

HELLO!

Welcome to the BIG IMAGINATIONS FESTIVAL! We have the best theatre for children and families at more than 30 venues across the North. With over 95 performances to choose from, you and your family can enjoy and celebrate the magic of brilliant children's theatre wherever you are.

The festival includes performances from international artists and the brand new show *Stitch Brothers Patchwork Wonders*. There are also plenty of activities across the festival so check out the website and get involved!

ACCESSIBILITY

We aim to create a festival which all our audiences can enjoy. To help plan which show suits your family best there is further information at bigimaginationfestival.com

If you or anyone in your party have any specific access requirements please let the venue know directly using the details on the reverse, so that we can provide you with the best possible experience.

HOW TO BOOK

Booking is via each individual venue – details on the back page.

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The Granada Foundation

BIG IMAGINATIONS FESTIVAL 2019 ACROSS YOUR REGION

CHESHIRE

Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port
Presented by Whitby Hall
0151 357 2120
actiontransporttheatre.org

The Fallibroome Academy, Macclesfield
Presented by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts
01625627258
cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk

Lache Community Centre, Chester
Presented by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts
01244972546
cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk

Lion Salt Works, Northwich
Presented by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts
01606 275 066
cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk

Whitby Hall, Ellesmere Port
Presented by Action Transport Theatre
0151 357 2120
actiontransporttheatre.org

CUMBRIA

The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge
Presented by Arts Out West
01946 862453
kirkgatearts.org.uk

Kirkgate Arts, Cumbria
01900 826 448
kirkgatearts.org.uk

GREATER MANCHESTER

Astley Cheetham Gallery, Stalybridge
Presented by Culture Tameside
Online Box Office:
ticketsource.co.uk/tameside-mbc
Website: tameside.gov.uk/theatre

Central Library, Manchester
Presented by Manchester Libraries
0161 234 1908
librarylive.co.uk

Forum Library, Wythenshawe
Presented by Manchester Libraries
0161 227 3770
librarylive.co.uk

Longsight Library, Manchester
Presented by Manchester Libraries
0161 227 3706
librarylive.co.uk

Portland Basin, Ashton-Under-Lyne
Presented by Culture Tameside
0161 342 4144
tameside.gov.uk/theatre

Turnpike, Leigh
01942 404469
theturnpike.org.uk

Touchstones, Rochdale
link4life.org

Waterside, Sale
0161 912 5616
watersidearts.org

Z-arts, Manchester
0161 232 6089
z-arts.org

MERSEYSIDE

St Helens Town Centre
Presented by Citadel Arts
citadel.org.uk

Unity, Liverpool
0151 709 4988
unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk

LANCASHIRE

Accrington Library, Accrington
Presented by Spot On and The Boo
01254 660360 (Spot On)
spotonlancashire.co.uk

The Boo, Waterfoot
01706 220241
horseandbamboo.org

Burnley Youth Theatre, Burnley
01282 427767
burnleyyouththeatre.org

Clitheroe Library, Clitheroe
Presented by Spot On
01254 660360
spotonlancashire.co.uk

The Dukes, Lancaster
01524 598500
dukes-lancaster.org

Fleetwood Library, Fleetwood
Presented by Spot On
01254 660360
spotonlancashire.co.uk

Garstang Library, Preston
Presented by Spot On
01254 660360
spotonlancashire.co.uk

The Grand, Clitheroe
01200 421584
thegrandvenue.co.uk

Lancaster Arts, Lancaster
01524 594151
lancasterarts.org

Ormskirk Library, Ormskirk
Presented by Spot On
01254 660360
spotonlancashire.co.uk

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Theatre Deli, Sheffield
0114 278 6500
theatredeli.co.uk/sheffield

WEST YORKSHIRE

Batley Bulldogs RLFC, Batley
Presented by Creative Scene
01924 437966
creativescene.org.uk

Birstall Community Centre, Birstall
Presented by Creative Scene
01924 437966
creativescene.org.uk

Healey Community Centre, Batley
Presented by Creative Scene
01924 437966
creativescene.org.uk

Northorpe, Hall Mirfield
Presented by Creative Scene
01924 437966
creativescene.org.uk

Thornhill Sports & Community Centre, Dewsbury
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**THEATRE, ARTS AND MUSIC FOR
CHILDREN & THEIR GROWN-UPS**

FRI 11 OCT - SUN 3 NOV 2019

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PERFORMED AND CREATED BY
ARUN GHOSH, FABRIC LENNY
AND JASON SINGH
**STITCH BROTHERS
PATCHWORK WONDERS**

Age: 5-8 year olds and their
grown ups
Running time: 60 minutes
Welcome to *Patchwork Wonders*,
a genre-bursting mix of beatboxing,
live drawing, animation, jazz, hip
hop and South Asian folk music.
Get ready to be transported into
the magical wonky dreamworld
of the Stitch Brothers as they
take you on a playful journey
of discovery.

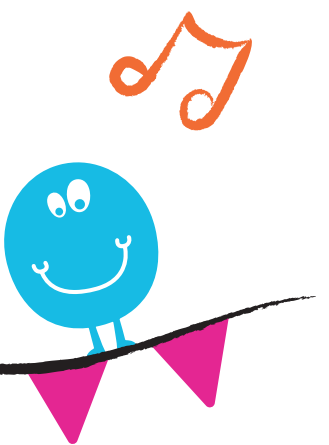
- FRI 11 & SAT 12 OCT**
Z-arts, Manchester
- TUE 15 OCT**
Unity, Liverpool
- THU 17 OCTOBER**
The Dukes, Lancaster
- MON 28 OCT**
St Helens Town Centre, St Helens
Presented by Citadel Arts
- TUE 29 OCT**
Astley Cheetham Gallery,
Stalybridge
Presented by Culture Tameside
- WED 30 OCT**
Lion Salt Works
Presented by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts
- FRI 1 NOV**
Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port
Presented by Action Transport Theatre
- SAT 2 NOV**
The Turnpike, Leigh
- SUN 3 NOV**
Waterside, Sale



**BONTEHOND (NETHERLANDS)
PRESENTS
IPET**

Age: 3+
Running time: 45 minutes
Look around you. Everyone is
probably staring at a screen, and
it seems completely normal. But
how can you stay smart if you don't
have to think for yourself anymore?
iPet is a hilarious performance for
the youngest audience, without the
chit-chat but with music, magic
and movement.

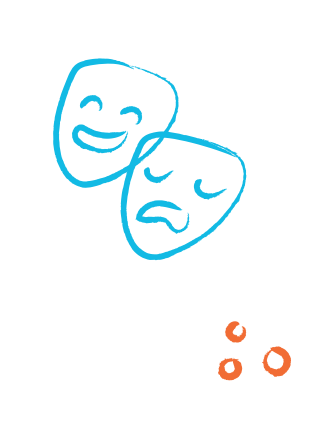
- SUN 13 OCT**
The Boo, Rossendale
- MON 14 OCT**
Accrington Library, Accrington
- TUE 15 OCT**
The Grand, Clitheroe
- WED 16 OCT**
Lancaster Arts, Lancaster
- FRI 18 OCT**
The Turnpike, Leigh
- SAT 19 OCT**
Z-arts, Manchester
- SUN 20 OCT**
St Helens Town Centre, St Helens
Presented by Citadel Arts



**FILSKIT THEATRE PRESENTS
KALEIDOSCOPE**

Age: 6-18 months
Running time: 25 minutes
Day by day your world is filling up
with colour. Twinkling lights that
glisten and gleam. Mirrors, lights,
colours and sounds. The world is
your *Kaleidoscope*.
Kaleidoscope is a brand-new piece
of theatre inspired by research
into how a baby's sense of sight
develops and how they instinctively
begin to categorise colour.

- SUN 20 OCT**
Waterside, Sale
- MON 21 OCT**
The Grand, Clitheroe
- TUE 29 OCT**
Lancaster Arts, Lancaster
- WED 30 OCT**
Whitby Hall, Ellesmere Port
Presented by Action Transport Theatre
- FRI 18 OCT**
The Turnpike, Leigh
- SAT 19 OCT**
Z-arts, Manchester
- SUN 20 OCT**
St Helens Town Centre, St Helens
Presented by Citadel Arts



**GAV CROSS PRESENTS
TRADITIONAL TALES
WITH A TWIST**

Age: 4+
Running Time: 50 minutes
Join us in the immersive pop-up Story
Cave for *Traditional Tales with a Twist!*
Gav Cross delivers silly stories that
guarantee a giggle, traditional tales
told from a new point of view and folk
tales from around the world.

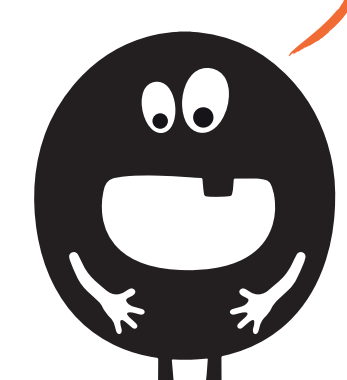
- FRI 11 OCT**
The Fallibroome Academy, Macclesfield
Presented by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts
- SAT 12 OCT**
Lache Community Centre, Chester
Presented by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts
- SAT 19 OCT**
The Dukes, Lancaster
- SUN 20 OCT**
The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge
Presented by Arts Out West
- MON 21 OCT**
Kirkgate Centre, Cumbria
- TUE 22 OCT**
Fleetwood Library, Fleetwood
Presented by Spot On
- WED 23 OCT**
Clitheroe Library, Clitheroe
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- THU 24 OCT**
Garstang Library, Preston
Presented by Spot On
- TUE 29 OCT**
Forum Library, Wythenshawe
Presented by Manchester Libraries
- WED 30 OCT**
Longsight Library, Longsight
Presented by Manchester Libraries
- THU 31 OCT**
St Helens Town Centre, St Helens
Presented by Citadel Arts
- SAT 2 NOV**
Touchstones, Rochdale



**COMPAGNIA TPO (ITALY)
PRESENTS
MINI**

Age: 2-4 years and their grown ups
Running Time: 35 minutes
A mobile of geometric shapes above
an empty space. Two characters
emerge – one round, the other
pointy, one blue, the other red...
TPO present *Mini*, a show that allows
children to experience perceptions,
sensations, images and emotions
through a game of contrasts.
Perfect for the curious.

- FRI 25 OCT**
Burnley Youth Theatre, Burnley
- SAT 26 OCT**
Lancaster Arts, Lancaster
- SUN 27 OCT**
The Boo, Rossendale
- WED 30 OCT**
Unity, Liverpool
- THU 31 OCT**
Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port
Presented by Action Transport Theatre
- FRI 1 NOV**
The Grand, Clitheroe
- SAT 2 NOV**
Z-arts, Manchester
- SUN 3 NOV**
Theatre Delicatessen, Sheffield



**154 COLLECTIVE PRESENTS
THE MUSICAL BOTANIST**

Age: For people of all ages
Running time: Drop in (12-3pm on
27th, 11am-4pm on 29th)
The Musical Botanist is a magical
musical installation with singing
shubbery and harmonious herbs.
Each plant plays a different sound
– you'll be creating your own
horticultural orchestra in no time!
Maybe you'll even impress the
Musical Botanist...

- SUN 27 OCT**
Portland Basin, Tameside
Presented by Culture Tameside
- TUE 29 OCT**
St Helens Town Centre, St Helens
Presented by Citadel Arts



**MATTHEW LINLEY CREATIVE
PROJECT PRESENTS IN
ASSOCIATION WITH ACTION
TRANSPORT THEATRE AND
EASTERN ANGLES
THE MYSTERY OF THE
RADDLESHAM MUMPS**

Age: 7+
Running time: 65 minutes
An unfortunate inheritance.
A creepy butler. Bizarre and hilarious
deaths. Nothing is quite as it seems
in this brand new show by celebrated
poet Murray Lachlan Young. With a
brilliant score by Arun Ghosh and a
touch of silliness – dare you discover
Raddlesham Mumps?

- TUE 22 OCT**
Touchstones, Rochdale
- THU 24 OCT**
Kirkgate Centre, Cumbria
- FRI 25 OCT**
Ormskirk Library, Ormskirk
Presented by Spot On
- SAT 26 OCT**
Z-arts, Manchester
- SUN 27 OCT**
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Waterside, Sale
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Whitby Hall, Ellesmere Port
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**WINDMILL THEATRE CO
(AUSTRALIA) AND IMAGINATE
(SCOTLAND) PRESENTS
BABA YAGA**

Age: 7+
Running Time: 50 minutes
Vaselina lives the quiet life in a
very tall apartment block. But all
that changes when she is forced
to confront a terrifying neighbour.
Who is she? Why does she eat jelly
babies with her mouth open?
And what exactly is she planning
for dinner?

- FRI 25 OCT**
Unity, Liverpool



**ZEST THEATRE PRESENTS
FIRST PERSON**

Age: 11+
Running time: 30 minutes
Two players enter a virtual world
– the *First Person* to complete the
labyrinth and find happiness is
the winner. *First Person* is a quirky
fusion of fast paced narrative,
physical theatre and silent disco
technology. Grab your headphones
and pick your champion!

- MON 28 OCT**
Central Library
Presented by Manchester Libraries



**SIMON MOLE AND GECKO
PRESENTS
MOLE & GECKO:
THE SHOW!**

Age: 5+
Running Time: 50 minutes
Live songs, rap stories, instant
poems and a weasel with a serious
biscuit problem – *Mole & Gecko:
The Show!* is an interactive rap
musical that you (the audience)
help create. Join our unlikely pair
and discover if what they find on
the journey is more important
than what they're looking for.

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Northorpe Hall, Mirfield
Presented by Creative Scene
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