



# What's On at Z-arts

Manchester's venue for children, families and friends

May - August 2018

Box Office: 0161 232 6089

[z-arts.org](http://z-arts.org)

335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA

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## Welcome to Summer at Z-arts

“With exciting shows visiting us through our Big Imaginations network and lots of activities during school term and holidays, this summer is jam-packed with art!

We're delighted to announce that we will be holding another Z-access family fun day, this time on the same day as a relaxed performance so you can enjoy a show and visit us.

We hope to see you at Z-arts soon!”

Liz O'Neill | Chief Executive and Artistic Director

## How to book

**Opening hours:** Monday - Friday 9am - 9pm. Saturday 9am - 5pm

**Tickets and info:** 0161 232 6089

**Online:** z-arts.org

M15 resident? Concession tickets available for Hulme residents

## Getting to Z-arts



**Walk:** 20 minutes walk from Oxford Rd & Deansgate train stations


**Bus:** There are regular bus services from the city centre: 250, 256 and 263 pass just outside

**Car:** there is ample on-street parking in the area. Restrictions apply Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm. There are disabled parking bays available.

## Accessibility

There is access to various areas of the building via a lift. There are more details online at z-arts.org/access. Anyone who requires a companion can bring an Essential Companion at no extra charge.

Speak to our Box Office team for more details. Z-arts prides itself on being a welcoming venue. Please contact us to discuss any needs you may have to make your visit more enjoyable. Email lowri@z-arts for more info.

 Accessible events. See online or call box office for more information.



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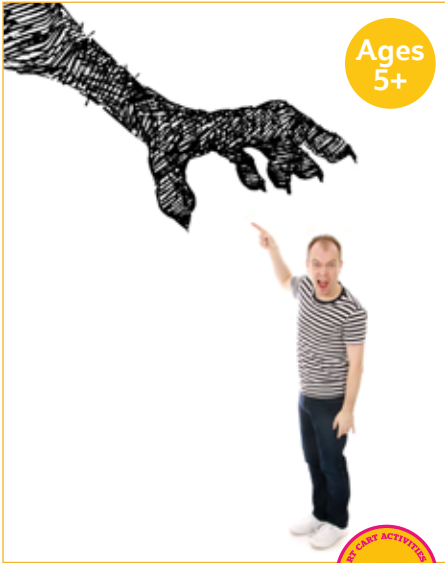
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Saturday 19 May  
**AAAAAAAAAAAAAGH  
DINOSAURS!**

11am & 2.30pm | £6 - £8  
Run time: 90 mins (inc interval)

**Presented by Dommy B,**  
from the BBC's Rhyme Rocket

Z-arts' favourite poet presents his latest one-man show. A young troll girl finds herself defending her town from a gang of destructive, deadly dinosaurs! She recruits a goblin wizard and a flame breathing dragon as allies. Does she have what it takes to save the day and calm these dangerous dinos' raging reign?



Saturday 2 June  
**ONE SMALL STEP**

11.30am & 2.30pm | £6 - £9  
Run time: 60 minutes

**Presented by Oxford Playhouse**

Check your oxygen, adjust your spacesuit and buckle up for the biggest mission of your life...

*One Small Step* is an inventive, funny and surprisingly moving action-packed show that crams 50 years of history into one full-throttle trip to the moon!



## Sunday 17 June TIDY UP

3pm & 12pm relaxed performance\*

£6 - £9

Run time: 45 mins

**Presented by Peut-Etre Theatre**

A vibrant and interactive dance production! Why can't tidiness be exciting for children or chaos joyful for parents? Witty, uplifting and full of surprises, *Tidy Up* is inspired by children's desire to create order, patterns and systems. Join us on a journey to discover if chaos and order can live side-by-side!

*\* This is a performance for families with disabilities or additional needs and forms part of the Z-access Family Fun Day.*

*See page 7 for more details.*



## Saturday 30 June MINIFEST FUN DAY

2.30pm performance | £6 - £10

Run time: 60 minutes

12 - 2.30pm arts activities

**Presented by Artful Playground and Z-arts**

This is a musical festival like no other! With original songs written specially to stimulate young imaginations and encourage movement, *MINIFEST* will have musical styles including rock 'n' roll, jazz and rap.

Alongside the performance will be a fun day at Z-arts for all ages to get involved in. So bring your mini ones and get some festival vibes!



Saturday 14 July  
**COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS**

2.30pm | £6 - £9

Run time: 60 mins

**Presented by Mark Makin**

Like the name says it's a **Comedy Club 4 Kids!**

Cracking entertainment for everyone over six years old and under 400 years old (no vampires). We have the best comedians from the UK and world circuit doing what they do best... but without the rude bits!



Saturday 28 July  
**HULME IS WHERE THE ART IS FUN DAY & CLIMB THAT TREE**

**HULME IS WHERE THE ART IS** 12pm-3pm  
FREE family fun day

Z-arts and Venture Arts invite you to a free family fun day at Z-arts, with lots of accessible arts and crafts activities aimed to inspire and entertain! Free event but booking is required.

**CLIMB THAT TREE** 3pm-4pm  
Tickets £1 for M15 residents and Bright Sparks members. £2 full price

Our family fun day will be followed by the musical sensation 'Climb That Tree' by award-winning songwriter David Gibb. Hilarious, surreal, and suitable for both parents and children.

**"Packed full of catchy, toe-tapping numbers."**

- The Guardian



## SPACE ODDITIES- DRAMA SHOWCASE

All  
Ages

Monday 21 May 6pm - 6.30pm

Watch your very own budding stars in our drama showcase.

## OUT OF THIS WORLD

Ages  
6-10

Tuesday 29 May -

Friday 1 June

(May Half-term)

10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm

Using our Solar System and astronomy as inspiration, blast off from Planet Earth and spend the week exploring outer space through drama, movement and dance.

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## THE MILKY WAY FUN DAY

All  
Ages

Free event

Wednesday 30 May

(May Half-term)

11am - 3pm

It's all about Space, the Galaxy and aliens! Join us for an intergalactic mix of arts activities, all with a Space theme. We are over the moon to be hosting the Daresbury Lab StarLab, bringing the night sky to life in the mobile planetarium! BSL interpreted.

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## CINEMA CLUB

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Friday 1 June 5pm

Arts and crafts at 4pm

National Share a Story Month sees *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* at Cinema Club, with free arts & craft taking place from 4pm. All of our film screenings will be accessible with subtitles being shown.

## VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

Saturday 9 - Wednesday 13 June

Saturday launch 2pm - 3pm

See creativity at work when Arts Stars and Z-artists exhibit their work. There will also be performances by Voice & Beatz and Voice & Beatz Collective.

## INTERGALACTIC DANCE SHOWCASE

Saturday 9 June 3pm - 4pm

Watch your very own budding star in our bi-annual showcase - this showcase is for our dance classes.



## CHILDREN'S ART WEEK

Monday 11 - Sunday 17 June

A UK-wide programme that encourages children, young people and families to engage with visual arts. To celebrate, we encourage you to take part in the different regular Z-arts arts activities and complete 'Discover Arts Awards'

Email [Gill@z-arts.org](mailto:Gill@z-arts.org) or see website for more details.



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## Z-ACCESS FAMILY FUN DAY

Free event

Sunday 17 June 10am - 2pm

Relaxed performance of *Tidy Up* at 12pm. Tickets from £6

A fun day specially designed for all families and friends with additional needs and disabilities to enjoy drama, dance, music, arts and crafts. You can also join us for a relaxed performance of *Tidy Up* (see page 4) at 12.00pm. Anyone who chooses to can complete an Arts Award on the day!

## WORLD MUSIC DAY

Thursday 21 June

10.30am - 11.15am

11.30am - 12.15pm for families with additional needs

In addition to our pre-school programme to celebrate World Music Day, our resident musician Tsana will be leading our youngest musicians in a sing-song.

Pre school

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## CAPTAIN PLANET

Monday 23 - Friday 27 July  
(Summer holidays)

10 - 3pm

Become a 'green' conscious superhero at Z-arts! Over the course of the week, try different arts activities that are themed to the environment, from up cycling to natural pigment painting, working towards gaining your very own Carbon Literacy certificate from attending all week!

Ages 6-10

Arts Award

## THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Monday 23 July - Saturday 4 August  
(Summer holidays)

10am - 4pm

Do you think that drama is all about clowning around? This time it will be! Work with professional performers from the world of mime, street theatre and circus to perfect your skills and perform your unusual theatre in an unusual space. You must be available for the full two weeks.

Ages 6-10

Arts Award

## Starting 20 August CREATIVE PICNICS

10am - 12pm

1pm - 2pm for families with additional needs

Monday 20 August

Wednesday 22 August

Friday 24 August

Fun-filled mornings of creative activity centred on the theme of hedgehogs, with different sessions focusing on music, dance, and crafts. After, you're invited to join us for lunch either at Z-arts or at Hulme Park (weather permitting!). See online for more details.

Pre school

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Ages  
8+

**Saturday 7 July**

Further details to be revealed soon. Keep watching our website for more information.

## INUK

At a top secret site-specific location to be revealed soon...

**Presented by Belgium's premier children's theatre, Studio ORKA, Z-arts and Manchester International Festival**

*Stormy weather, somewhere, nowhere,  
4 people cross paths.*

*On the road - between here and there -  
Longing for a shoulder to lean on.*

INUK is about taking refuge and finding peace...

Limited spaces available and more top secrets to be revealed soon. Don't miss this incredible, unique and warm-hearted production.



All  
Ages

**Saturday 21 July**

## HULME IS WHERE THE ART IS

11am - 4pm | FREE event

**At Hulme Community Garden Centre and Venture Arts, Old Birley Street**

Free family fun with the garden centre's summer party.

**Saturday 23 June**

## THE MINISTRY OF LOST & FOUND

11am - 4pm | FREE event

**Manchester Central Library,  
St Peter's Square**

Bring all the family to discover what the Ministry of Lost & Found is all about! Meet some of the strange and wonderful characters who are all searching for something and help them on their quest. Lose yourself in making, playing, and find adventures within the walls of Central Library!





Wednesday 18 - Saturday 21 July  
**HALF A SIXPENCE**

Eve: 7.30pm | £11 - £16

Run time: 2.5 hours including interval

**Presented by Manchester Musical Youth**

Book by Beverley Cross

Music and Lyrics by David Heneker

New Version by Warner Brown

A Musical based on the novel KIPPS  
by H G Wells

When childhood friends Kipps and Ann were parted as children, Kipps cut a sixpence in half and told Ann to look at it whenever she missed him. Years later, everything changes for Kipps and Ann...



Friday 31 August - Saturday 1 Sept  
**MARY POPPINS JR**

Eve: 7.30pm & Sat mat: 2pm | £11 - £16

Run time: 2 hours including interval

**Presented by Manchester Musical Youth**

Original Music and Lyrics by

Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by Julian Fellowes

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers  
and the Walt Disney film

Mary Poppins takes young Jane and Michael on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect.

Friday 6 July  
**BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

6.30pm | £4 - £6

Run time: 2 hours no interval

*Battle of the Jazz Bands* is the beginning of a project supported by Help Musicians UK aiming to achieve a more equal gender split in jazz music. Don't miss this exciting evening of saxophone solos and guitar riffs, where young bands (under 18) will compete for the chance to play at Manchester Jazz Festival 2018. Band applications will be open until Friday 4 May 2018, please email [maddy@manchesterjazz.com](mailto:maddy@manchesterjazz.com) for details.

All  
Ages

# Regular Activities

Free for Bright Sparks members

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

Age	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Preschool - 5 years	10.30am - 11.15am Let's Imagine, Let's Create, Let's Dance					9.30am & 10.30am Ballet Attitude Elemental (4-7) 10am & 11am Beat Street Elemental (4-7)
6 - 10 years	4pm - 4.45pm Drama Stars 4.45pm - 5.30pm Drama Stars	5pm - 6pm Digital Stars	4pm - 4.45pm Art Stars 5pm - 5.45pm Art Stars	3.45pm - 4.30pm Drama stars 4.30pm - 5.15pm Beat Street Elevate	4pm - 5pm Film Stars <i>suggested age 6-9 years</i> 4.30pm - 5.30pm Positive Me! Get a healthy mind and body with our new fitness and well being class for kids!	10am - 11am Voice & Beatz 11.30am - 12pm Ballet Attitude Elevate 12pm - 12.30pm Tap Attitude Elevate 12.30pm - 1pm Beat Street Elevate 1.30pm - 2pm Beat Street Elevate 2pm - 2.30pm Tap Attitude Elevate 2.30pm - 3pm Ballet Attitude
11+ years	5.30pm - 7pm ZYP		6pm - 7pm Z-Artists	5.30pm - 6.15pm Beat Street Supreme	5pm - 6pm Film Stars <i>suggested age 10-13 years</i>	11am - 1pm Voice & Beatz Collective
Family		6.30pm - 7.30pm Voices for People for Families			3pm-5pm Lego Café 6pm Cinema Club	10.30am - 11.30am Family Art Stars 12pm - 1pm Family Art Stars

## Enjoy a cuppa at Z-café

Whether you're visiting to see a show, attend a class or are just feeling peckish, our newly refurbished Z-café is the perfect place to grab a bite to eat and something to drink. Breakfast is served Monday and Saturday 9.30am - 11 am  
Lunch is served from 12pm - 2pm Monday to Saturday .  
Z-café's opening times vary daily.  
Check our website [z-arts.org](http://z-arts.org) or call us on 0161 232 6089





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## Become a **Bright Sparks** member

For £15 per year, members receive:

- \* Family membership for families of all shapes and sizes at Z-arts
- \* £6 concession tickets to all Big Imaginations children's theatre shows at Z-arts
- \* Access to all Z-arts regular classes & holiday activities for a year

You can become a member online at: [z-arts.org](http://z-arts.org) or call our friendly Box Office team on 0161 232 6089

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