

335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA

What's On Sept - Dec 2017

Manchester's venue for children, families and friends

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Welcome to Autumn at 7-arts

After a lovely Summer break we are back with our most exciting season ever, packed full of children and family theatre and activities.

Kicking off this season is Goblin Theatre's Peter and The Wolf, a brand new musical performance based on the original fairy-tale. The original score gets a total update and is combined with fun interaction, comedy and inventive puppetry.

From the 19 October- 5 November the Bia Imaginations Festival is here! Choose from hundreds of performances in 26 venues across the North West, including the North West premiere of *Child of The Divide*. There will be 6 shows at Z-arts and you can get into the festival spirit with free arts and crafts before and after every show.

Plus every month starting in October we'll be holding Access All Areas at Z-arts, accessible family fun days for our families who have members of the family with a disabilitu

Christmas is only a few months away and this year we've got a family performance you won't want to miss! Book now for Little Red and The Big Bad Wolf, a Christmas treat for ages 5-105 to enjoy!

There's so much happening, we can't wait to welcome you!

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 Group 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 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/home/uour-visit-to-z-arts/ for more information.



Become a Member

Bright Sparks is our family membership scheme which allows all families no matter what shape or size to take part in our regular activities. For £15 you and your family can access our year-round programme of family activities, receive discounts to our children's theatre shows and be the first to hear about our amazing familu programme! Whatever your age, background or interest, we hope you'll be able to find something to suit you.

Accessibility

Our Building - The whole building including the theatre, screening room, gallery, dance space and music studio are accessible via a lift with wheelchair access to all areas. For more details visit z-arts.org/home/your-visit-to-z-arts/access/ or call us on 0161 232 1912.

Tickets - Anyone who requires a companion, including guide dogs to accompany them to events at Z-arts can bring a personal assistant at no charge. Personal Assistant tickets are available to book online for all bookable events, in person at the Box Office or by telephone on 0161 232 1912.



ART CART! Free arts and crafts before and after all shows!

Fri 8 – Sat 16 December Little Red & The Big Bad Wolf

Fri 8 December 7pm

Sat 9 December 1 1 am (Relaxed Performance, ideal to bring younger siblings to) and 2.30pm Sun 10 Dec 11am & 2.30pm Fri 15 Dec 7pm (BSL Integrated) Sat 16 Dec 11am & 2.30pm Adults and Children £10, Group Ticket (any 4 people) £36 Running Time: 1 hour 20 mins including an interval

A Unity, Action Transport Theatre production in association with Z-arts and The Brewery, Kendal.

Join us this Christmas for a bold and highlu theatrical re-telling of the well-known classic tale packed with music, dance and song. A small figure sets off, with red cloak and hood to grandmas they go, the other side of the woods. Do not stop to smell the flowers, or sing to the birds or climb a tall tree, remember these words... Do not leave the path, for you'd make a tasty treat!For the hungriest wolf of all, who is ready to eat! The production explores the thrill of adventure and unknown versus the safety and familiarity of the path and how irresistible straying can be, as well as the tension between mankind and nature. Are the wolves really the villains in a world where the woodcutter is destroying the forest? And is Grandma the trophy hunter really sick?.

"The perfect way to see in the beginning of the festive season, portraying forgiveness and the coming together of family. A great family outing for all ages to enjoy." - North West End

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.

Free Little Red goodie bag with arts activities stickers, posters and prizes.

Book Now! Tues 5- Fri 8 and Tues 12- Fri 15 December. Contact gill@z-arts.org



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Sat 23 September Peter and The Wolf

11am & 2.30pm £6-£9 Running Time: 45 mins

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Presented by Goblin Theatre

Join Peter on a hilarious adventure through the fields and forest as he discovers new sounds and noises. With animal antics involving birds, ducks, cats, wolves and musical vegetables, this original show features multi-instrumental live music combined with imaginative puppetry which will have children ages 4+ jumping for joy.

Goblin's Peter and the Wolf is a brand new show with amazing music created live with a variety of instruments. An ideal, imaginative introduction to music, as well as a positive message about being kind to the world.



Festival Launch

Young Critics





£6-£9 Running Time: 1 hour 25 mins

Bhuchar Boulevard In association with Big Imaginations, Partition History Project and Polka Presents

A storu of family, identity and belonging; marking the 70th anniversary of the partition of India. Summer 1947 and 16 million people are on the move between India and the newluformed Pakistan

Amid the violent political upheaval young Pali's fingers slip from his father's hand, and his destiny changes forever.

"A wonderful and mature play... with equal appeal to kids and adults, heart and head" - Lyn Gardner, The Guardian

Part of Black History Month 1-31 October



Handa's Surprise

10.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm £6-£9 Running Time: 35 mins

Presented by Little Angel Theatre

Travel to Kenya and follow in Handa's footsteps as she journeys to see

her best friend Akeyo, in the next village. Handa is taking 7 delicious fruits as a surprise - but 7 different animals have 7 very different ideas... could you resist the sweet-smelling guava? How about a ripe red mango or a tangy purple passion fruit?

"A short, sunshing little show with a delicious citrus finish" - Critics' Choice Time Out





"The children came away from the performance dancing....they keep asking when they can see Adriano again." - Sophie McLoughlin, Music Teacher, Latchmere Primary School

Catapluf's Musical Journey

11am & 2.30pm E6 - E9 Running Time: 50 mins

Adriano Adewale Presents

Meet Catapluf, a cheeky character whose imagination travels to places where everything is music: saucepans, water, drums and even your body.

It's a magical musical journey packed full of rhythms and tunes from every corner of the globe spiced up with samba sounds, roof-raising jazz and foot-stomping klezmer. Discover music hiding in the everyday things

around us on a colourful journey of rhythms and sounds.

Free arts activities before and after all shows!

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Big Imaginations Jazz Club



Running Time: 45 mins

Presented by Arun Ghosh

Award winning clarinettist Arun Ghosh brings his

exciting energy and original music to the Big Imaginations Festival. Arun's musical moods take you on journeys along rivers, through mountains and into the heart of the city. Hear how Arun's melodies and rhythms draw together jazz, hip-hop and South Asian music, with clarinet, double-bass and the dazzling, percussive sounds of the tabla.

"One of the coolest British Jazz artists on the circuit. Relaxed, entertaining banter with the kids" - Steve, Cheltenham Jazz Festival



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Fairutales Gone Bad: Zombie-rella/ Blood-Red Hood

2.30pm £6 - £9 Running Time: 45 mins

Presented by Half Moon Theatre

A mysterious vaudeville storyteller with a magical top-hat and coat unwinds the true stories behind the happily ever afters, which are maybe not as charming as you remember! Discover the true tale of Cinderella, where she dies and becomes a zombie and falls in love with a vampire prince. And of course, there's the true tale of Little Red Riding Hood, the wolf-hunter who never leaves her home without her shield, axe and blood-red stained cloak.

After the show there will be a chance to meet Joseph and purchase signed copies of his books, as well as talk about his work.

hrillingly grisly, darkly funny" - Children's Theatre Reviews



Fairytales Gone Bad: Grannylocks/ The Monstrous Duckling

11am £6 - £9 Running Time: 45 mins

Presented bu Half Moon Theatre

Join performance poet Joseph Coelho, winner of the 2015 Centre for Literacy in Primary Poetry Award, as he unravels familiar fairytales to create fresh contemporary classics in an enchanting performance for young and old alike.

"Thrillingly grisly, darkly funny" - Children's Theatre Reviews



at 4 Nov Tales of Birbal

11am, 2.30pm (BSL Interarated) F6-F9 Running Time: 45 mins

Presented by Mashi Theatre

How many crows are there in the kingdom? Which came first, the chicken or the egg? What is the

fastest thing in the world? Only Birbal knows... Birbal was a poet and author, but was more widely esteemed for his wit and wisdom in solving problems. Known as one of the Navaratnas or nine jewels of the Mogul Emperor Akbar, many would travel from far and wide to present Birbal with a challenge, to which he would always have an intelligent and amusing response. Akin to Aesop's fables, the stories are reawakened for a new audience of families and Children.

"Whether familiar with these stories or experiencing them for the first time, Trina Haldar's production is joyful, colourful, vibrant and funny." - Children's Theatre Reviews

Coming to Z-arts in February 2018...



Thu 21 – Sun 25 February Snow Mouse

Travelling Light and The egg present

An enchanting winter's tale for the very young.

10am, 1pm, 3pm

Running Time: 35 mins

£6 - £9



Winter has arrived and the woods are covered in white. A child hurries to put on their

winter clothes so they can run outside and play in a sparkly new world.

Just when they start to feel a bit lonely they find a sleeping mouse buried

under the soft white flakes. Sliding, tumbling and laughing, they explore the

winter wonderland together and keep each other safe and warm from the winter

freeze. Come and join the two new friends on their adventures in a magical forest



"Delightful $\star \star \star \star$ " - The Stage

full of play, puppetry and music.

Sign up today and make amazing things happen! Support starts from only £4 a month, you can sign up online at z-arts.org/support-us or email gemma@z-arts.org or call in and talk to our lovely Box Office team.

You'll get some great benefits in return and your fantastic support will enable us to carry on doing great things.



BECOME A Z-ARTS SUPPORTER

Support Z-arts regularly and help inspire a generation of young people from across Manchester

Z-arts is a registered charity (1093556) and relies on the support from people like you to make amazing things happen.

Z-arts is currently being supported by Arts Councils Catalyst Evolve Fund. That means that every donation we receive they generously match. Can you help Z-arts reach our fundraising goal by donating to us monthly?



Weds 13 September Roald Dahl Day Film Club special screening of Revolting Rhymes (PG)

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Animated television adaptation of Roald Dahl's famous 'Revolting Rhymes' based on classic fairytales. The two-part series features the voice talents of David Walliams Tamsin Greig, Dominic West and Rob Brydon and looks at Dahl's grisly take on the characters of Snow White, Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and The Three Little Pigs.

Sat 16 September Z-arts Family Fun Day

Tickets & info: 0161 232 6089

12pm – 4pm All ages Free

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To get everyone back in the swing of things at Z-arts we are launching our new season and showcasing all the amazing shows, activities and events happening up until Christmas. Pop down, meet the team, have some fun having a go and get ready for four months of fun!

Sat 30 September Emergency 2017 12pm – 10pm

Word of Warning presents

A full day out for the curious. Manchester's manic micro-marathon of the bizarre + the

beautiful comes of age in this, its 18th outing - from gallery to theatre, store-cupboard

to stairwell, 20+ live works in a non-stop performance takeover. From noon, dip in

and out of ongoing performances or join us in the evening for some sit-down shows.

Drop in for 10 minutes or stay for 10 hours - then pay what you decide! This show is

an adult event and may contain content not suitable for the under 18s, which will be

not ticketed please just turn up on Saturday and enjoy. Please note this is primarily

Every month we'll host an accessible family fun day for our families who have

members of the family with a disability. There will be a different theme each month

with activities throughout the building for the whole family to enjoy including dance

celebrate the Big Imaginations Festival (19 October-5 November), November will be

and drama, music and arts and crafts. In October we'll be giving Z-arts a festival feel to

fantastic fairutales and in December there will be festive fun. No need to book, just turn

To celebrate National Poetry Day we are hosting our first Word Jam. Come down, write

some lurics, listen to bars and enjoy the rhymes performed by professional poets and

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clearly signposted.

Details online from 19 Sep at emergencymcr.org

up and join in at either 10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm.

Access All Areas at Z-arts

10am – 12pm and 2pm-4pm

Free Event, book online

Sat 7 October

Word Jam

1.30pm – 2.30pm

the budding stars of Z-arts.

Free Event

Sun 1 October, Sun 5 November, Sun 3 December



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Sat 14 October The Big Draw

11.30am – 2pm Free Event

We'll be celebrating the world's biggest drawing festival by making illustrated popup animals. Draw your favourite creature and watch it come to life through the art of paper engineering. With a careful cut here and a fancy fold there, we'll show you simple techniques to bring your drawings to life!

Want to hear fairutales like you've never heard them before? Travel to exciting

faraway lands? Well you're in luck! The Big Imaginations Festival is back and to

celebrate we will be hosting a familu Fun Day. As well as discovering more about

the fantastic shows on offer we'll have a whole host of arts activities, workshops and

Sat 21 October

Big Imaginations Festival Fun Day 10.30am - 2.30pm Free Event

storytelling happening throughout the day...and it's all FREE!



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Free Event

Sat 28 October Monster Mash Mixtape

No booking required, just turn up!

4pm – 6pm All ages Tickets £3

All ghosts, goblins and ghouls are invited to a not to be missed familu monster mash up playing old favourites from the mixtapes you bought from Afflecks. Join us for some tunes, tricks and treats, Fancu dress encouraged, throw some of your own ghost busting moves and everyone gets a glow-stick!



Free for Bright Sparks Members It hasn't always been happily ever after, sometimes the ugly sisters lost their toes and other horrible happenings occur. Using storytelling and drama, we will explore many different fairytales, create new endings, meet and make some wonderful and weird characters along the way.







Mon 20 November Children's Dau

10am – 12pm Free Event

United Nations Universal Children's Day is celebrated each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. For 2017 Z-arts are having a morning of activities for kids not yet in school, with an extended Paint Pots and the chance to do both Jitterbugs and Lets' Imagine on the same dau!

Sat 2 December **Festive Fairytales** Family Fun Day

12pm – 4pm

Join us this Christmas for a bold and brilliant day of family fun all based on well-known classic tales, expect your adventure to be packed with music, dance, arts & crafts activities.



Holiday Activities - October Half Term

Mon 23 - Fri 27 October Fairytales Gone Bad

10am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm





Sat 14 October The Little Mermaid

2pm, 7pm £10-14 Running Time: 90 mins Presented by the Manchester Musical Youth

Manchester Musical Youth 'Apprentices' present their first full production with a journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's The Little Mermaid JR. Adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture.

Weds 8 - Sat 11 Nov The Producers 2pm matinee and 7.30pm

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£15 Running Time: 150 mins including an interval South Manchester AOS Presents

From their sell out production of Priscilla Queen of the Desert in April, South Manchester AOS return to Z-arts with their next performance. The Producers tells the unlikely story of down on his luck Broadway kingpin Max and his accountant Leo who come up with an ingenious plan to make a mint on Broadway.



Thurs 16 Nov The Scummy Mummies Show

£15 Running Time: 120 mins including an interval Presented bu the Mamas Collective Manchester

Mamas Collective is proud to welcome The Scummy Mummies Show, an evening of laughs for less-than-perfect parents, to Manchester, Comedians Helen Thorn and Ellie Gibson cover a wide range of parenting topics, from pelvic floors and playdates to farting and fish fingers. Based on the UK's No.1 Kids and Family Podcast, as recommended by The Guardian, The Sunday Times, The Telegraph and BBC's Woman's Hour.

In partnership but elsewhere...

Sun 10 September Celebrating Family across the Generations

This event takes place at Manchester Central Library

12pm – 4pm

Manchester Family Arts creates special events throughout the year. This September Manchester's cultural venues will take over Central Library for a spectacular event celebrating family across the generations. With pop up poetry, storytime with Grandad and arts and crafts, we will be welcoming families of all shapes and sizes to join in the fun.



Ages 18+

Booking for classes is essential and all classes are available to book one week in advance.

Pre-school Activities Let's Imagine

10.30am - 11.15am

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

Paint Pots for Tots

10.30am - 11.15am The second and fourth Monday of each month. Each week we read a new storu and get creative. Parents can enjoy helping their little ones create masterpieces,

whilst sampling special offers from our café.

Jitterbuas

10.30am - 11.15am The third Mondau of each month. Get moving! Bring your little ones down and boogie with Jitterbugs, our dance and movement class for toddlers.

Activities for Ages 6-10

Bright Stars

Mondaus, 4pm - 4.45pm & 4.45pm - 5.30pm Z-arts' free drama club for young people.

Allsorts Essential

Tuesdaus, 4pm - 5pm No experience needed just enthusiasm to learn. play, perform and create music from around the world.

Tuesdaus, 5pm – 6pm Learn languages from around the world through Saturdays 2pm - 2.45pm

Tongue Tied

play, puppetry and song at Z-arts. This class requires a 4 week minimum attendance.

Mix It Up

Wednesdays 4pm – 4.45pm Ages 5-9 5pm – 5.45pm Ages 5-9 A great activity for young people who enjoy making stuff!

Activities for Ages 4-7

Adventures in Yogi-land

Aaes 3-5 Saturdaus 9.30am-10.15am Little ones and their grown-ups can share the magic of uoga in these gentle classes with age-appropriate postures, mindfulness and breathing practice. storutelling and games.

Ballet Attitude Flemental

Saturdays, 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am Ballet with a funku fusion attitude.

Beat Street Flemental

Saturdaus, 10am, 11am, 12pm Join the Beat Street crew. Just starting out? Elemental is our introductory class for our youngest dancers.



bright sparks All classes are Free for Bright Sparks members

Saturdaus, 11am – 1pm Music-making at its best; learn new instruments in new genres and write music that represents your life.

Beat Street Flevate

Thursdays, 4pm - 5pm and Find your feet with this weekly street dance class for those who want to develop their skills and learn fresh, new techniques.

Clapperboard

Fridaus, 5pm-6pm, Aaes 6-10 Learn film making techniques including animation, green screen, editing. See your films screened at Z-arts in-house cinema space.



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Activities for Ages 11+

7YP – Unusual Theatre in Unusual Spaces

Mondaus, 5.30pm – 6.30pm Hone your performance skills working on an indoor devised piece for a performance.

Generation 7

Wednesdaus, 6pm – 7pm

Workshop for young emerging artists interested in developing their portfolio, learning about contemporaru 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

Thursdaus, 5pm - 6pm

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

Clapperboard

Fridaus, 6pm –7pm

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

Allsorts

Adventures in Yogi-land

Aaes 6-9 Saturdaus 10.15am-11am

Kid's yoga sessions for the adventurous! Learn yoga & mindfulness through exciting classes transporting young yogi's to anywhere from your own back garden to the moon!

Ballet & Tap Attitude Elevate Saturdays, 1pm – 2pm A class for dancers who have a bit more experience and concentration to learn some more advanced ballet and tap techniques.

Activities for All Ages

Film Club

Fridaus, 6pm

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

Lego Café

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Fridaus, 3pm – 5pm

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

Mix it Up Families

Saturdays, 10.30am-11.30am, 12pm -1pm Our ever popular art class, this time in a familu sized portion. Come down, muck in and make some art as

Bright Sparks Showcase

Saturdau 25 November 2pm - 3pm All ages £3/£2

Join us in the Z-arts theatre for an afternoon of performances from Z-arts rising stars, all the children have been working hard to bring some traditional tales to life but with a twist! Z-arts visual arts exhibition launches on this day at 1 pm and will be open all week for you to enjoy at your leisure.

Mossa Movement

Check website for available dates. 3.30pm-4.30pm, Aaes 8+ A creative dance class designed for children with S.E.N and A.S.D.

Z-arts.orc Tickets & info: 0161 232 608

Season at a Glance

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Sat 23	2 Peter and the Wolf	Ages 4+	11am & 2.30pm	4
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Sat 14	2 The Big Draw	All ages	11.30am-2pm	8
Sat 14	🔮 The Little Mermaid	All ages	2pm & 7pm	10
Fri 20	2 Child of the Divide	Ages 8+	11am & 2.30pm	5
Sat 21	2 Catapluf's Musical Journey	Ages 5+	11am & 2.30pm	5
Sat 21	2 Big Imaginations Festival Fun Day	All ages	10.30am-2.30pm	9
Sun 22	2 Handa's Surprise	Ages 2-6	11am & 2.30pm	5
Mon 23 - Fri 27	2 Half Term Activities - Fairytales Gone Bad	Ages 6-10	10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm	9
Thu 26	2 Big Imaginations Jazz Club	Ages 2-5 / 5+	11am & 2.30pm	6
Sat 28	2 Fairytales Gone Bad: Grannylocks/The MonstrousDuckling	Ages 3+	11am	6
Sat 28	2 Fairytales Gone Bad: Zombie-rella/Blood-red hood	Ages 6+	2.30pm	6
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Thu 16	🕐 The Scummy Mummies Show	Ages 18+	8pm	10
Mon 20	2 Children's Day	All ages	10am-12pm	9
Sat 25	2 Bright Sparks Showcase	All ages	2pm-3pm	10
Sun 29	Z-arts Access All Areas	All ages	10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm	8
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Sun 3	2 Z-arts Access All Areas	All ages	10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm	8
Fri 8 - Sat 16	2 Little Red and the Big Bad Wolf	Ages 5+	11am, 2.30pm, 7.30pm	2



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