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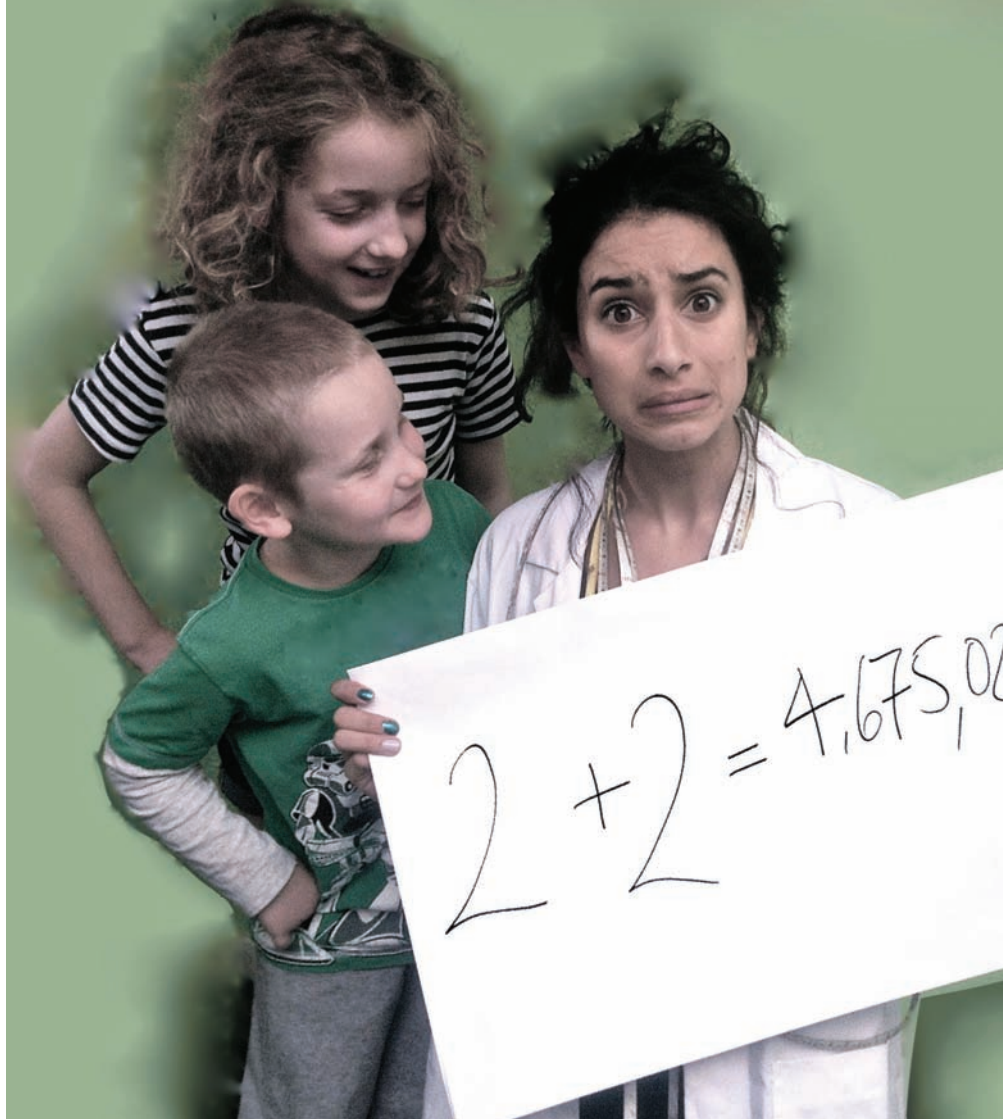
What's On

January - April 2016

Manchester's venue for
children and families

www.z-arts.org
0161 232 6089

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Welcome to 2016 at Z-arts

We're excited to welcome you to 2016 at Z-arts and all that we have in store for children, families and friends from Manchester and beyond.

This Easter we've got the return of the award winning We're Stuck for a series of performances after their wonderfully popular workshops in October 2015. If Maths and Science baffles your brain then why not come and see the brand-new show from award-winning team Mike Kenny, Engine House and our very own Lip Service.

Our new season is peppered with free family events including the Brothers Grimm Fun Day in March and our year round programme of activities including children's yoga, dancing, and lots, lots more.

Liz O'Neill, Chief Executive/Artistic Director

How to book

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

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

Family Ticket: Get discounted tickets for any group of 4
All Bright Sparks members £6.

M15 resident? Concession tickets available for all Hulme residents.

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 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 for more information.



Become a Member

Bright Sparks is Z-arts' flagship membership scheme for all families, no matter what shape and size. For just £15 (free for registered unemployed, students and disabled) your entire family can access all of our regular activities, get access to reduced price tickets for our Big Imaginations programme, input into how we do things at Z-arts and keep in touch with all the fabulous things we have planned! Visit z-arts.org for details.

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Ages
5+

ARTCART!
Free arts
activities before
& after all
shows

Saturday 30 January The Sleepover

11am & 2.30pm
£6 - £12
Running Time: 65 Minutes

An interactive modern fairytale; a re-imagining of the 'Princess and the Pea'. Follow the story of an adventurous girl, her sleepy dad and a pit-bull dog called Prince. In this build-your-own audio pop-up poetry book of the tale, audiences are invited to create and record sounds as part of the live music.

Expect magical storms, a bit of air guitar and a happy ending. Dance about. Cuddle up. Be still. Shout out. With Louise the Poet and Lee the Music Maker. As featured in the Guardian/ BBC Radio 3/ Just So Children's Festival.

"The best thing I saw at the festival!"
- Impressed Parent at Just So Festival 2015

Ages
0-6

Saturday 27 February Sparkle

Presented by Puppetship
10.30am – Babies
12.30pm Mixed session
2.30pm Mixed session.
£6 - £12, Early Bird Baby & Carer £14
Running Time: 35 Mins

Under a shimmering carousel, a magical world opens up...Welcome to Sparkle, a gentle, interactive performance and creative play session for babies and young children by Alison McGowan of PuppetShip and visual artist Tanya Axford. Join us on a sparkling adventure around islands of objects, have fun feeding the fish and keep a look out for hidden treasure... This performance is non-verbal and takes place in a darkened environment.

"Mesmerising for both children and adults, truly inspiring" - Audience Member

Ages
4+

Saturday 19 March Snow White

Presented By Engine House and LipService
11am & 2.30pm
£6 - £12, Running Time: 60 Minutes

With endless meals to prepare, a never ending pile of dishes to wash...not to mention that huge and ridiculous mirror that needs polishing morning, noon and night... life's never easy for the royal servants downstairs at the palace. From the company that brought you the critically acclaimed Red Riding Hood and Flat Stanley, Olivier Award winning Mike Kenny joins forces with LipService to create a brand new show for children and their families.

"It's magic... a clear and comic telling of the story that children will remember all their lives" - The Stage



February Half Term Monday 15 – Friday 19 Feb Year of The Monkey

10am-12pm
Free for Bright Sparks Members, Booking Required

Celebrating Chinese New Year of the Monkey, Z-arts are running a Chinese themed art week! Resident artist Gill will be leading the week with help from Chinese artists and working in partnership with the Chinese Centre for Contemporary Art. Each day will explore different art forms; calligraphy, painting, papier mache, old techniques and new art forms.

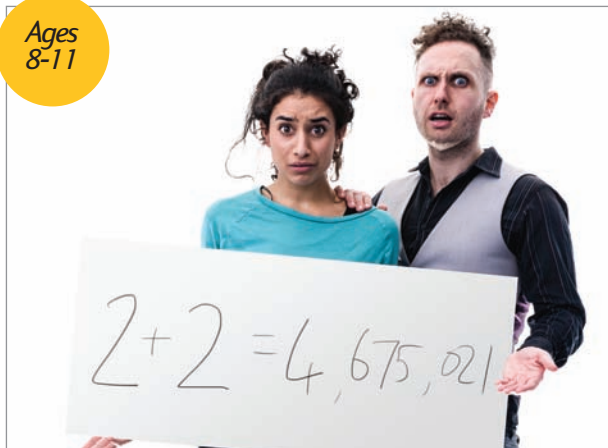


Saturday 19 March Brothers Grimm Fun Day

12-4pm
Family fun for all ages, Free

This March Z-arts will be celebrating World Storytelling Day Brothers Grimm style! It's definitely not grim up north but at Z-arts it will be all things Grimm! Come along and join in as we venture deep into the fairy-like land of the Z-arts Gallery for arts and craft, drama and storytelling based on stories written by the Brothers Grimm.

Ages
8-11



Book Now for Easter.....

Z-arts have teamed up with China Plate and Manchester Science Festival to bring you a series of fun events and activities across the Easter holidays to tackle some extremely tricky maths, science and art conundrums!

Saturday 5th March We're Stuck Fun Day

12pm – 2pm
Free event

Launching World Maths Day (7th March) and National Science and Engineering Week (9th – 18th March) we will be getting our brains in gear and looking at the links between Maths, Science and Art!

All
Ages

Easter Holidays Mon 11 – Fri 15 April We're Stuck Comedy Week

10am – 12pm
Free for Bright Sparks Members, Booking Required

Using our fab new show 'We're Stuck' as inspiration we will be creating a comedy sketch show. Writing, performing, filming and having a really good laugh.
If you fancy a career as a stand up comedian or just enjoy making your friends and family laugh, come and develop your comic skills with Z-arts.

Ages
8-11

Easter Holidays Tues 12 – Sat 16 April We're Stuck Performances

11am & 2.30pm
£6 - £12
Running Time: 70 Mins

Ever got terribly stuck on a problem? Ever made a stupid mistake and felt like a fool? Brilliant! Then this show is for you.
Join us on a special tour into the heart of a top secret research institute, where cutting edge scientists need your help tackling some extremely tricky problems. But beware: there may be unexpected dangers....Inspired by the latest educational neuroscience, this innovative interactive show will stretch your brain in unexpected directions.

WARNING: there may be numbers. And robots.





Ages
7+

Wed 24 – Sat 27
February
**Little Shop of
Horrors**

By Manchester Musical Youth
7.30pm, £15/£10
Running Time: 120mins

Manchester Musical Youth (MMY) return to Z-arts for their third production. In Alan Menken and Howard Ashman’s musical we meet Seymour, a down-and out skid row floral assistant who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood! This uproarious musical is brought to life by a cast of over 50 of Greater Manchester’s most talented young performers.

Friday 11 March
Verve

By The Northern School of Contemporary Dance
7.30pm £12 / £7
Running Time: 90 Mins

VERVE promises an energetic, theatrical performance by twelve dancers trained at some of the world’s leading conservatoires including Anton Lachky, Efrosini Protopapa, Renaud Wisser and Athina Vahla. Founder-member of New Movement Collective, Wisser creates a technical, intricate piece for VERVE, dynamically tackling issues relevant to the human condition. Completing the programme, Vahla transforms the stage into an imaginary world where the dancers use movement to deeply investigate the human psyche.

Ages
14+



All
Ages

Tuesday 1 March
**World Book Day Free
Film Screenings**

10.30am - Snow White - U
5pm - Mirror Mirror – PG
Running Time: Various

To celebrate World Book Day Z-arts are hosting two FREE special screenings of films retelling the story of ‘Snow White’. For children aged 2+ and their families we will be screening Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at 10.30am. Our café will then be open for tea! Come after school, grab something to eat and settle back in our screening room for some on-screen entertainment with ‘Mirror Mirror: The Untold Adventures of Snow White’ (PG) (148 mins) at 5pm.



Sat 20 Feb
Haphazard 2016

12-4pm, FREE
Presented by Word of Warning +
Z-arts

Intriguing images and offbeat oddities dotted around the historic Z-arts building. Playful, quirky, engaging and sometimes plain daft: this is for kids and their adults, adults and their adults — in short, anyone looking for a different day out. Turn up at any time and come and go as you please.

**“Great madcap fun...Wacky and creative... Kids loving it.”
- Audience Member, 2015**

Pre-school Activities

Baby Play

10.30am - 11.15am (Non-walking babies)

The second Tuesday of each month

We understand that exploration is at the heart of play; we want to help your baby develop by providing an interactive play session each month for you to share together.

0-18 months

Polkadots

10.30am - 11.15am

The first Monday of each month.

Polkadots are fun music and movement sessions for young children, giving them the opportunity to make and experience music with others including singing, playing percussion instruments, moving to music, puppets and playing as a group.

2-4

Paint Pots for Tots

10.30am - 11.15am

The second and 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.

2-4

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.

2-4

Activities for Ages 4-7

Children's Yoga

Saturdays, 9.15am - 10am

Yoga is a great way to boost children's health & wellbeing. These fun and creative sessions blend yoga and mindfulness practice with storytelling, games, singing, dancing and art.

4-7

Streetdance

Saturdays, 10am - 10.45am

Class especially designed for younger children

4-6

Ballet

Saturdays, 11am - 11.45am

A fun class for all those prima ballerina's.

4-6

Activities for Ages 6-10

Streetdance

Mondays & Thursdays

5.15pm - 6.15pm

6-10

Mix It Up

Wednesdays

4pm - 5pm

6-10

Bright Stars

Mondays, 4pm - 5pm

Drama skills with resident thespian Jana!

6-10

Capoeira

Wednesdays & Fridays

5.45pm - 7pm

(Bright Sparks membership not required)

6-10

All activities are free for Bright Sparks members*



Activities for Ages 11+

ZYP Mondays, 5:30pm - 7pm

Z-arts young performers (ZYP) meet once a week to share their talents and improve their performance skills as a group, with an annual full scale production.

11+

Allsorts Saturdays, 11am - 1pm

Starts after Feb Half Term

Learn how to write, record and perform or collaborate with like-minded young people and be helped by professional musicians. (Bright Sparks membership not required)

11+

Activities for All Ages

All Ages

Mix It Up Families Saturdays, 11am-12pm

Our ever popular art class, this time in a family sized portion. Come down, muck in and make some art as a family. No skills required – just enthusiasm.

Film Club Saturdays, 1.30pm - 3pm

Get the cinema experience without the price tag. New crowd pleaser every fortnight, just check the website for details of dates and films.

Followed by Film Club Sing-a-long once a month 3.30pm-5pm *See z-arts.org/events/brightsparks*

All Ages

Into Film Special! Saturday 12th March

11am and 2.30pm

Free for Bright Sparks members.

Check the website for full details

All Ages

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