Artistic Director

## How to book

**Visit Us: We're open: Mon-Fri: 9am-9pm Sat: 9am-5pm**

**Big Imaginations Early Bird:** Book up to two weeks in advance for £8/£6 tickets, ticket prices will rise to £9/£7 if you book later than 2 weeks before an event

**By Phone:** 0161 232 6089

**Online:** Open 24 hours at [www.z-arts.org](http://www.z-arts.org)

**Family Ticket:** Get discounted tickets for any group of 4

All Bright Sparks members £6.

M15 resident? Concession tickets available for all Hulme residents.

**Welcoming Party tickets:** £15-£10 booking only via [mif.co.uk](http://mif.co.uk)

## How to get here

**Z-arts, 335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA**

We're a 20 minute walk from Oxford Road & Deansgate Train stations. There are regular bus services to and from the city centre. The 250, 256 and 163 pass just outside. The 86 stops nearby. There is ample on-street parking in the area. Please call the Box Office or visit

[z-arts.org/getting-here](http://z-arts.org/getting-here) for more information.



## Become a Member

Bright Sparks is Z-arts' membership scheme for all families, no matter what shape or size. There are three membership levels, from £120 - £15 (free for registered unemployed, students and disabled) for the whole year your entire family can access all of our regular activities, get discounted tickets for our big Imaginations theatre programme and input into how we do things at Z-arts and keep in touch with all the fabulous things we have planned!

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### Sunday 21 May Pat A Cake Baby

11am & 2.30pm

£6 - £9

Running Time: 45 mins + 15 mins 'meet the puppets'

**Presented by Long Nose Puppets**

Are you ready? Grab a spoon! Because it's Pat-a-cake time!

Pitter-patter – get the butter! Glitzy-glossy – whisk in sugar! Jokey-yolky – add the eggs!

Long Nose Puppets offer up a marvellous moonlit show full of riotous rhyme, zany puppets and spiffy special cake; all iced with music and songs by Tom Gray. Little children will feel stuffed to the brim with magic.

Pat-a-Cake Baby is based on the book written by Joyce Dunbar and illustrated by Polly Dunbar.

**"Cake mixing, baking and eating fuel this zingy, high-energy story as a restless baby sets about a night-time adventure." – The Guardian**

Age suitability for our theatre shows is a guidance and we trust adults to judge how appropriate it is for their children. However, for workshops and classes age restrictions have to apply for the safety and enjoyment of all participants.



### Sunday 25 June Puss In Boots

11am & 2.30pm

£6 - £9

Running Time: 50mins

**Presented by Lyngo Theatre  
Part of Manchester Children's Book Festival**

Would you trust a talking cat?

You never know, he might turn you from a pauper to a prince just like the hero of this story, brought to vivid life on our incredible sloping stage by Patrick Lynch from Cbeebies. Using smoke and mirrors and hidden trapdoors he'll show you how this sure-footed feline fools both the King and the Ogre to put his master at the top.

With a host of puppets, a working windmill and an avalanche of fruit and nuts come and see this classic furry tail, it's the cat's whiskers!

**"Puss in Boots is such a strong story, beautifully told...this show ticks all the boxes for fine children's theatre." – The Stage**



### 19 October – 5 November Big Imaginations Children's Theatre Festival

The Big Imaginations Festival is back and in true Big Imaginations style promises to be bigger, better and even more brilliant.

For two weeks in Autumn we will celebrate and showcase the highest quality children and family theatre in venues across the North West.

From *Handa's Surprise* for our youngest audiences, to *Child Of The Divide* for older children and their families. Other highlights include *Fairytales Gone Bad* and *Tales of Birbal*. These shows form just part of a vibrant programme guaranteed to delight family audiences across the region.

Find out more information at  
[bigimagination.co.uk](http://bigimagination.co.uk)

**"What a wonderful creative and magical experience!" – Audience Member, 2013 Festival**





**Saturday 24 June**  
**The Welcoming Party HQ Fun Day**

11am – 3pm | Free Event, no booking required

All Ages

We're kick-starting our summer of welcome and celebrating setting up the headquarters for *The Welcoming Party* with a day of fun for all the family. It's time to prepare to welcome all visitors, so get creative, making badges and banners. Bring your own t-shirt to screenprint so you can wear it at *The Welcoming Party* performances.

**Saturdays 5, 12, 19 & 26 August**  
**The Welcoming Party HQ Saturday Demo's**

11am – 3pm | Free Event, no booking required

All Ages

Z-arts is Party HQ and we need the friendly faces from Manchester and beyond to join us at our home and help spread the word of welcome. Whether you've seen the show or not you can come and take part in a blend of creative arts including photography, printing and textiles from resident artists Pathways Arts. Visit [www.z-arts.org/welcomingpartyhq](http://www.z-arts.org/welcomingpartyhq) for more details.

**Tuesday 4 July – Saturday 16 July**  
**The Welcoming Party**

Presented by Theatre-Rites  
 World Premiere

£15 / £10 for under 16's  
 Running Time: approx 1 hour 20 mins

Dates Tue 4 July (preview) 7pm  
 Wed 5 – Sun 9 July  
 Wed 12 – Sat 15 July 7pm  
 Sat 8, Sun 9, Sat 15 July & Sun 16 July  
 11.30am & 3pm

**Accessible performances**  
 BSL interpreted Thur 13 July at 7pm  
 Relaxed Sat 15 July at 11.30am

**Venue 1830 Warehouse Museum of Science & Industry**

**Tickets from [mif.co.uk](http://mif.co.uk) £15 – £10**

**Please wear sensible footwear for this event**

**Commissioned by Manchester International Festival, Theatre: Rites, Z-arts and Ruhrtriennale International Festival of the Arts.**

Come and help us give a warm welcome to some new arrivals in this inspiring immersive show from Theatre-Rites, one of Europe's most imaginative theatre companies.

*The Welcoming Party* will take you on an exciting journey through a historic hidden warehouse at the Museum of Science & Industry. You'll walk alongside people who have travelled here from towns and cities far beyond Manchester, all looking for a place where they can feel safe and sound. And along the way, perhaps you can help them find what they're looking for. A beautiful blend of puppetry, performance, dance and live music for both children and family audiences, *The Welcoming Party* invites you to think about what it means to feel different – and why we should all be proud of who we are.



Ages 8+

Photos: The Welcoming Party workshops in London, UK February 2017 © Donald Christie



**July**

**Monday 24 July – Saturday 5 August**  
**ZYP – Unusual theatre in unusual places**

Ages 11+

10am – 3pm | Free for Bright Sparks Members

Following on from last year's sell out show of Alice and Brian's Wonderland we are embarking on a fantastic new creative journey using drama, dance, movement and music. Join us for an intensive two weeks of devising around the themes of welcome. Working with Venture Arts and Hulme Community Garden Centre to create a unique and site specific piece of theatre.

**August**

**Monday 31 July – Friday 4 August**  
**Allsorts**

Ages 11+

10am – 3pm | Free for Bright Sparks Members

Working with our resident artists – Pathway Arts, we will be using a mix of multimedia and music to create cutting edge new material. Join our music leaders and visual artists for a fusion of sound and visuals over a week long residency.

**Holiday Activities & Special Events**

**Thursday 18 May**  
**Manchester After Hours**

6pm-7.30pm | Free Event  
 Z-arts will be hosting an evening of poetry and pyjamas as part of Manchester After Hours. Come along in your pyjamas, hear some lyrical rhymes and take part in an interactive workshop, whilst sipping your favourite night-time treat in the Z-arts Café.

Ages 5+

**Saturday 20 May**  
**Children's Table Top Sale**

1.30pm – 4.30pm | Free Event  
 As part of our commitment to creating a sustainable world for future generations, this May you can turn your second-hand baby and kids clothes & toys into cash and support Z-arts at the same time. Great chance to de-clutter and pass on your much loved baby, kids and maternity clothes, toys and equipment at our nearly new baby and children's market. For more details and to book a stall contact [bookings@z-arts.org](mailto:bookings@z-arts.org)

All Ages

**Tues 30 May – Fri 2 June**  
**June Half Term Fun: Puss in Boots**

10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm | Free for Bright Sparks Members  
 Would you trust a talking cat? Neither would we but we love cats, creatures and all things fairy tale! Using drama, movement, script-writing, comedy and clowning we will explore well-loved stories and create some modern classics of our own.

Ages 6-10

**Saturday 22 July**  
**Hulme Is Where The Art Is**

12pm – 5pm | Free Event  
 At Hulme Community Garden Centre and Venture Arts, then join the dragonfly parade between Birley St and Hulme Park.  
 5pm – 7pm  
 Join Z-arts at Hulme Park for a musical extravaganza for all the family. Arts, crafts and music in the lovely surroundings of Hulme Park. Make your costumes and then get down and dance with the live bands performing for your pleasure.  
 Fun for all the family.

All Ages



## Holiday Activities continued

### Monday 24 July – Friday 28 July Pop Up Play

10am-3pm | Free for Bright Sparks Members

Using projected images, creative play and your imagination we make new pieces of immersive performance based on famous images from books we all recognise, creating new characters and stories around them.

Ages  
6-10

### Saturday 5 August Tech Theatre Open Day

10am – 4pm | Free Event

Come down to Z-arts if you are interested in a career backstage. Our open day will open your eyes to the technical skills and careers in theatre. Have a go setting up and running a gig, cover everything needed for the event including understanding lighting and sound projection and H&S. Limited places, book yours now.

Ages  
14+

### Monday 14 August – Friday 18 August Beat Street

10am – 3pm | Free for Bright Sparks Members

Blending and perfecting a mix of street, contemporary, ballet, tap and breaking to create new choreography that can be performed in and out of Z-arts. Learn new styles and technique, working towards a professional performance by the new company.

Ages  
11+

### Wednesday 23 August – Friday 25 August Project Speak Your Mind!

10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm | Free for Bright Sparks Members

Do you like saying what you think? Then we'd like to hear from you! As part of the Big Imaginations Festival of brilliant children's theatre this Autumn, we're on a mission to find ten children aged 8-13 to see all the shows and tell us what they thought afterwards. To register your interest in this fantastic opportunity email Holly at holly@z-arts.org. This project is made possible by One Manchester. Free for Bright Sparks members and One Manchester residents

Ages  
8-13

## Visiting Us at Z-arts

### Friday 5 May Salonica

7.30pm

£10 / £8

Running Time: 75 mins

Two soldiers strike up an unlikely friendship in this new play with inclusivity for both Deaf and hearing audiences.

### July 5th – Sept 10th Manchester Book Bench Trail

From 5th July start your BookBench adventure here at Z-arts.

Follow the Book Bench trail this summer for live storytelling across the city. Join Z-arts for our BookBench inspired holiday fun 'Pop Up Play'. For full details visit: <http://readmanchester.org.uk/>

### Saturday 8 July Celebrating Ella

7pm

£8 / £6

Running Time: 60 mins

Annette, backed by her band, celebrates the contribution to jazz music made by Ella Fitzgerald

### Wednesday 19 – Saturday 22 July Pirate Queen

7.15pm

£15 / £10

Running Time: 135 mins

A modern musical event with vibrant traditions of Irish dance and swashbuckling sword fighting.

### Thursday 27 – Saturday 29 July Boris The Musical

8pm

£12 / £10

Running Time: 65 mins

The rise, fall (and rise again) of Britain's finest political clown.

Ages  
7+

Ages  
16+

Ages  
7+

Ages  
15+

Booking for classes is essential and all classes are available to book one week in advance. All classes will break for Summer on the 21 July

## Pre-school Activities

### Polkadots

10.30am - 11.15am

The first Monday of each month.

Fun music and movement sessions for young children.

### Let's Imagine

10.30am - 11.15am

The second Monday of each month.

A brand-new session run by resident performance artist, Natasha. Enter into a world of projected imagery, with a new theme each session, you will play, move and react to the images you see. Let your imagination run free and your heart run wild!

### Jitterbugs

10.30am - 11.15am

The third Monday of each month.

Get moving! Bring your little ones down and boogie with Jitterbugs, our dance and movement class for toddlers.

### Paint Pots for Tots

10.30am - 11.15am

The fourth Monday of each month.

Each week we read a new story and get creative. Parents can enjoy helping their little ones create masterpieces each week, whilst sampling special offers from our café.

## Activities for Ages 4-7

### Children & Family Yoga

Saturdays, 9.15am - 10am

These fun and creative sessions blend yoga and mindfulness practice with storytelling, games, singing and dancing.

### Ballet Attitude Elemental

Saturdays, 10am, 11am & 12pm

Ballet with a funky fusion attitude.

### Beat Street Elemental

Saturdays, 10.30am, 11.30am & 12.30pm

Join the Beat Street crew. Just starting out? Elemental is our introductory class for our youngest dancers.



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All classes are Free for  
Bright Sparks members

## Activities for Ages 6-10

### Bright Stars

Mondays, 4pm - 4.45pm &

4.45pm - 5.30pm

Bright Stars is Z-arts' free drama club for young people!

### Allsorts Essential

Tuesdays, 4pm-5pm

A new introduction to music-making, no experience needed just enthusiasm to learn, play, perform and create music.

### Breakdancing

Thursdays, 6pm - 6.45pm

Learn new breakdance skills to take out onto the streets and stages of Manchester.

### Tongue Tied

Tuesdays, 5pm - 6pm

Learn Spanish through play, puppetry and song. This class requires a 4 week minimum attendance.

### Mix It Up

Wednesdays

4pm - 4.50pm Ages 5-7

5.15pm - 6.15pm Ages 8-10

A great activity for young people who enjoy making stuff!

### Beat Street Elevate

Thursdays, 4pm - 5pm &

Saturdays 2.30pm - 3.15pm

Find your feet with this weekly street dance class for those who want to develop their skills and learn fresh, new techniques.

### Lego Café

Fridays, 3pm - 5pm

Come down to Z-arts and relax in the café whilst attempting our weekly Lego challenges. We provide the Lego and you provide the building power!

## Activities for Ages 11+

### ZYP – Unusual Theatre in Unusual Spaces

Mondays, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Hone your performance skills working on an indoor devised piece for a performance.

### Generation Z

Wednesdays, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Workshop for young emerging artists interested in developing their portfolio, learning about contemporary artists and developing new art skills. Practical sessions will explore printmaking, drawing, painting and sculpture. Regulars have the opportunity to achieve Arts Award.

### Beat Street Supreme

Thursdays, 5pm - 6pm

Beat Street Supreme is for our older or more experienced 'street' dancers.

### Clapperboard

Fridays, 6pm - 7pm

Learn film making techniques including animation, green screen, editing. See your films screened at Z-arts in-house cinema space.

### Allsorts Unplugged

Saturdays, 11am – 1pm

Music-making at its best; learn new instruments in new genres and write music that represents your life.

## Activities for All Ages

### Film Club

Fridays, 6pm

May 5th, May 19th, June 2nd, June 9th,

June 23rd, 14th July, 28th July

Film Club is back! Get the cinema experience without the price tag, new crowd-pleaser every fortnight. Check the website for details of dates and films.

### Mix it Up Families

Saturdays, 10.30 - 11.30 (NEW!)

12pm-1pm

Our ever popular art class, this time in a family sized portion. Come down, muck in and make some art as a family.

### Bright Sparks Summer Showcase

Saturday 10 June,

2pm - 3pm Exhibition preview

3pm - 4.30pm

£3 adults / £2 children

Join us in the Z-arts theatre for an afternoon of performances from Z-arts rising stars, including ballet, street dance, Bright Stars and ZYP. All proceeds go towards Z-arts fundraising target so we can deliver all our amazing activities.

### Ballet & Tap Attitude Elevate

Saturdays, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Ballet and Tap with a funky fusion attitude.

A class for dancers who have a bit more experience and concentration to learn some more advanced ballet and tap techniques.

### Clapperboard

Fridays, 5pm-6pm, Ages 6-10

Learn film making techniques including animation, green screen, editing. See your films screened at Z-arts in-house cinema space.








### Mossa Movement

Saturdays, 3.30pm-4.30pm, Ages 8+

£5

A creative dance class designed for children with SEN and ASD.

# Season at a Glance

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Sun 25	 Puss in Boots	3-8	11am & 2.30pm	3
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Sat 8	 Celebrating Ella	16+	7pm	6
Weds 19 - Sat 22	 Pirate Queen	7+	7.15pm	6
Sat 22	 Hulme Is Where The Art Is	All Ages	12pm - 7pm	5
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