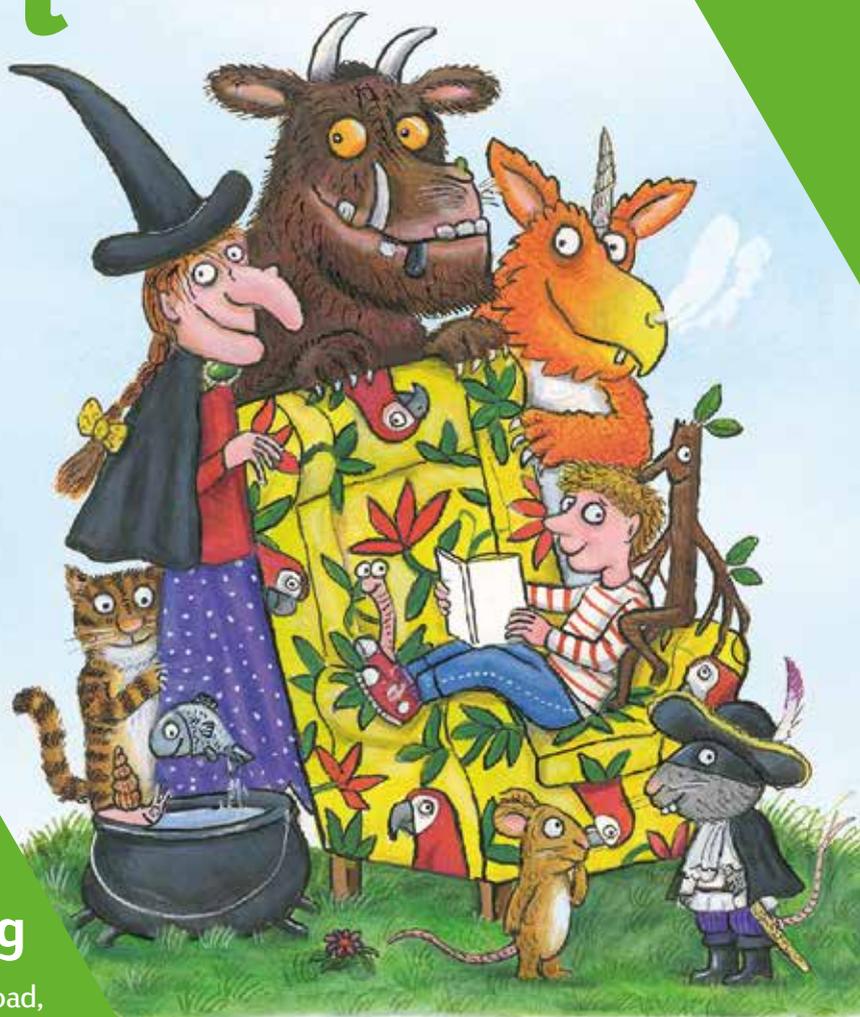


Manchester's venue for children, families and friends

January – April 2019

# What's On

**Z**  
arts



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# A World Inside a Book: Gruffalos, Dragons and Other Creatures

## Special events

**Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 February**  
Launch event

Meet the Gruffalo, explore the exhibition,  
enjoy the stories on the big screen and  
get creative with our arts activities.

**Friday 1 March**

**World Book Day, £7**

**10am, 11.15am, 2.15pm, 4pm & 5pm**

Get inspired and dress up as one of your  
favourite Julia Donaldson and Axel  
Scheffler characters!

**Wednesday 10 April**

**Family Fun Day, FREE**

A free family fun day themed around  
*A World Inside a Book*. Make, create  
and enjoy!

“Once upon a time there was  
a boy called Charlie Cook  
Who curled up in a cosy chair  
and read his favourite book. . .”

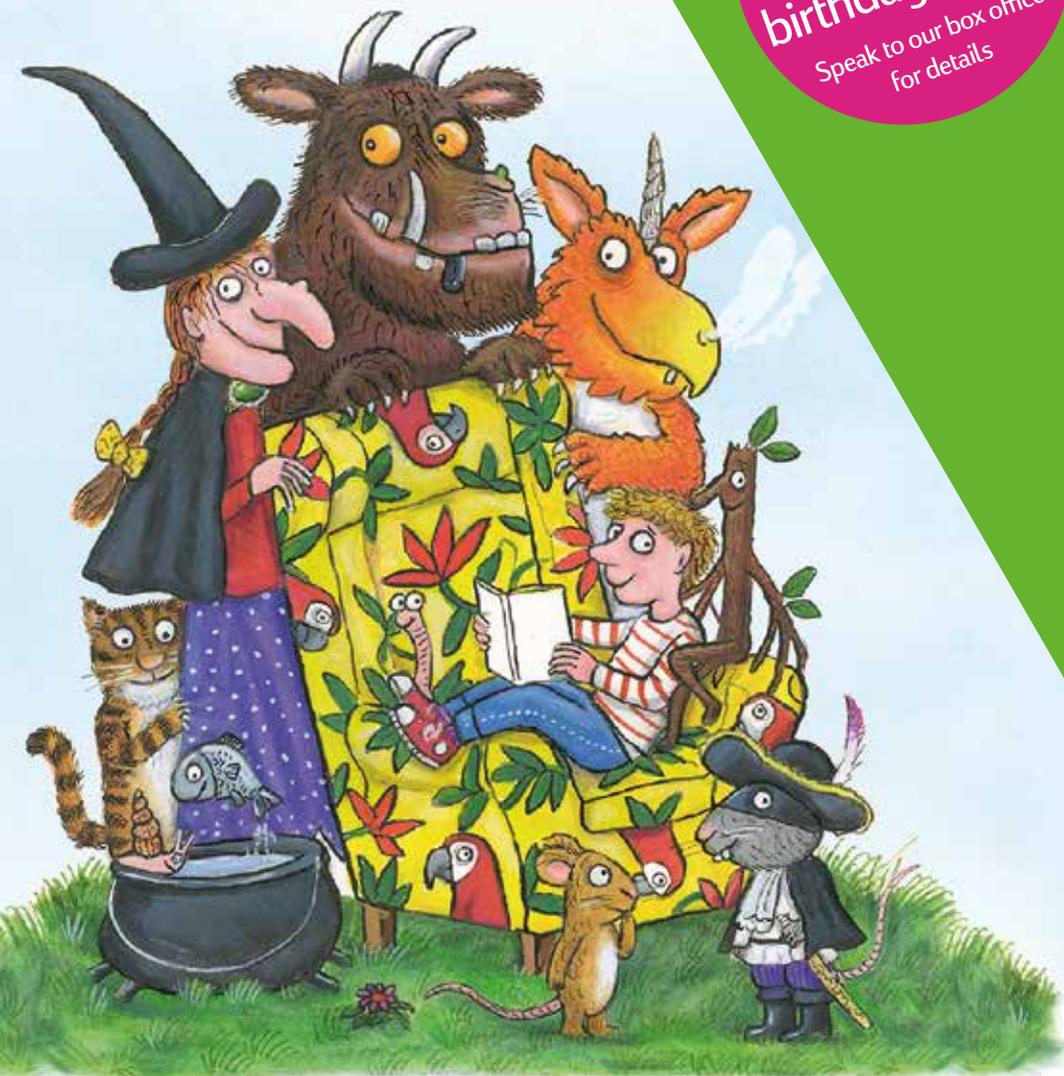
Take a trip into the brilliant 3-D technicolour  
world of the best loved children’s author  
and illustrator pairing, Julia Donaldson and  
Axel Scheffler, with the UK’s first immersive  
exhibition of their wonderful work.

Can you spot *The Gruffalo*? Watch out,  
it might be a bit of *A Squash and a Squeeze*  
to get around the life-sized cow! Who’s  
that flying overhead, could it be *Zog*?  
Be *The Smartest Giant in Town*, climb  
through the cave of *The Highway Rat*,  
swing through the *Monkey Puzzle* jungle,  
discover the underwater world of *Tiddler*,  
set sail with *The Snail and the Whale* and  
take your seat for the ride of your life  
with *Room on the Broom*.

Your ticket will include free arts activities,  
inspired by Julia Donaldson and Axel  
Scheffler’s stories.

**Cost: £6 – £7**

**Suitable for: 0 – 8 year olds**



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Created by Discover Children’s Story Centre. Supported by Telford Homes,  
Scholastic Children’s Books, Macmillan Children’s Books and Magic Light Pictures.



## Saturday 26 January

### 5 More Minutes

Presented by **Travelled Companions**

When Moon and Stars are shining in your eyes, then I will sing to you a lullaby. The day is over now it's time for bed, but with *5 More Minutes* can we play instead?

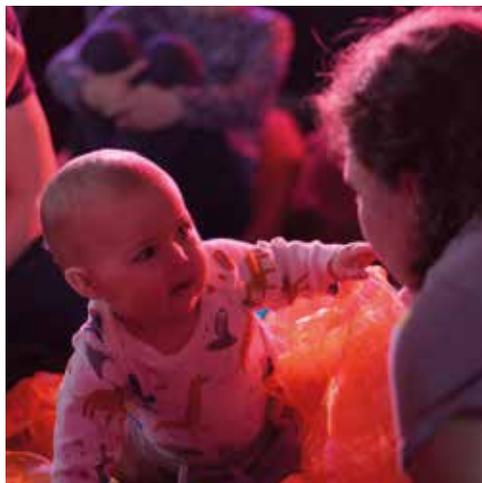
A funny and magical show about bedtime for children and their grown-ups, exploring the fun, frustration and fantasy that can be had in that magical time between awake and asleep.

**Times:** 11am, 1pm & 2.30pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 45 – 50 minutes

**Suitable for:** 3 – 6 year olds



## Saturday 23 February

### Over the Moon

Presented by **Hurly Burly Co**

A first opera for little people. Bringing together gentle classical music with familiar nursery rhymes and games in an interactive musical adventure for babies.

Join us for musical tickling, stretching, chomping and stamping as we journey together through the day: waking, eating, playing and sleeping.

**Times:** 11am, 12.30pm & 2pm

**Cost:** £12 for one baby and one adult

£3 for additional adults

£6 for additional babies

**Run time:** 40 minutes

**Suitable for:** 0 – 2 year olds

Saturday 2 March

## Romeo and Juliet – Mad Blood Stirring

Presented by **Contender Charlie & China Plate**. Co-commission by **Z-arts**.

A troubled Friar rushes us through the mutinous streets of Verona, plunging us into a community torn apart by prejudice, conflict and violent crime. Gripping story-telling, live music and striking visual effects take young audiences on a heart-wrenching journey.

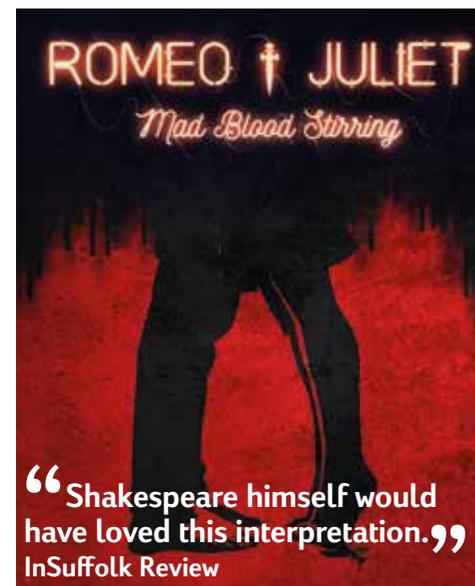
Supported by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, The Sir Barry Jackson Trust and Backstage Trust. Also supported by Granada Foundation.

**Times:** 11am & 2.30pm

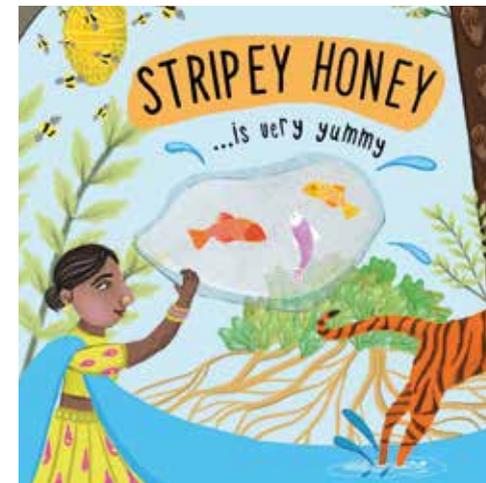
**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 70 minutes

**Suitable for:** 9+ year olds



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Friday 8 March

## Stripey Honey... is very yummy

Written by **Sayan Kent**

From a concept by **Trina Haldar**

a Big Imagination's commission in partnership with The Spark Arts for Children & supported by The Dukes, Lancaster. Supported by Arts Council England

Join us on an adventure with *Stripey Honey... is very yummy!* A touching and funny story of how tigers, bees and honey collectors learn to live and play together. Mashi brings a new play of adventure and fun with music by award-winning composer Arun Ghosh, song, dance and puppetry, exploring the lives of some of our most precious but endangered species, who unite to save their homes.

**Time:** 6pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 50 minutes approx

**Suitable for:** 5+ year olds

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**Sunday 17 March**

## Four Go Wild in Wellies

Presented by **Indepen-dance**

*Four Go Wild in Wellies* is a playful look at the joy of inventiveness and curiosity and how friendships are built, broken and mended as play emerges from interaction with each other and with the world around them.

The 11am relaxed performance takes place alongside our Z-access family fun day.

**Times:** 11am (relaxed) & 2.30pm

**Cost:** £5 – £6

**Run time:** 25 minutes

**Suitable for:** 3 – 5 year olds

**Friday 29 March**  
**Saturday 30 March**

## Big Up!

Presented by **Theatre-Rites & 20 Stories High**. Co-commission by **Z-arts**.

*Big Up!* is perfect for little people who want to be Big, and Big people who just might have forgotten how to play. What happens when a Beatboxer, a Singer and a Puppeteer arrive on stage but nothing is ready for them? No set, no instruments, no puppets. No rules.

Come and watch as they create a world full of joy and chaos!

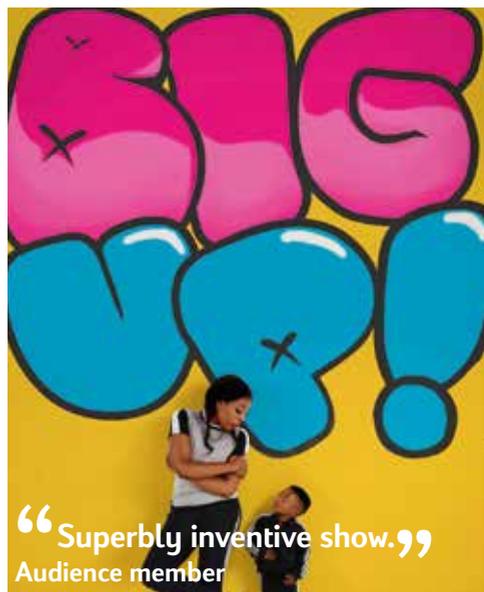
**Times:** Friday 29 March 6.30pm

Sat 30 March 11am and 2.30pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** approx 50 minutes

**Suitable for:** 3 – 6 year olds & their parents



**Saturday 13 April**

## Muckers

Originally commissioned by **the egg**, **Theatre Royal Bath** for the **Leverhulme Arts Scholarship**

Paloma has always mucked about with Pijon. They love it. They run wild. They dress up. Like tigers, flamenco dancers, queens, kings, rabbits and Lady Gaga. Life is fun and funny and a little bit loopy.

Created by award-winning theatre maker **Caroline Horton**, *Muckers* is a funny, magical, and mischievous production.

**Times:** 11am & 2.30pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** approx 50 minutes

**Suitable for:** 5+ years olds



**Saturday 27 April**

## Haphazard

Presented by **Word of Warning & Z-arts**

The popular bi-annual free day out for the curious is back!

Intriguing images and offbeat oddities will be dotted around the historic Z-arts building. Playful, quirky, engaging and sometimes plain daft: an afternoon for kids and their adults.

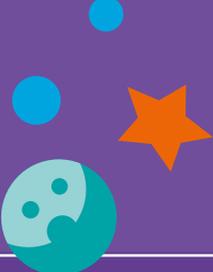
Turn up at any time, come and go as you please... and expect the unexpected!

**Time:** 12pm – 3pm

**Cost:** Free but booking required

**Run time:** drop-in

**Suitable for:** all ages

	2 – 4 years	Ages 4 – 6 years	Ages 6 – 10 years	Ages 11+ years	Family
<b>Monday</b>	11.00am – 11.45am Let's Imagine, Let's Create, Let's Dance, Let's Yoga (on rotation each week)		4pm – 4.45pm Drama Stars (ages 6 – 8) 4.45pm – 5.30pm Drama Stars (ages 9 – 10)	4.30pm – 5.30pm Z-Artists 5.45pm – 7pm Z-arts Young Performers	
<b>Tuesday</b>		4pm – 4.45pm Yoga Stars (ages 5 – 8)	5pm – 6pm Cheer Stars		
<b>Wednesday</b>			4pm – 4.45pm Art Stars 5pm – 6pm Digital Discoverers: You will discover new ways to work creatively on different digital platforms, building skills in design, music and photography. 5pm – 5.45pm Art Stars		
<b>Thursday</b>			4.00pm – 4.30pm Ballet Attitude Elevate 4.30pm – 5pm Tap Attitude Elevate 5pm – 5.30pm Beat Street Elevate	5.45pm – 6.30pm Digi-Dance: A new dance class with a digital element. Control lights and create computer screen reactions and projections with your movements!	
<b>Friday</b>			4pm – 5pm Pop Stars		<b>Friday Night is Family Night</b> Join us for free board games, Lego and music!
<b>Saturday</b>		9.30am & 10.30am Ballet Attitude Elemental 10am & 11am Beat Street Elemental 11.30am – 12.15pm Drama Stars (4 – 6 years)	10am – 11am Drama Stars (ages 7 – 10) 11.30am – 12pm Ballet Attitude Elevate 12pm – 12.30pm Tap Attitude Elevate 12.30pm – 1pm Beat Street Elevate		11am – 12pm Family Art Stars 12.30pm – 1.30pm Family Art Stars

Booking for classes is essential. All classes are available to book one week in advance. To become a Bright Sparks member, visit our website or speak to our Box Office



Welcome to the Z-cafe

# Hello...

Whether you're visiting to see a show, attend a class, or just want to enjoy a nice cuppa, Z-cafe is a place to grab a bite to eat, have a drink, and enjoy the free wi-fi! There's also a kids zone where there are toys to play with and colouring sheets to get creative with.

**Breakfast**  
Monday & Saturday  
9.30am – 11am

**Lunch**  
Monday – Saturday  
12pm – 2pm

Things to do at Z-cafe

Friday 8 February, Friday 8 March,  
Friday 12 April

## Rush Hour Jam Friday

Join jazz-instrumentalist of the year Arun Ghosh, his house band and special guests!

Taking place in Z-café, *Rush Hour Jam* is a chance for you to enjoy a vibrant evening of amazing live jazz.

**Time:** Starts at 5pm  
**Cost:** Free but booking required





**Sunday 17 March**  
**Z-access family fun day**

Join our facilitators and BSL interpreter for an inclusive day of creativity where you can explore your imaginations together in a safe and welcoming environment. A relaxed performance of *Four Go Wild in Wellies* is taking place on the same day (see page 6)

Supported by Santander Foundation, Manchester City Council's Small Grants Inclusion Programme and Skelton Bounty.

**Time:** 10am – 12pm  
**Cost:** Free but booking required



**Fridays**  
**Friday Night is Family Night!**

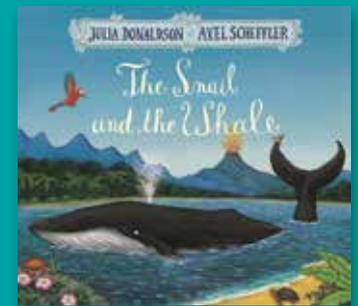
Come and play at Z-café on Family Night! With board games, craft activities and Lego, this is a chance to relax and have fun once the week is done! Z-café will be open for snacks or an after-work drink, and sometimes Arun Ghosh's *Rush Hour Jam* will be taking place at the same time!



**Holiday activity**

**Monday 18 – Friday 22 February**  
***The Snail and the Whale* slime-making workshop**

Let's get gooey! Join us for a fun-filled workshop where you can make your own 'snail's trail' of gloopy, stretchy, messy slime inspired by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's much-loved tale, *The Snail and the Whale*.



**Time:** 10am – 11.30am  
**Cost:** £5, children must be accompanied by an adult  
**Suitable for:** 5+ year olds

## Visiting Productions

Take a look at some of the productions our friends are sharing at Z-arts this season!



### Wednesday 13 – Saturday 16 February **Footloose**

Presented by Manchester Musical Youth

Music by: Tom Snow  
Lyrics by: Dean Pitchford  
Stage Adaptation by: Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie  
Based on the original screenplay by: Dean Pitchford  
Additional Music by: Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar, Kenny Loggins and Jim Steinman

To the rockin' rhythm of its Oscar and Tony-nominated top 40 score, including hits such as 'Let's Hear it for the Boy', 'Holding out for a Hero' and 'Footloose', as well as the introduction of dynamic new songs for the stage musical, *Footloose* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.

Time: 7.30pm  
Cost: £16 (£11 concession)  
Suitable for: 12+

### Wednesday 3 – Saturday 7 April **Chicago**

Presented by South Manchester Amateur Operatic Society  
Direction and Choreography: Kevin Proctor

Book by: Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse  
Music by: John Kander  
Lyrics by: Fred Ebb  
Based on the play by: Maurine Dallas Watkins  
Script adaptation by: David Thompson

*Chicago* transports you to the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s when Roxie Hart maliciously murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago's slickest criminal lawyer. It'd be criminal to miss it!

Times: Wednesday 3 April 7.30pm  
Thursday 4 April 7.30pm  
Friday 5 April 7.30pm  
Saturday 6 April 2pm 7.30pm  
Cost: £17  
Suitable for: 13+



## Information

### Getting here

**Walk:** 20 minutes from Oxford Road and Deansgate train stations

**Bus:** There are regular bus services from the city centre: the 250, 256 and 163 pass just outside

**Car:** there is ample on-street parking in the area



### Opening hours

Monday - Friday: 9am - 9pm.  
Saturday: 9am - 5pm

### Tickets and info

Telephone: 0161 232 6089  
Online: z-arts.org

### M15 resident?

Concession tickets are available for Hulme residents. Speak to our Box Office team for more details.

### Accessibility at Z-arts

We want to ensure our activities and our building are accessible and inclusive for all, and we are always working to improve our facilities.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about accessibility, please contact:

**Our Access Officer: Lowri Jones**  
0161 226 1912  
lowri@z-arts.org

**Our Box Office**  
0161 232 6089  
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- For visual stories, plain text documents and more visit our access page on [z-arts.org/access](http://z-arts.org/access).
- Essential Companion tickets are available at no extra charge.
- Ear defenders are available.
- Hearing loops are available at our Box Office and our in our theatre.
- There are accessible toilets throughout the building.
- Our building is accessible with ramps and lifts throughout.



“Z-arts has made arts and theatre particularly accessible to my family, it’s been inclusive to my child with SEN and recaptured my love for the arts.”

Kate, visitor

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