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DIDSBURY ARTS FESTIVAL 2019 A CURIOUS FESTIVAL

Welcome to Didsbury Arts Festival 2019 – our 10th year! We are delighted to be able to present an exciting nine-day programme of more than 100 events and exhibitions spanning a huge range of arts and culture.

Our theme this year is Curiosity and we hope the programme will encourage festival audiences to be curious; to try something new, challenge perceptions and discover] skills and experiences. Our Arts Council England funded *Curious Commissions* programme will see two award-winning theatre companies, Powder Keg and Northern Rascals, premiere site-specific productions during the festival, transporting audiences into a curious world and making the

ordinary seem rather quite extra-ordinary. I would like to thank all of the artists who will be performing or exhibiting their work during the festival. We are delighted to be able to showcase the work of so many local artists alongside some of the most inspiring artists from the region and beyond. Thank you also to the fantastic festival board and committee, our volunteers and partners and our funders and sponsors – without whom, the festival would not be possible.

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A massive thank you to the people of Didsbury for supporting DAF over the past 10 years – DAF truly is a festival by the community, for the community and we hope you will continue to be part of our journey as we look towards the next 10 years.

Ella Wild Festival Director

KEY INFORMATION

Buy Tickets

Tickets are available via the festival website (plus booking fee where relevant) for all applicable events, as indicated in the listings.

Information is correct at the time of printing.

We will have an information point at Didsbury Library during the festival with brochures, maps and information about events taking place each day.

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We are delighted to be presenting cutting-edge commissions in unique locations as part of the festival, created by award-winning theatre companies, Powder Keg and Northern Rascals.

A key part of the project is an exciting programme of workshops delivered by arts organisation Z-arts to local community groups through Southway Housing Trust and pupils at Ladybarn Primary School, Green End Primary School and Parrs Wood High School.

Participants have created props and inspired content as part of the workshops, playing a key role in shaping the unique look and feel of both productions. Don't miss what is sure to be a memorable experience as part of the festival.

Curious Commissions is funded by Arts Council England



This is Where It Happened

This Is Where It Happened Powder Keg

SAT 22 AND SUN 23 JUNE | 12PM AND 3PM | STARTING POINTS AT DIDSBUry LIBRARY AND WITHINGTON BATHS | FREE, REGISTRATION REQUIRED | 8+ | **T F**

This is where we gathered.

This is where we first held hands.

This is where it happened.

Based on true stories and real-life events shared by the people of Didsbury, storytellers will guide you on a journey through echoes and memories of the places you walk past every day - turning the ordinary in to the extraordinary and sparking a sense of curiosity in the everyday. Presented by award-winning Manchester theatre company Powder Keg, *This Is Where It Happened* promises to be a unique and unmissable experience.

Tales of the Mesmerist



Tales of The Mesmerist Northern Rascals

SAT 22, SUN 23, SAT 29 AND SUN 30 JUNE | 12PM, 1:30PM AND 3PM | DIDSBUry PARSONAGE TRUST, GARDENS | FREE, NO NEED TO BOOK | 3+ | **T F**

Tales of The Mesmerist will whisk audiences away in to another world, an enchanted forest where creatures wander, appearing from the shadows to take you on a magical journey of adventure, mischief and friendship. At times comedic, at others poignant, this family-friendly show explores the importance of support and sparking light in each other's lives. This commission is the latest chapter in the story of Northern Rascals' original dance theatre work *The Mesmerist*, created especially for this unique outdoor setting as part of the festival.

Northern Rascals is a multi-disciplinary company created with the idea of taking thought-provoking dance theatre to a variety of audiences, amalgamating different art forms to create a fully immersive experience for audiences.

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MUSIC LITERATURE VISUAL ART WORKSHOP PERFORMANCE FILM WALK TALK THEATRE FOOD DANCE COMEDY FAMILY

Festival Exhibition

DURATION | PREVIEW: FRI 21 JUNE, 6:30PM - 8PM | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST | FREE | **A**

An eclectic mix of work in various styles by a range of local artists will be shown in our summer showcase exhibition. Many of the artists have responded to our festival theme of Curiosity, encouraging you to think again, look at something in a new light and be curious about people and places which make up our everyday lives.

Artists include: Cate Gibson, Martin Hedges, Diane King, Graham Lambert, Kenneth Lawson, Helen Elizabeth Mosley, Carolyn Murphy, Ian Graham Tatersall and Paul Winnington.

Get Curious!

SAT 22 JUNE | DIDSBURY LIBRARY | 12PM - 4PM | FREE | **F**

To celebrate the opening of DAF2019, we will be presenting a day of family activities, drop in workshops, storytelling and creative crafts using recycled resources. There will be pop up performances from Vox-pop choir singing a selection of modern and classic pop tunes for all to enjoy, plus a special appearance from the Ladybarn Primary School Steel Band who will be sound-tracking this sunny afternoon. Come and get curious, try something new and find out more about the festival as we kick off the start of 9 days of creativity and curiosity!

See the festival website for full listings.



MIRO: Manchester International Roots Orchestra

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SAT 22 JUNE | EMMANUEL CHURCH | 7PM DOORS, 7:30PM START | £10 | **M**

The Manchester International Roots Orchestra return to the festival after a sell-out performance in 2017. The orchestra comprises a unique ensemble of musicians and music students from RNCM with roots from across the world. Its repertoire skilfully combines diverse musical influences from haunting Eastern European melodies, through the delicate textures of Middle Eastern percussion and vocals, to soulful Sufi chants of South Asia, a joyful Asian gospel, embracing rap, hip-hop, classical and jazz along the way. MIRO is led by Romanian-born double-bass maestro and composer Michael Cretu.

Hallé Players and Friends

SUN 23 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:45PM START | DIDSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH | £15 | **M**

A festival highlight concert, this gem is not to be missed. Using various combinations of violin, piano, viola da gamba, oboe and double bass, this talented group of Hallé Orchestra players have pulled together a programme which includes: Penderecki - Duo Concertante; Lalliet - Tertzeto; Poulenc - Oboe Concerto; Enescu - The Minstral; Bach - Sonata in G min, Kreisler - Recitativo and Scherzo; and Bottesini - Elegy.

Musicians:

- Roberto Carrillo Garcia, double bass and viola da gamba
- Rachael Clegg, Oboe
- Tiberio Buta, violin
- Gemma Beeson, piano

An Evening with Nell Stevens

TUE 25 JUNE | 6:45PM DOORS, 7:30PM START | DIDSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH | £7 | **L T**

In *Mrs Gaskell & Me*, author and scholar Nell Stevens (Bleaker House) blends memoir and fiction to explore her life alongside that of Manchester's own Elizabeth Gaskell. In 1857, following the controversial publication of *The Life of Charlotte Bronte*, Gaskell flees to Rome, where she meets Charles Norton, a lifelong friend and the love of her life. In 2013, Nell falls in love with Max, a man who lives in Paris and then Boston. As they attempt to make their long-distance love work, Nell embarks on a PhD and the parallels between her circumstances and those of Gaskell begin to reveal themselves. Nell Stevens will be in conversation with Deborah Grace a local journalist and member of the DAF Board. Following their discussion, there will be a Q&A with the audience and a book signing session.



Roberto Carrillo Garcia

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CP Lee with Vocal Harum

WED 26 JUNE | 7:15PM DOORS, 8PM START | DIDSBURY SPORTS GROUND | £7 | M

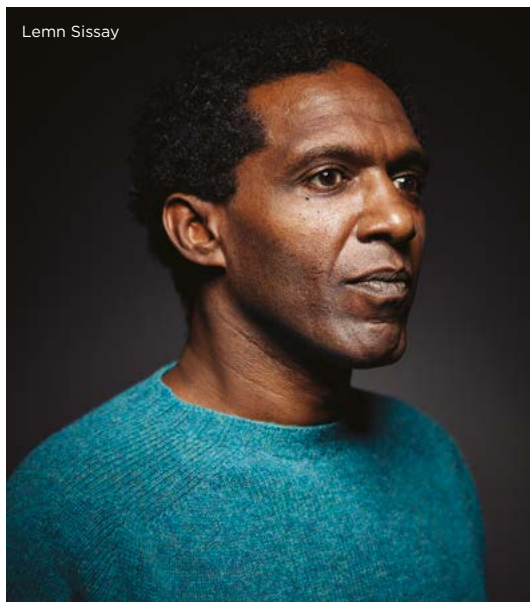
May All Your Burning Bridges Light Your Way is a show which blends musical comedy, satire and song to delight, amuse and entertain. It is brought to the Festival by Didsbury's CP 'Ukulele' Lee, founder member of 70s Rock iconoclasts Alberto Y Lost Trios Paranoias, and Vocal Harum, Levenshulme's songbirds of love. This is a night not to be missed!



Giving Art a New Home

THU 27 JUNE – MON 1 JULY | 10AM – 5PM | GREEN WALK, NELL LANE | FREE | A

In partnership with festival sponsors the PJ Livesey Group, Giving Art a New Home will see a unique pop up art gallery space as we invite audiences to view work from a range of artists in a show property at Green Walk, a new development on Nell Lane by the PJ Livesey Group. Experience an 'open house' like never before as you are invited to view art work exhibited around the property, featuring some of Manchester's leading artists: Suzanne Bethell, Patrick Cunningham, Kevin John Pocock and Barry White.



Lemn Sissay and Dave Haslam in conversation

THU 27 JUNE | 7:30PM DOORS, 8:15PM START | EMMANUEL CHURCH | £10 | L T

Double bill featuring one of the nation's best loved poets, Lemn Sissay MBE, and DJ and acclaimed writer Dave Haslam. Lemn will be reading poems and exclusively discussing *My Name is Why*, his forthcoming memoir exploring his early life in the institutional care system, race, family and the meaning of home (published by Canongate, August 2019). Dave will be reading from his recent autobiography *Sonic Youth Slept On My Floor*, and his new work *A Life in 35 Boxes*, a 'mini-book' about collecting. Together they will be in discussion (expect entertainment, insight, emotion, and a few unexpected diversions) with an opportunity for an audience Q&A too. The evening will conclude with a book signing session.

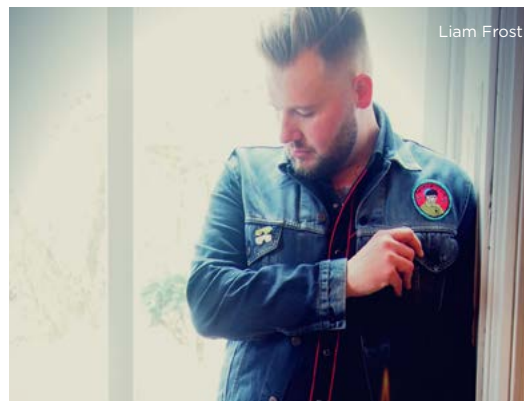
Liam Frost

FRI 28 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:45PM START TIME | ST JAMES CHURCH | £10 | M

We are delighted to welcome renowned musician Liam Frost to the festival as he performs a rare and intimate solo-show in the breath-taking surroundings of St James Church.

Liam will be performing songs from his most recent album, *The Latchkey Kid*, his third album released in 2018 to critical acclaim. Created during a time when Liam found himself seeking answers to evergreen existential questions and prompted by tragic events in his personal life, Liam looked to his youth for the answers. Despite their inspiration, the resulting songs on the album - 12 of them, each a meditation on love, death, ageing and finding a place in the world - are full of hope amid the heartache, finding bittersweet in the sadness. In the aftermath of his mum passing away, he began sorting through her possessions. Among them was a box of memorabilia from the early days of his career. The "chequer-flag Vans and an old suit jacket" of what would become the song's opening line stared back at him from a 15-year-old press cutting, immediately taking him back to the days of innocence before his debut album was released.

Don't miss this unique event and what promises to be a magical evening.



No Regrets – The Life and Music of Edith Piaf

FRI 28 JUNE | EMMANUEL CHURCH | 7PM DOORS, 7:45PM START | £7 | M

In a century known for its record keeping and attention to detail, Edith Piaf's life can read like a fairy tale or, perhaps, more accurately, a cheap paper-back. There are so many legends, half-truths and fabrications that it can be difficult to see the real woman behind the image. In this lecture and recital, musician, musicologist, lecturer and raconteur, Derek Blyth will approach the truth in a spirit of curiosity, interest and humanity, while never forgetting that the 'star' was still a woman, a person, a human being. The lecture will be interspersed with live music, songs made famous by Piaf and performed in tribute but not imitation, by the acclaimed vocalist, Jill Taylor.

Curious Conversations

SAT 29 JUNE | 1PM-4PM | WITHINGTON BATHS | FREE | **T**

Join us for a day of debate and discussion and explore your curiosities in this TED-talk inspired afternoon of presentations on a wide-variety of subjects:

1pm-1:20pm The Road to Recovery

Aged 40, Andy Plowright underwent surgery for a brain tumour, leaving him unable to walk. This inspiring talk will provide insight into Andy's journey from diagnosis and treatment to re-learning how to walk and training to run the Chester marathon this year.

1:20pm-1:50pm Our Oasis in Didsbury

Parrs Wood Environmental Centre once saw 2000 school children and 500 adults a week. Since finance was withdrawn in 1990, volunteers have steered its survival through hard physical graft, fundraising and links with the High School and local community. It remains a unique educational resource and a haven for wildlife.

2:00pm-2:40pm Tassels, Glitter & Badassery!

- The History of Burlesque with Lady Wildflower

A brief history of the art of Burlesque with internationally acclaimed burlesque performer, producer & tutor: Lady Wildflower.

From satirical, bawdy roots in Victorian Music-hall to the Mid-20th Century "Golden Age" of showgirls & striptease to the modern-day movement of feminism, female empowerment & body positivity. Lady Wildflower gives us a peak behind the velvet curtain into the world of tassels, glitter & badassery!

AUTHOR HOUR

2:50pm-3:30pm Ask an Author with Caroline England

Didsbury based writer and author of *Beneath the Skin, My Husband's Lies* and *Betray Her*, Caroline England will be talking about her journey from Manchester city

centre solicitor to top ten bestselling kindle author, how her career as a divorce lawyer has influenced her writing and she will be answering your questions about her road to publication and all things writerly.

3:40pm-4pm The Hypocrite

Anthony has self-published his last two novels and, thanks to a dedicated group of readers, never felt more artistically fulfilled. But now he wants more. Having always followed the 'cult classic, not bestseller' mantra, he struggles on stage with his own hypocrisy, ego, and what it really means to be a novelist in 2019.

LipService: Exploding Women

SAT 29 JUNE | 2PM AND 4PM START | SIEMENS | £7 | **P**

Commissioned by European City of Science, LipService explode the myth of women scientists, exploring the lives of five of Manchester's finest female boffins: Kathleen Drew, Queen of Seaweed, Dame Kathleen Ollernshaw, Rubix Cube Expert, Caroline Birley, Fossil Hunter, Marie Stopes, Palaeobotanist and Dame Margaret Beckett, Metallurgist.

Get your goggles on and pipettes prepared for a bumper-Bunsen-burner of a show which will make you explode with laughter - in the apt surroundings of the magnificent Siemens building.



Henry Normal



Henry Normal: A Normal Universe

SAT 29 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:45PM START | DIDSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH | £10 | **T**

Better known as co-writer of award-winning TV and film shows such as *The Royle Family* and *The Mrs Merton Show* and producer of *Gavin and Stacey*, amongst many others, Henry Normal has recently returned to his first love, poetry, and will be presenting a unique and intimate evening of his most recent work as part of DAF.

Based on Henry's BBC Radio 4 show of the same title, in this new show, Henry will explore our relationship to the vastness of the universe throughout eternity and beyond, taking us on a curious journey of time and space with the aid of a very big microscope and some dodgy rhymes. Don't miss it!

Curious Picnic

SUN 30 JUNE | 12PM - 5PM | DIDSBURY PARK | FREE | **P F**

Celebrate the end of the festival with a jam-packed day of family friendly activity full of curiosity. Step into the magic of Fantabulosa!, a fantastical pop-up world

of imagination and storytelling where boundaries are forgotten and everyone and anyone can be whoever they want to be.

Join some of the UK's leading drag artists for an unmissable show featuring interactive storytelling, lipsync, performance, dress-up, games, songs and a LOT of glitter.

Fantabulosa! is open to anyone, young and old, who wants to experience the joys and freedom of self-expression.

Age Range: 3-8 (but fabulous for adults too!).

Fantabulosa will be delivering a range of activities throughout the day and performing their 60 minute show at 1:00pm and 3:30pm

Plus, live music from Zunzun, who will bring their unique blend of AfroCuban music to the picnic - a chance to make your mark with Didsbury doodles where everyone can have a go at being an artist, and even the chance to create art work with shaving foam! We'll also be arranging some curious surprises which you won't want to miss...

Bring a picnic, a blanket and enjoy a day of activities for all ages. Oh, and don't forget to bring the sunshine!



Christie Watson

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SUNDAY 30 JUNE | DOORS 1:30PM, 2:15PM START | SPIRE MANCHESTER HOSPITAL | £12 |

Christie Watson was a registered paediatric nurse for twenty years. She spent most of her career in paediatric intensive care in large NHS hospitals before becoming a resuscitation officer, which involved teaching and clinical work on hospital-wide crash teams.

Her first novel, *Tiny Sunbirds Far Away*, won the Costa First Novel Award and her second novel, *Where Women Are Kings*, was published to international critical acclaim. Her works have been translated into twenty three languages and Christie's latest memoir *The Language of Kindness: A Nurse's Story* has sold over 100,000 copies in the UK and has been on the Sunday Times Bestseller list for 14 weeks. It was Waterstones Book of the Month in January 2019 and is nominated for The Bookseller's Non-Fiction Narrative Book of the Year 2019.

Christie was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters for her contribution to Nursing and the Arts by the University of East Anglia, and she is patron of the Royal College of Nursing Foundation.

In this unique and intimate event, Christie will be talking about her latest memoir *The Language of Kindness: A Nurse's Story*, plus a chance for audience Q and A in the apt surroundings of Spire Manchester Hospital.

'[The Language of Kindness]... is a remarkable book about life and death and so brilliantly written, it makes you hold your breath'

Ruby Wax

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Tessa Boase The Women Who Saved the Birds

SAT 22 JUNE | 6:30PM DOORS, 7PM START | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST, ROOM 1 | £5 | 14+ | T

Didsbury is rightly proud of its most famous campaigner RSPB co-founder Emily Williamson, but how did Emily's Society for the Protection of Birds achieve its goal? Join author Tessa Boase for an illustrated and fascinating talk on the pioneering female founders of the RSPB, and the bitter battle waged against feathered hats.

Rachel Davies & Hilary Robinson

MON 24 JUNE | 7:30PM | EXPO LOUNGE | FREE | 16+ | L

Hilary and Rachel are both retired teachers who have MAs in creative writing from Manchester Metropolitan University. Rachel is about to complete a PhD in poetry in which she is examining the mother/daughter relationship. They are experienced readers, both having read at the Royal Exchange Theatre for Carol Ann Duffy and Friends amongst many other venues. Join Hilary and Rachel for an evening of spoken word plus open mic, sign up on the night for your slot.

The Child Who Spoke With Her Eyes

MON 24 JUNE | 6:30PM DOORS, 7PM START | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST, ROOM 3 | £4 | L

Local author, Sue Stern will be reading from her recently published memoir about her daughter Vanessa and how she transformed her life. There will be a chance to ask questions and for people to share their own stories throughout the evening.

Sue's daughter Vanessa, who though profoundly disabled by cerebral palsy, was beautiful and charismatic and transformed the lives of her family, friends and teachers. Unable to speak she communicated with her eyes.

Signed copies of the book will be available at the event.

An Evening with Nell Stevens

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See 'Festival Highlights' on page 7.

Some Roast Poet



Some Roast Poet: Launch Event

TUE 25 JUNE | 7:30PM | THE ART OF TEA | FREE | 14+ | L

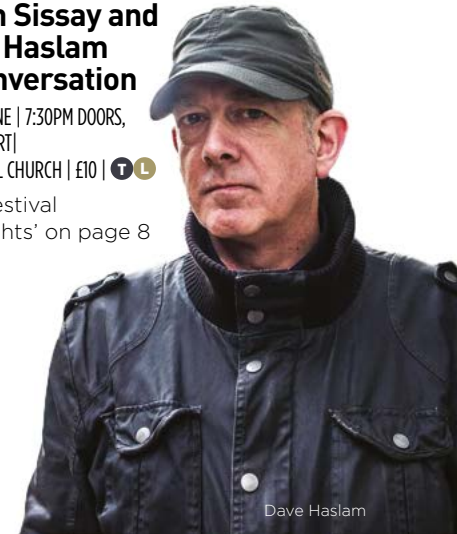
Some Roast Poet is Manchester's newest poetry press and publisher. This event will see the official launch of the press, with performances by poets published in 2019, alongside others who have featured in the magazine over the years. Bringing together

the best of contemporary Manchester writing under one roof, and providing a rare opportunity for Didsbury to sample around a dozen contemporary poets in a single session - don't miss what promises to be a memorable event.

Lemn Sissay and Dave Haslam in conversation

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See 'Festival Highlights' on page 8



Dave Haslam

Ruth Estevez and Elaine Bousfield in conversation with Deborah Grace


FRI 28 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:30PM START | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST, ROOM 1 | FREE | LITERATURE

Join novelist Ruth Estevez and Elaine Bousfield, founder of Manchester-based indie publisher ZunTold, to discover the secrets of publishing and getting published. Ruth will also be talking about and reading from her novel, *Jiddy Vardy*, about a real-life female smuggler in Robin Hood's Bay, Yorkshire. Followed by a Q and A and book signing.

EVENTS BY GENRE


LITERATURE & SPOKEN WORD

Henry Normal: A Normal Universe

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EVENTS BY GENRE

MUSIC

MIRO: Manchester International Roots Orchestra

SAT 22 JUNE | 19:00 DOORS, 19:30 START | EMMANUEL CHURCH | £10

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 6.

Lauren Young plus support from Mr Magpie

SAT 22 JUNE | 7:30PM DOORS, 8:15PM START | SETT | £5 ON THE DOOR | **M**

Acoustic set from the mesmerising Lauren Young, Manchester based singer songwriter and pianist.

Mr Magpie takes you on a transcendent, poetic journey with his infrequent but flawless piano and vocals performances. His unique, style and grit are as blatant and enrapturing as his musical technique and poise.

IORA

SAT 22 JUNE | 8PM DOORS, 8:30PM START | DIDSBURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL | FREE | **M**

A combination of harmonies blended with electronic sound and samples, this unique event will see Holly Phelps', known as IORA, perform a range of her own cutting-edge tracks, including her debut single Thieves' Den which saw a wealth of support from Tom Robinson, BBC 6 music and BBC Radio Manchester.

Holly will also be delivering a workshop ahead of the performance - please see page 40 for more details

"Impossible-to-pigeonhole, majestic brand of song craft" - Manchester Evening News

Obsidian

SAT 22 JUNE | 8PM START | YE OLDE COCKE INN | FREE | **M**

A night of live music with classic rock-guitar anthems, featuring vocal harmonies, mandolin and harmonica from one of the best live bands on the circuit.

Jazz Sundays

SUN 23 JUNE | 3PM - 6PM | SAISON | FREE | **M**

Join the team at Saison for their Jazz Sundays featuring different performers each week from Manchester and beyond. A variety of jazz styles, always great to listen to.

Hallé Players and Friends

SUN 23 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:45PM START | DIDSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH | £15 | **M**

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 7.

Acoustic Traditions

SUN 23 JUNE | 8PM | THE STOKERS ARMS | FREE | **M**

An evening of live acoustic music with acts from across Greater Manchester performing a range of their own songs alongside well-known classics.

The Lauren Young Band

SUN 23 JUNE | 8PM START | THE HEAD OF STEAM | FREE | **M**

The Lauren Young Band comprises piano and vocals, guitar, bass, drums, trumpet and percussion. The band will be performing a unique and eclectic set, consisting of quirky original songs and virtuosic pieces which are guaranteed to keep the audience enraptured. The band will take audiences on an emotional journey, through melancholic jazz, spell-binding, technical proficiency and blues-pop.



Jazz Sundays



Meraki Duo

Acoustic Showcase

SUN 23 JUNE | 8PM START | SLUG & LETTUCE, UPSTAIRS | FREE | **M**

A night of live music from some of the best up-and-coming live acts on the circuit, featuring:

17 year old singer-songwriter Charlie Dewhurst from Macclesfield who will perform a range of songs with emotive lyrics and passionate subjects. Plus performances from the mesmerising Ellen Catherine Docherty Fitzgerald and Jigsaw - a 2 piece guitar duo who perform an eclectic mix of gentle and well known jazz classics alongside original songs of a similar style - all set to innovative arrangements.

The Juniper Project: Fragments

MON 24 JUNE | 1:30PM DOORS, 2PM START | CHRIST CHURCH | £5 | **M**

Join flautist Anna Rosa Mari and harpist Eira Lynn Jones as they invite you to experience a magical hour of music by Debussy, Ibert, Mozart and Takemitsu. A piccolo, orchestral flute, alto flute, a full size pedal harp, and a Celtic harp will take you on a musical journey throughout the centuries.

"...Sheer pleasure...ravishing sound...quite gorgeous...the playing by the Juniper Project is superb" Music Web International.



The Juniper Project

EVENTS BY GENRE

MUSIC

Meraki Duo

MON 24 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:30PM START | DIDSBURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH | £8 | **M**

Join the Meraki Duo for a joyous evening of Latin music, sharing their favourite Bossa Nova tunes, music by Hermeto Pasocal and works by Andy Scott. Formed in 2013 at the RNCM, the Meraki Duo have performed at Wigmore Hall, Swaledale Festival, Bridgewater Hall, St James' Piccadilly and the Royal Overseas League House.

Quinta

TUE 25 JUNE | 8PM START | THE STOKERS ARMS | FREE | **M**

Quinta approach jazz in unexpected ways; their repertoire spans the continents, exploring less well-known compositions as well as more familiar jazz pieces, all given the distinctive 'Quinta stamp'. Fronted by saxophone and trumpet, Quinta's rhythm section of bass, piano and drums features a startling array of African and Latin percussion.

EVENTS BY GENRE

MUSIC

Luke Jones: Piano Recital

TUE 25 JUNE | 1:30PM DOORS, 2PM START TIME | EMMANUEL CHURCH | £5 | **M**

This unique concert will be a showcase of classical music works for piano with pieces originating from a variety of periods, illustrating a contrast of music across the ages. Performed by Welsh pianist, Luke Jones.

SLIMS

TUE 25 JUNE | 9PM START | SLUG & LETTUCE | £5 ON THE DOOR | **M**

SLIMS are a musical collective creating experimental, cinematic music with fragments of musical ideas from jazz, popular music and classical, all pieced together with improvisation - the collective will be performing a selection of their works in this intimate setting.



Ivan Hovorun: Piano Concert

WED 26 JUNE | 1:30PM DOORS, 2PM START | EMMANUEL CHURCH | FREE | **M**

Ivan Hovorun's performances have explored a richly diverse repertoire, including the piano works on the Folia Theme, Grand Sonatas and complete Franz Liszt Etudes. He has assembled these works into performance programmes which are designed as complex syntheses of knowledge, experience and interpretation, presented through the medium of consummate musicianship. These programmes aim to enlighten, entertain and educate.

Manchester Glee

WED 26 JUNE | 8PM START | THE WOODSTOCK | DONATION | **M**

Manchester Glee are a South Manchester based choir performing pop-music, mash ups, medleys and show tunes for all audiences. They are fun and inclusive and try to spread their joy and enthusiasm for singing wherever they go.

Jazz Works

WED 26 JUNE | 7:30PM DOORS, 8PM START | SLUG & LETTUCE | £5 ON THE DOOR | **M**

An evening of swing with Jazz Works, a six-piece Jazz combo, who will be playing a mixture of blues, Latin and modern Jazz standards.

Pete McSloy Band

WED 26 JUNE | 8PM START | THE NORTHERN TENNIS CLUB | DONATION | **M**

Original songs performed by a group of some of the top jazz musicians in Manchester and the Northwest, ranging musically from blues to bossa to funk to straightahead jazz. Witty and poignant lyrics, on subjects from love to loss to music to Manchester.

Open Mic night for young people in Didsbury

THU 27 JUNE | 6PM - 8PM | COSTA, DIDSBURY VILLAGE | FREE | **M**

Didsbury Community Church have been running an open mic night at Costa on Thursday evenings, to enable young people aged 12 - 18 to perform music, song, poetry and verse in a safe and welcoming environment. The mic will be open to all who want to participate but the organisers ask to pre-register your performance slot where possible: To register, please contact Trevor Hutton: didsburycommunitychurch@live.co.uk - 07932 882 470

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Carole Isis: Curiosity Adds Colour and Broadens Life!

THU 27 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:30PM START | CHRIST CHURCH | £5 | **M**

Join celebrated Didsbury based singer songwriter Carole Isis for an evening of music where Carole will be performing a range of her own songs, including a new song written about our festival theme of Curiosity! Carole will be accompanied by special guest, Turkish singer and drummer Gulcin Ulas Bulut.

Ryan Buxton and Polly Virr

THU 27 JUNE | 8PM START | SAISON | DONATION | **M**

Using deep, warm, yet delicate guitar patterns that provide a chance for reverie, Ryan Buxton invites you to get lost in his daydreams and observations of small every day experiences, soundtracked by otherworldly harmonic progressions and dancing, dark melodies.

Plus Polly Virr, who will take you on an evocative, cinematic journey exploring natural landscapes, featuring original compositions for cello and electronics. Polly's music draws upon classical, folk, jazz and film music to create a new and exciting sound world.

Trio Volant

FRI 28 JUNE | 1:30PM DOORS, 2PM START TIME | CHRIST CHURCH | £5 | **M F**

Trio Volant present a varied programme of repertoire with "mysteries". From hidden folk music and disguised opera singers to stolen compositions. Come and discover some chamber music gems including Rossini, Canteloube and Mozart.



Li Lu's Music Box

Li Lu's Music Box

FRI 28 JUNE | 2PM - 4PM | DIDSBUARY PARSONAGE TRUST, ROOM 1 | FREE | **M**

Li Lu's Music Box is a contemporary performance installation within which cellist Li Lu will perform the epic baroque piece - Bach Cello Suites. It is an extraordinary experiment connecting audiences to classical music by using interactive elements of performance art and projected visuals.

Liam Frost

FRI 28 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:45PM START TIME | ST JAMES CHURCH | £10 | **M**

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 9.



Liam Frost

No Regrets – The Life and Music of Edith Piaf

FRI 28 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:45PM START | EMMANUEL CHURCH | £7 | **M**

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 9

Manchester Women Songwriters' Collective

FRI 28 JUNE | 7:30PM DOORS, 8PM START | THE NORTHERN TENNIS CLUB | PAY AS YOU FEEL | **M**

Manchester Women Songwriters' Collective are an eclectic collective of female acoustic soloists from across Greater Manchester. The performance will consist of around five sets from different musicians and will showcase a range of musical genres.



Harriet Dagnall



George Charles

The George Charles Funk and Soul Pub

FRI 28 JUNE | 9PM START | THE GEORGE CHARLES | FREE | **M**

Every Friday, George Charles himself is throwing down the gauntlet, putting on an evening of scintillating funk and soul to get your bodies moving and the blood flowing - without the city centre price tag.

We've all been there. It's Friday, you're freezing with an itch to hit the nearest dancefloor ... but no desire to get the bus to town and back. All you want is a warm room, good tunes and all your mates...

Sir Charles is cutting out the middle-man, bringing his funkier party vibes, drinks and food right to your doorstep.

Free entry, with a bottomless pit of Manchester DJs and a playlist of nostalgic brand new and intriguing classics, bangers and new-found loves.

Didsbury Players Amateur Dramatics Society present: Curiosity Cabaret (Songs of Journey, Wonder and Transformation)

SAT 29 JUNE | 7:30PM DOORS, 8PM START | DIDSBUARY CRICKET GROUND | £5 | 12+ | **T**

Didsbury Players ADS have been active in the local community since 1964 staging plays and musicals. Join some of their fabulous singers at the Curiosity Cabaret for a journey through theatre land and beyond for what promises to be a memorable evening.

VENUE MAP

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- 1. Albert Tennis Club**
39-41 Old Lansdowne Road, M20 2PA
- 2. Christ Church**
35 Darley Avenue, M20 2ZD
- 3. Costa Coffee**
683-693 Wilmslow Road, M20 6RE
- 4. Didsbury Baptist Church**
Beaver Rd, M20 6SX
- 5. Didsbury Cricket Ground**
860A Wilmslow Rd, M20 5QP
- 6. Didsbury Library**
692 Wilmslow Rd, M20 2DN
- 7. Didsbury Park**
Wilmslow Road, M20 5LS
- 8. Didsbury Parsonage Trust**
Stenner Lane, M20 2RQ
- 9. Didsbury Sports Ground**
Ford Ln, M20 2RU
- 10. Didsbury United Reformed Church**
Palatine Rd, Parkfield Road South, M20 6DA
- 11. Divine Hub**
8 Ward St, M20 6TJ
- 12. East Didsbury Methodist Church**
Parrs Wood Road, M20 5QQ
- 13. Emmanuel Church**
6 Barlow Moor Road, M20 6TR
- 14. Emmanuel Church Parish Centre**
6 Barlow Moor Road, M20 6TR
- 15. Expo Lounge**
766 Wilmslow Rd, M20 2DR
- 16. Fletcher Moss Park**
Wilmslow Road, M20 2SW
- 17. Food Sorcery**
Waterside Hotel and Leisure Club,
Wilmslow Road, M20 5WZ
- 18. Green Walk**
Nell Lane, M20 2UR
- 19. Holt Pavilion**
Didsbury Park, Gillbrook Road, M20 6WH
- 20. Home Café**
6 Barlow Moor Road, M20 6TR
- 21. Jo Padmore Opticians**
790 Wilmslow Road, M20 2DR
- 22. Marie Louise Gardens**
31, Holme Road, M20 2UP
- 23. Maggie's Manchester**
The Robert Parfett Building, 15 Kinnaird Rd, M20 4QL
- 24. MD Conley Hairdressers**
214 Burton Rd, M20 2LW



- 25. Northern Lawn Tennis Club**
Palatine Rd, M20 3YA
- 26. Oxfam**
778 Wilmslow Rd, M20 2DR
- 27. Pizza Express**
95 Lapwing Lane, M20 6UR
- 28. Poppy Path**
Between School Lane and Didsbury Park, M20 6HS
- 29. Saison**
236 Burton Rd, M20 2LW
- 30. Sett**
174 Burton Road, M20 1LH
- 31. Siemens**
Sir William Siemens House, Princess Rd, M20 2UR
- 32. Slug & Lettuce**
651 Wilmslow Rd, M20 6QZ
- 33. Southern Cemetery**
212 Barlow Moor Rd, M21 7GL
- 34. Spire Manchester Hospital**
170 Barlow Moor Rd, M20 2AF
- 35. St James Church**
Stenner Lane, M20 2RQ
- 36. Sure Start, Didsbury Park**
Wilmslow Road, M20 2RW
- 37. The Art of Tea**
47 Barlow Moor Rd, M20 6TW
- 38. The Botanist**
1d School Lane, M20 6RD
- 39. The Didsbury Pub**
852 Wilmslow Rd, M20 2SG
- 40. The George Charles**
244 Burton Road, M20 2LW
- 41. The Head of Steam**
653 Wilmslow Rd, M20 6QZ
- 42. The Northern Tennis Club**
Palatine Road, M20 3YA
- 43. The Stokers Arms**
655-657 Wilmslow Rd, M20 6RA
- 44. The West Didsbury Club**
173 Burton Road, M20 2LN
- 45. The Woodstock**
139 Barlow Moor Rd, M20 2DY
- 46. Wine & Wallop**
97 Lapwing Lane, M20 6UR
- 47. Withington Baths & Leisure Centre**
30 Burton Rd, M20 3EB
- 48. Ye Olde Cock Inn**
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EVENTS BY GENRE

MUSIC

Alex Winkcup: Solo Piano Concert

SAT 29 JUNE | 3PM DOORS, 3:30PM START TIME |
EMMANUEL CHURCH | £6 |

This concert will feature a fusion of jazz and classical piano music with an eclectic programme which will include 7 Virtuoso Etudes on Gershwin songs, arranged by legendary pianist Earl Wild. Each one a tour-de-force of piano technique, combining Gershwin's exquisite lyrical melodies with show stopping piano technique, these pieces are sure to delight audiences. Also included in the programme will be a selection of works by Nikolai Kapustin, a prolific composer of virtuoso piano works, inspired by jazz and using classical forms. Pieces will be introduced, providing some historical context and talking about the technical challenges involved.

Li Lu's Music Box

SAT 29 JUNE | 3PM – 5PM AND 7PM – 9PM | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST, ROOM 1 | FREE |
See listing on page 24.

Manchester Beethoven Orchestra

SAT 29 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:30PM START | CHRIST CHURCH | FREE |

Hear this renowned orchestra close-up in a varied and approachable chamber concert performed by string, woodwind and brass groups from within the ensemble. The programme will include Elgar's ever-popular Serenade for Strings, a piece written by the son of a successful toothpaste manufacturer, and an Argentinian Tango. Something for everyone!



EVENTS BY GENRE

MUSIC

Li Lu's Music Box

SUN 30 JUNE | 11AM – 1PM | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST, ROOM 1 | FREE | **M**

See listing on page 24.

Jazz Sundays

SUN 30 JUNE | 3PM – 6PM | SAISON | FREE | **M**

See listing on page 18.



FAQ: Helena Summerfield

FAQ

SUN 30 JUNE | 8PM START | HEAD OF STEAM | FREE | **M**

FAQ, a 5-piece electric jazz outfit, return to DAF having wowed audiences at the past two festivals. They will be performing their unique mix 60/70s jazz, funk and fusion, with harder and softer sounds from Hancock, Metheny, Corea, Zappa and Weather Report.

The Vulnerables plus support from 10 Volt

SUN 30 JUNE | 8PM START | THE STOKERS ARMS | FREE | **M**

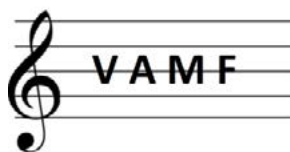
An eclectic mix of youthful energy and seasoned experience creates an indie vibe spiced with soulful sax and keys for good measure – don't miss!

Americana Night

SUN 30 JUNE | 8PM START | SLUG & LETTUCE | £4/£3 CONCS ON THE DOOR | **M**

Featuring Picnic Area, Silver Train, Stringbox, and Skyeladder. As in previous years, local band, Picnic Area present some of the North West's leading Americana music acts. Silver Train play country rock covers with immaculate harmonies, it's impossible not to sing along. Stringbox play Americana and folk classics with a multi-instrumental line up, guaranteed to set your feet tapping. Picnic Area are Britain's answer to Wilco, taking roots music as their starting point and going where they want with it – all 3 of their studio albums have received glowing reviews from the likes of Americana-UK. Bringing the evening to a close will be the energetic country rock band Skyeladder, featuring the powerful vocals of Janie Britton.

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Blackpool: What A S**t Place To Die

Tales of the Mesmerist

SAT 22, SUN 23, SAT 29 AND SUN 30 JUNE | 12PM, 1:30PM AND 3PM | **T F**

See 'Curious Commissions' on page 4.

This Is Where It Happened

SAT 22 AND SUN 23 JUNE | 12PM AND 3PM | DIDSBURY LIBRARY AND WITHINGTON BATHS | **T F**

See 'Curious Commissions' on page 5.

Out of Kilter Theatre: 'Small Histories'

SUN 23 JUNE | 3:30PM START | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST | £2.50 ON THE DOOR | **T**

Six generations of women, their lives spanning 100 years from the final months of World War One to the present. Through a weaving together of monologue, dialogue, songs and physical theatre and prompted by small, intimate objects from their past, we are given glimpses into their lives. These brief episodes evoke joy, sorrow, love, loss and memory that articulate the 'small histories' of ordinary people. Out of Kilter Theatre was set up in 2016 by director Kerry Kawai and writer/producer Mark Murphy. The company aims to collaborate regularly with local actors and theatre makers to develop new work for performances at venues across the north west.

Blackpool, What A S**t Place To Die

SUN 23 JUNE | 7:30PM DOORS, 8PM START | DIDSBURY SPORTS GROUND | £7 | 16+ | **T**

Meet Billy Costello. He's a young, gay, autistic actor with a drug problem. This award-winning, one-man show starring Mark Newsome and written by Phil Pearson has sold out venues

EVENTS BY GENRE

THEATRE

in Manchester and in London since making its debut at Manchester Fringe in 2018. An unmissable and challenging dark comedy.

Mirth & More

SUN 23 JUNE | 7:30PM START | THE ART OF TEA | FREE | 13+ | **M L P**

Mirth & More is an established night of music, comedy and spoken word presenting some of the best performance artists in Manchester. Compered by Kelly J Christopher, Mirth is set to have you giggling your socks off – not bad for a free night of entertainment!

Jane Eyre Reimagined

MON 24 JUNE | 12:30PM DOORS, 1PM START | EMMANUEL CHURCH | £5 | **T**

An imaginative music and spoken-word performance inspired by Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre. Initially created for the Equator Women of the World Festival in London, Shion Duo (Mana Shibata, oboe & Suling King, piano) and actress Rebecca Kenny will be performing works by Clara Schumann, Melissa Douglas and Jean Rhys.

I Know Why the Gay Man Dances

MON 24 JUNE | 8PM START | THE ART OF TEA | FREE | 16+ | **T**

Joel Sadler-Puckering is a Mancunian born published poet. Joel will be reading from this #1 bestselling LGBT poetry collection and giving unique insights into the stories behind them. If you're a fan of direct poetry and social commentary through verse, this event will speak to your heart.

Get Curious!

SAT 22 JUNE | 12PM – 4PM | DIDSBURY LIBRARY | FREE

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 6.

THEATRE

**Two Butties Short present:
We Must Talk**

MON 24 JUNE | 7:30PM DOORS, 8PM START | THE WOODSTOCK | £5 | 16+ | **P**

Three short plays about eating disorders, bereavement and male depression deftly written to be hard-hitting, but softened with humour, each highlighting the importance of talking. A song, entitled *We Must Talk* will be performed, followed by a panel and audience discussion. Two Butties Short aims to raise awareness of mental health issues and remove stigma.

Questions of England

MON 24 JUNE | 8PM START | DIDSBURY SPORTS GROUND | FREE | **P**

An experimental improv conversation show in which participants are asked random questions which then inspire short sketches or chats with the audience. Described as a cross between *Whose Line Is It Anyway* and *QI*, this unique show is fast becoming an established and much-talked-about event, don't miss! "I would unhesitatingly recommend this informative and fun show" Number9reviews

Mansion Comedy

WED 26 JUNE | 7:30PM START | THE ART OF TEA | DONATION | 18+ | **P**

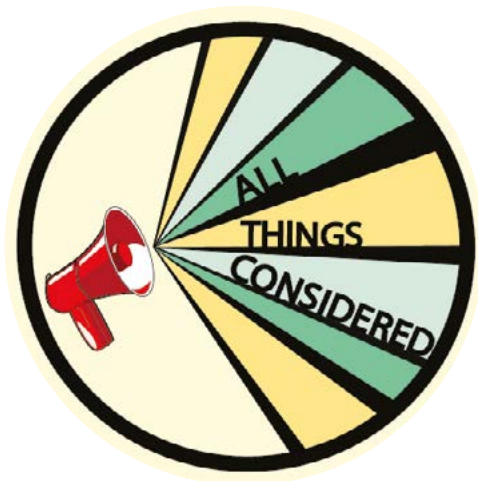
The ever-popular monthly comedy night returns as part of DAF for a curious evening of comedy featuring some of the best acts on the circuit.

**All Things Considered present:
Wake Up, Maggie!**

FRI 28 JUNE | 7:30PM DOORS, 8PM START | THE DIDSBURY | £5 | **P**

Two stories. Two lives. Two experiences of class. Emily. Babs. Top Gun / Nutribullet / Special Brew / 80s mullet / boiling kettles / 90s trance / Cliff Richard / bedroom dance / ironing piles / Maggie May / mince and veg / Happy Birthday! Come on Eileen / recession bites / 10p rubbers / Friday nights.

Wake Up, Maggie! a cabaret of class, confusion - and karaoke!



All Things Considered

Doolally and Friends

SAT 29 JUNE | 7PM DOORS, 7:30PM START | EMMANUEL CHURCH, PARISH CENTRE | £8 | **M P**

Doolally are a comedy-singing act who perform funny songs. This event will see Doolally and friends present a night of songs featuring Caoilfhionn (pronounced Keelin) Rose - a singer, songwriter and producer from Didsbury. Her music has been described as 'folkedelia' with 'jazzy flourishes', she recently released her first album 'Awaken' on Gondwana Records. Also on the bill is the fabulous Rhythm of Life Choir (The Christie Hospital and The Maggie's centre - as seen on ITV's 'Cold Feet'.)



Music For Dogs

LipService: Exploding Women

SAT 29 JUNE | 2PM AND 4PM START | SIEMENS | £7 | **P**

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 10.

Music For Dogs

SUN 30 JUNE | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST | 1:30PM DOORS, 2PM START | £5 | 16+ | **P**

Carol Caffrey is an Irish actor and writer and performs in this funny and poignant one woman dark comedy that tells the story of the dubious means by which she came by the fortune that she is leaving her estranged brother and sister.

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EVENTS BY GENRE

SPECIAL EVENTS

Art on the Railings and Music on the Terrace

SAT 22 JUNE | 12PM – 5PM | FLETCHER MOSS PARK | FREE | **A F M**

Come and listen to a great line up of bands in the park and admire the art of local artists. The Cafe Terrace is the place to have tea, cakes and ices, whilst enjoying the artistic ambiance. If you are an artist and would like to participate, just bring your work along at 11.30am and attach it to the railings. Everyone is welcome to exhibit.

Getting Curious About The Dead: Southern Cemetery Tour and Writing Workshop

SUN 23 JUNE | 2PM – 5PM | SOUTHERN CEMETERY, MAIN ENTRANCE ON BARLOW MOOR ROAD | £20 | 16+ | **W T W**

Renowned tour guide Emma Fox and award-winning writer Tania Hershman are joining forces to run a tour of Southern Cemetery, the UK's biggest municipal cemetery, followed by a cemetery-inspired writing workshop. No writing experience necessary, and the walking pace will be slow, all levels of physical ability welcome.

Discovering the Cabinet of Curiosities

MON 24 JUNE | 6PM DOORS, 6:30PM START | DIDSBUY LIBRARY | £5 | **T**

An interactive talk exploring the fascinating 'Cabinets of Curiosities', collections of rare and exotic objects, popular in Europe from 1500; what would a Cabinet of Curiosities look like today? Sara Riccardi is an art historian, whose work aims to present art-historical subjects in engaging and dynamic forms.

Time to Sing!

TUE 25 JUNE | 2PM – 3PM | MARIE LOUISE GARDENS | FREE | **A**

A celebration of the refurbishment of the Marie-Louise Gardens Sundial with

performances by the children of Moor Allerton School.

This has been a community art project between the friends of Marie-Louise Gardens, Moor Allerton School and Manchester City Council. The mosaics for the sundial were made by Year 6 pupils. Please feel free to linger afterwards to enjoy the charm and atmosphere of this very special garden.

CP Lee with Vocal Harum

WED 26 JUNE | 7:15PM DOORS, 8PM START | DIDSBUY SPORTS GROUND | £7

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 8.

CinemaXtra

THU 27 JUNE | 7:30PM START | THE WOODSTOCK | £5 | 16+ | **F**

Cinema Xtra are a team of film enthusiasts that love to create exceptional film events for the local community. Their pop-up film experience features screenings of a range of films from across the world, the "Xtra" is a post-film discussion to open up a range of topics to discuss with the audience.

Screenings on the night will feature:

Ends Meat Pickaxe Films/Helen Lyons-Curran

Desperate to do right by his children, a debt-ridden taxi driver has just one night left to deliver on a lucrative, yet sinister promise. *Ends Meat* is a gritty Manchester-set thriller, directed by Helen Lyons-Curran, who's multi-award winning film *Delicacy* screened at the 2015 Didsbury Arts Festival.

Me, You & The Dead Produced by Mike Ogden

Me, You & The Dead is a black comedy crime caper set in Manchester about getting in to debt, inept loan sharks and chance. The film won the Commonwealth Film Festival Best Short Film award in 2002 during the Commonwealth Games in Manchester.

Mike Ogden is a BAFTA/Kodak award winning Didsbury based filmmaker. He is currently directing *Arena* a short film about contemporary and historical extremism and his first feature film, *The Victors* a WW2 set drama.

Please Stop Luke Van Coot

A fan of franchises? Love living in a place that could be anywhere? *Please Stop* is a satirical documentary which argues that all cities in the UK lack identity. Join Luke as he examines why this is a problem and offers some ideas on how we can change it.

Curious Conversations

SAT 29 JUNE | 1PM – 4PM | WITHINGTON BATHS | FREE

SEE 'FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS'

Food Sorcery presents: Chef's Table – Food Curiosity

SUN 30 JUNE | 1:45PM ARRIVAL, 2PM START – 5PM | FOOD SORCERY COOKERY AND BARISTA SCHOOL | £50 | 11+ | **W F**

Be prepared to taste one-off dishes with ingredients sourced locally and even foraged from the banks of the river. From Didsbury Wasabi to wild garlic dessert, this will be an afternoon of intrigue, fun and delicious food exploration. Guests will see a chef demo before sitting down to enjoy a sociable meal. This event is aimed at people who have a passion for food and adventurous taste buds.

O Wondrous Machine

SUN 30 JUNE | 9AM – 7:30PM | ST JAMES CHURCH | FREE | **F M T**

Throughout the day, there will be an opportunity to learn from distinguished experts in their field about how the Walker Organ works and is used in teaching, performance and as a prime accompaniment to congregational worship. Don't miss this



fascinating programme of demonstration and discussion and a unique insight in to one of the most curious of all instruments.

Curious Picnic

SUN 30 JUNE | 12PM – 5PM | DIDSBUY PARK | FREE

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 11.

Curious about Flamenco?

SUN 30 JUNE | 4:30PM DOORS, 5PM START | DIDSBUY BAPTIST CHURCH | FREE | 7+ | **D E T**

Join Flamenco dancer Sarah Chambers for this interactive talk where she will explain three of the traditional flamenco song forms with a chance to try the intricate palmas (clapping). Don't miss this introduction to southern Spanish culture, language and music with an insight into the breathtaking rhythms and sentiments of flamenco.

This event will be followed by an evening of Flamenco dancing, see below for details

Espíritu Flamenco

SUN 30 JUNE | 6.30PM DOORS, 7PM START | DIDSBUY BAPTIST CHURCH | £10

Glenn Sharp (guitarist), Sergio Garcia (singer) and Sarah Chambers (dancer) present a flamenco performance of improvised traditional flamenco songs. These will include the styles presented at the 'Curious about Flamenco?' talk, above. From serious to light-hearted musical forms, with pounding rhythms to accompany the haunting melodies, giving audiences a taste of Southern Spain.

The Buddy BenchDURATION | THE POPPY PATH, DIDSBURY PARK | FREE | **F**

We hear that we are a nation divided. That we spend our time shut up in our homes, communicating only via social media. The Buddy Bench is here to challenge and address these perceptions. The concept follows the lines of the famous Manhattan Actor's Studio interviews - there will be two seats on the bench, one will have a script attached with questions for the person to ask whoever sits beside them: "How are you?" "What's your favourite word?", conversation starters to get us all talking face-to-face. DidsburyFM will "man" the Buddy Bench at festival weekends, pulling in unsuspecting passers-by, but the exhibit will also stand alone for people to interact with as part of their everyday lives.

Festival ExhibitionDURATION | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST | FREE | **A**

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 6.

Open House: Cecile ElsteinSAT 22 AND SUN 23 JUNE | DIDSBURY VILLAGE | 3PM TO 6PM | FREE, REGISTRATION REQUIRED | **A**

Local sculptor, printmaker and environmental artist, Cecile Elstein returns to the festival with a talk and Q and A based on the exhibition of her work - *Inquiry: The Role or the Whole*. There will be the chance to view Cecile's art work and a drinks reception. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Drinks on arrival from 3pm, talk to begin at 4pm

Address to be given once booked.

The Didisbury Oracle John EastwoodSAT 22 AND SUN 23 AND SAT 29 AND SUN 30 JUNE | 12PM TO 6PM | DIVINE HUB | FREE | **A**

History, folklore and art combine in the magical Didisbury Oracle. Explore the hidden connections between Didsbury and the Tarot, the folklore and tales of Fletcher Moss and the mystical art of divination. Will this curious pack of cards give you an answer? All will be revealed. Your destiny awaits!

Preview: Sat 22 June, 12pm - 2pm



Cecile Elstein: Rodney Price

**Sharing Travel Stories: Meha Hindocha**SAT 22 TO MON 24 JUNE AND FRI 28 TO SUN 30 JUNE | 11AM - 4PM | SURE START, DIDSBURY PARK | FREE | **A F W**

Meha's central theme of skylines tell stories about cities from across the world, inspired by her travel sketchbooks and doodles, some of which will be incorporated in to a world map piece which Meha is currently working on. As part of the exhibition, Meha will be inviting members of the public to share their stories on an illustrated map, using pencils, markers or pens - Meha is curious about where people have been and the stories and memories collected from our travels.

Vision: Saul Hay GalleryFRI 28 JUNE 6PM - 8PM AND SAT 29 JUNE | 11AM - 6PM | PIZZA EXPRESS, UPSTAIRS | FREE | **A**

Saul Hay Gallery will be bringing their Manchester city centre gallery to Didsbury to present a pop-up exhibition focusing on artists from across Greater Manchester. An opportunity to see and buy work from some of the most talented contemporary artists in the region.

Facing Out Lucy BurscoughMON 24 - FRI 28 JUNE | 9AM TO 5PM DAILY | MAGGIE'S MANCHESTER | FREE | **A**

A selection of Lucy Burscough's Facing Out pieces from the recent Whitworth exhibition will be on display and a hand-out available to accompany the exhibition. Facing Out is an arts for health project that explores the impact of acquired facial disfigurement from head, face and neck cancers and their treatments. Lucy has created the paintings in residence at the wonderful Maggie's Centre Manchester, at The Christie Hospital. The paintings consist of portraits of people who have facial disfigurements due to facial cancers. They explore and celebrate the identities of the sitters beyond their role as 'patient' or 'one who is disfigured'.

Meet the artist on Tuesday 25 and Thu 27 June between 2pm and 4pm

Visitors are also welcome to explore the centre and enjoy the architecture of the building, designed by Lord Norman by Lord Norman Foster, as well as the Dan Pearson designed garden and original works of art on the wall on loan from The Whitworth Art Gallery. On arrival, please let volunteers know you are visiting as part of the festival. Please contact Jemma Halman at Maggie's with any queries: 07826 946248

Giving Art a New HomeTHU 27 JUNE - MON 1 JULY | 10AM - 5PM | GREEN WALK, NELL LANE | FREE | **A**

See 'Festival Highlights' on page 8.

WI Does ArtSAT 29 JUNE 10AM - 3PM | SUN 30 JUNE 12:30PM - 3PM | EAST DIDSBURY METHODIST CHURCH, CHURCH HALL | FREE | **A**

An exhibition of art work created by members of Didsbury Village Women's Institute featuring mixed media and a range of different artistic styles. A chance to see the work and enjoy light refreshments.

EVENTS BY GENRE

VISUAL ARTS

Library of Moments: Ariella Green

SAT 29 AND SUN 30 JUNE | DIDSBURY VILLAGE | 11AM – 6PM | FREE, REGISTRATION REQUIRED | **A**

Ariella Green is a Textile Artist and member of the Contemporary Applied Arts Gallery, London. Ariella's textile collages use printed or painted fabrics alongside found material. They are pieced together by machine and hand-stitched, exploring themes of myth and fairy tale and the integration of cultures in a world of movement.

Address to be given once booked.



Art Over the Counter

DURATION | VARIOUS SHOPS, SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS | FREE | **A**

Works of art created by students at Parrs Wood High School, Barlow RC High School and Cheadle Hulme School are on display in shops throughout Didsbury Village, West Didsbury and connecting streets, and in some surprising places too. Whether shopping, strolling around, en route elsewhere, the imagination, creativity and technical skills of our local students will astound and delight you. So keep a look out - and enjoy!



A Proclamation David Dunnico

DURATION | HOME CAFÉ | FREE

This insightful exhibition by artist and documentary photographer David Dunnico consists of a laser etched Perspex panel which at first glance looks like a brass memorial plaque - the words are not names of the dead, but quotations about possible meanings of silence.

2019 will be the centenary of the first Two Minutes Silence, established to remember the men who were killed during the Great War fighting for the British. For the past four years we have been asked to remember the events of the First World War. How we remember - with monuments such as the Cenotaph, symbols such as the poppy and ritual, particularly the Two Minutes Silence, have over the last century become so much part of our society that we rarely think about their origins or question their meanings.

This piece will encourage people's curiosity about how these rituals developed and question why they have continued to develop beyond their original purpose.

An Exhibition of Mosaics Sally Almond

DURATION | MD CONLEY HAIR DRESSERS | FREE | **A**

Sally's exhibition of unusual and beautiful mosaics is made using old china, plates and dishes. It's a curious collection from Tortoisies to Ginger jars. Sally graduated from Manchester Polytechnic with a degree in textiles, and at present her chosen textile is ceramic.

Are You Sitting Comfortably Emma Turner

DURATION | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST | FREE | **A**

Are You Sitting Comfortably is a unique participatory project and exhibiton which invites a guest conversationalist, with lived experience of homelessness, to sit opposite a member of the public. Two, five minute sand timers signify the start. The subject of the conversation is 'Homelessness'. Previous conversations filmed at The Whitworth in 2018 are to be screened as part of the accompanying exhibition.

Interviews will take place outside The Parsonage between 12pm and 5pm on Sat 22 and Sun 23 June

Curiosity in Nature The Birches Specialist Support Primary School

DURATION | ALBERT TENNIS CLUB | FREE | **A**

Pupils from The Birches have created a series of artworks especially for the festival, inspired by their curiosity in the outdoors and natural materials. The Birches Specialist Support Primary School caters for children with special educational needs, many with a diagnosis of autism or sensory difficulties. The school highly value outdoor learning as a fantastic medium to engagement and learning and this exhibition is a reflection of that focus.



Are You Sitting Comfortably

Didsbury Good Neighbours Art Group

DURATION | HOLT PAVILLION, DIDSBURY PARK | FREE | **A**

A selection of art work created by members of Didsbury Good Neighbours Art Group, a charity whose aim is to support senior members of the community through a volunteer befriending service and a programme of weekly activities.



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VISUAL ARTS

Double Vision Paulette Bansal and Sarah O'Hana

DURATION | JO PADMORE OPTICIANS | FREE | **A**

An intriguing exhibition of prints and art jewellery by Paulette Bansal and Sarah O'Hana, set amongst the backdrop of optics and eyewear at Jo Padmore opticians in Didsbury. Come and see the world through the eyes of these two different artists and enjoy the sights of their inspired work.

Preview: Fri 21 June, 5pm - 8pm.

Hedley Fitton – Didsbury's Lost Son

DURATION | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST, CORRIDOR | FREE | **A**

Hedley Fitton was an artist (originally from Didsbury) who achieved great success in his lifetime, but whose star fell dramatically after his death in the 1920s and today is largely forgotten. What remains are his beautiful, evocative etchings and a series of drawings and paintings, collected by Errol Fuller who has kindly offered to exhibit them to the public as part of the festival. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see an exhibition of Hedley's work.

Janet Griffiths Art

DURATION | ART OF TEA | FREE | **A**

A former resident of Didsbury and Withington, Janet now resides in West Yorkshire and often paints the landscape around her, infused with her memories of Didsbury. Janet works with bold expressive colour to create works that aim to inspire and uplift the viewer.

Preview: Sat 22 June, 7pm



Mademoiselle: Emma Finch

DURATION | SAISON | FREE | **A**

Madesmoiselle is a photographic exhibition celebrating the female form. Taken by award-winning and internationally published local photographer Emma Finch, this exhibition showcases beauty, sensuality and elegance - with a vintage edge.

Meet the Artist: Fri 28 June from 7pm.

Light and Laughter at the Lodge: Didsbury Art Festival Outreach at Buccleuch Lodge

DURATION | DIDSBURY LIBRARY | FREE

Work by patients, staff, family and friends. For the last two years Brenda Mallon and Deborah Grace have been bringing art into Buccleuch Lodge, an NHS rehabilitation unit in Didsbury. Every Wednesday patients, staff and friends join in painting, drawing and sharing stories. Despite frailty and serious health challenges, laughter abounds and moods are lifted. In this exhibition you can see some of the creative results and read some of their amazing stories.

South Manchester Camera Club

DURATION | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE TRUST, ROOM 3 | FREE | **A**

Members of The South Manchester Camera Club will be showing a selection of their work. Themes vary from landscape and portraits to nature, street and creative.

Rachel Smith-Ruffle

DURATION | DIDSBURY LIBRARY | FREE | **A**

Rachel is a self taught artist with a spinal injury, paralysed in an accident at the age of 23. Rachel mostly paints landscapes and began painting last June during a time of complete bedrest for 14 months. Rachel creates stunning painting with no hand grip and using both hands, lying on her side in bed, the inspiration for her self titled exhibition. Didsbury Library. Images of art works exhibited as part of the visual arts programme can be found on the festival website.



Sue Langford

DURATION | HOME CAFÉ | FREE | **A**

This exhibition by Manchester photographer Sue Langford illustrates how her work is informed by a love of countryside walking, enabled by regular trips around the UK - always with her camera. Featured here are four colour photographs that have been chosen to represent the elements: air, water, fire and earth.



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EVENTS BY GENRE

WORKSHOPS

My Family and Other Curiosities

SAT 22 JUNE | 2PM DOORS | 2:30PM - 4:30PM | DIDSBUARY LIBRARY, REFERENCE ROOM | £15 ADV | **W L**

This writing workshop for adults will be led by Saddleworth poets, Rachel and Hilary, who both hold MAs in Creative Writing. The session will be packed with poems to read plus writing activities about family members - both real and imagined. Suitable for writers of any level.

IORA

SAT 22 JUNE | 4:30PM DOORS | 5PM - 6PM | DIDSBUARY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH | FREE, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

IORA will be delivering this workshop ahead of her evening performance. The session will explore songwriting through creative exercises and discussions, helping to develop ideas. It will be a fun, interactive, accessible experience, open to all ages interested in developing their own material for both spoken word, poetry and songwriting.

Design your own Universe!

SUN 23 AND SUN 30 JUNE | 1:30PM - 3:30PM (DROP-IN) | SURE START, DIDSBUARY PARK | FREE | **F A W**

Exhibiting artist Meha Hindoca will be drawing inspiration from her city scape scenes and illustrations from her travels and asking budding artists to design their own universe! If you could live absolutely anywhere where would it be and what would it look like? This activity can be done individually or in groups. Colouring pencils/paints and crayons provided.

Neil Campbell

SUN 23 JUNE | 6PM DOORS, 6:30PM - 8:30PM | OXFAM | £5 | **W L**

Neil Campbell is an acclaimed writer from Manchester who draws upon his experience of living in Didsbury by using Didsbury locations in his first two novels Sky Hooks and Zero Hours. The workshop will include readings from Neil's work, followed by a creative writing workshop focusing on using place in fiction.

Beauty of Cyclamen Flower: An introduction to watercolour

TUE 25 JUNE | 1:45PM DOORS, 2PM START | DIDSBUARY PARSONAGE TRUST, ROOM 1 | £4.50 ADV | **W A**

Local artist Diane King will be sharing her techniques in this hands on workshop for artists looking to develop their own skills. Diane's work is inspired by the physical and emotional impact that being in the landscape has on her senses - threading her experiences of places as far apart as Africa and Scotland, where the light is so very different.

Participants will be introduced to the materials and techniques required to create and enjoy watercolour paintings. During the session they will complete a painting of a beautiful cyclamen flower. All materials provided.

Linocut Printing Workshops

WED 26 AND FRI 28 JUNE | 10AM START | DIDSBUARY PARSONAGE TRUST, ROOM 2 | £30 ADV | **W A**

Join local artist printmakers Carolyn Murphy and Cate Gibson for a Linocut Printing Workshop that's fun and ideal for beginners. Create a linocut by hand and print your design onto paper.



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Writing for Water

WED 26 JUNE | 2PM, 1:30PM DOORS | DIDSBURY LIBRARY, REFERENCE ROOM | DONATION | **W L**

Join Manchester Poets for this unique workshop which will focus on Madagascar, (exploring and encouraging) writing which is a melting pot between Asia, Africa and Australia and which captures wisdom in ohabolana, (proverbs) entwined in its poetry! The workshops will explore these proverbs to inspire writing in this creative workshop. All money to be donated to the Madagascan Development Fund

The Extraordinary in the Ordinary

WED 26 JUNE | 6:45PM DOORS, 7PM - 8:30PM | OXFAM | £5 | **W L**

This creative writing workshop led by Brenda Mallon is for 'Baby Boomers' - anyone born between 1945 and 1965 - who are curious about mining their lives for nuggets of golden moments. The aim is to make the invisible visible and to share your wealth of life experiences.

The workshop will include:

Sifting memories to find themes in your life

Finding moments of change and moments of inspiration

The Hero's Journey - Understanding how times of adversity can lead to deepened creativity and strength.

The workshop will be limited to 20 people so early booking is recommended.

Brenda Mallon is the author of 18 published books including *The Dream Bible*, *Building Continuing Bonds with Grieving and Bereaved Children* and *A Year of Creativity*. She has appeared in numerous TV programmes including, *In Your Dreams*, a Channel 4 series.

At present she is working on a memoir set in Ireland and India.

Please bring a notebook and pen or laptop. If you have any queries prior to the event email Brenda at lapwing@gn.apc.org

Go Weird or Go Home

SAT 29 JUNE | 2PM DOORS, 2:30PM START | DIDSBURY LIBRARY, REFERENCE ROOM | £10 ADV | **W L**

Learn how to bring the strange into your stories with Northern Writer of the Year, Gaynor Jones. You'll discuss curious stories, workshop fresh ideas and create a new piece of fiction in a friendly, supportive, and slightly strange environment... All levels of writing experience welcome.



Gaynor Jones

WORKSHOPS

Urban Sketching with Simone Ridyard

SAT 29 JUNE | 11AM - 2PM | MEET OUTSIDE HARRIET AND DEE, WARBURTON STREET | FREE | **W**

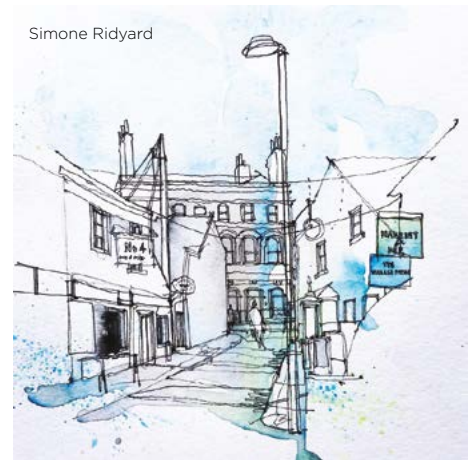
Join Simone Ridyard, founder of Urban Sketchers Manchester on an urban sketch crawl along Wilmslow Road, Didsbury.

All welcome, no experience necessary and no need to register - just bring own drawing materials and a stool is good if you have one!

Join for all or part of the session, please note there is no teaching as part of this event.

For more info contact Simone at contact@simoneridyard.co.uk

Check out Urban Sketchers at www.urbansketchers.org



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This Is Where It Happened	TF	12pm & 3pm	5	Withington Baths Free
The Didsbury Oracle	A	12pm - 6pm	34	Divine Hub Free
Tales of the Mesmerist	TF	12pm, 1:30pm & 3pm	5	Didsbury Parsonage Trust Free
Get Curious!	F	12pm - 4pm	6	Didsbury Library Free
Art on The Railings and Music on the Terrace	AM	12pm - 5pm	32	Fletcher Moss Park Free
My Family and Other Curiosities	W	2:30pm - 4:30pm	40	Didsbury Library, Reference Room £15
This Is Where It Happened	TF	3pm	5	Withington Baths Free
Cecile Elstein - Inquiry: The Role or the Whole	A	3pm - 6pm	34	Didsbury Village Free
IORA Workshop	WM	5pm - 6pm	40	United Reformed Church Free
The Women Who Saved The Birds	L	7pm	14	Didsbury Parsonage Trust £5
MIRO	M	7:30pm	6	Emmanuel Church £10
Obsidian	M	8pm	18	Ye Olde Cocke Inn Free
Lauren Young and Mr Magpie	M	8:30pm	18	Sett £5
Sun 23 Jun				
Sharing Travel Stories	W	11am - 4pm	35	Sure Start, Didsbury Park Free
This Is Where It Happened	TF	12pm & 3pm	5	Withington Baths Free
Tales of the Mesmerist	TF	12pm, 1:30pm & 3pm	5	Didsbury Parsonage Trust Free
The Didsbury Oracle	A	12pm - 6pm	34	Divine Hub Free
Design Your Own Universe	WF	1:30pm - 3:30pm	40	Sure Start, Didsbury Park Free
Getting Curious about the Dead	TW	2pm - 5pm	32	Southern Cemetery £20
Cecile Elstein - Inquiry: The Role or the Whole	A	3pm - 6pm	34	Didsbury Village Free
Jazz Sundays	M	3pm - 6pm	18	Saison Free
Out Of Kilter Theatre: Small Histories	P	3:30pm	29	Didsbury Parsonage Trust £2.50
Neil Campbell	W	6:30pm - 8:30pm	40	Oxfam £5
Blackpool What A S**t Place to Die	P	7:30pm	29	Didsbury Sports Ground £7
Halle Players and Friends	M	7:45pm	7	Didsbury Baptist Church £15
Acoustic Traditions	M	8pm	18	The Stokers Arms Free
The Lauren Young Band	M	8pm	18	The Head of Steam Free
Acoustic Showcase	M	8pm	19	Slug & Lettuce Free
Mirth and More	P	7:30pm	29	The Art of Tea Free
Mon 24 June				
Facing Out	A	9am - 5pm	35	Maggie's Manchester Free
Sharing Travel Stories	W	11am - 4pm	35	Sure Start, Didsbury Park Free
Jane Eyre Reimagined	P	1pm	29	Emmanuel Church £5
The Juniper Project: Fragments	M	2pm	19	Christ Church £5
Discovering the Cabinet of Curiosities	T	6:30pm	32	Didsbury Library £5
The Child Who Spoke With Her Eyes	L	7pm	15	Didsbury Parsonage Trust £4
Meraki Duo	M	7:30pm	19	Didsbury United Reformed Church £8
I Know Why The Gay Man Dances	P	8pm	29	The Art of Tea Free
Rachel Davies and Hilary Robinson	L	7:30pm	14	Expo Lounge Free
We Must Talk	P	8pm	30	The Woodstock £5
Questions of England	P	8pm	30	Didsbury Sports Ground Free
Tue 25 June				
Facing Out	A	9am - 5pm	35	Maggie's Manchester Free
An Introduction to Watercolour	W	2pm	40	Didsbury Parsonage Trust £4.50
Luke Jones: Piano Recital	M	2pm	20	Emmanuel Church £5
Time to Sing!	A	2pm - 3pm	32	Marie Louise Gardens Free
An Evening with Nell Stevens	L	7:30pm	7	Didsbury Baptist Church £7
Some Roast Poet: Launch Event	L	7:30pm	15	The Art of Tea Free
Quinta	M	8pm	19	The Stokers Arms Free
SLIMS	M	9pm	20	Slug & Lettuce £5
Wed 26 June				
Facing Out	A	9am - 5pm	35	Maggie's Manchester Free
Linocut Printing Workshop	W	10am	40	Didsbury Parsonage Trust, Room 2 £30
Ivan Hovorun: Piano Concert	M	2pm	20	Emmanuel Church Free
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CP Lee with Vocal Harum	M	8pm	8	Didsbury Sports Ground £7
Manchester Glee	M	8pm	20	The Woodstock Free
Jazz Works	M	8pm	20	Slug & Lettuce £5
Pete McSloy Band	M	8pm	20	The Northern Tennis Club Free
Thu 27 June				
Facing Out	A	9am - 5pm	35	Maggie's Manchester Free
Giving Art a New Home	A	10am - 5pm	8	Green Walk Free
Open Mic Night	M	6pm	20	Costa Free
Carole Isis	M	7:30pm	22	Christ Church £5
Cinema Xtra	F	7:30pm	32	The Woodstock £5
Ryan Buxton and Polly Virr	M	8pm	22	Saison Free
Lemn Sissay and Dave Haslam in conversation	L	8:15pm	8	Emmanuel Church £10
Fri 28 June				
Facing Out	A	9am - 5pm	35	Maggie's Manchester Free
Linocut Printing Workshop	W	10am	40	Didsbury Parsonage Trust, Room 2 £30
Giving Art a New Home	A	10am - 5pm	8	Green Walk Free
Sharing Travel Stories	W	11am - 4pm	35	Sure Start, Didsbury Park Free
Trio Volant	M	2pm	22	Christ Church £5
Li Lu's Music Box	M	2pm	22	Didsbury Parsonage Trust Free
Vision	A	6pm - 8pm	35	Pizza Express Free
Ruth Estevez and Elaine Bousfield	L	7:30pm	15	Didsbury Parsonage Trust Free
Liam Frost	M	7:45pm	9	St James Church £10
No Regrets - The Life and Music of Edith Piaf	MT	7:45pm	9	Emmanuel Church £7
Manchester Women Songwriter's Collective	M	8pm	23	The Northern Tennis Club Free
Wake Up Maggie!	P	8:30pm	30	The Didsbury £5
The George Charles Funk and Soul Pub	M	9pm	23	The George Charles Free
Sat 29 June				
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Vision	A	11am - 6pm	35	Pizza Express Free
Tales of the Mesmerist	TF	12pm, 1:30pm & 3pm	5	Didsbury Parsonage Trust Free
The Didsbury Oracle	A	12pm - 6pm	34	Divine Hub Free
Curious Conversations	T	1pm - 4pm	33	Withington Baths Free
Lip Service: Exploding Women	P	2pm & 4pm	10	Siemens £7
Go Weird or Go Home	WL	2:30pm	42	Didsbury Library, Reference Room £10
Li Lu's Music Box	M	3pm	24	Didsbury Parsonage Trust Free
Alex Winkcup Solo Piano Concert	M	3:30pm	27	Emmanuel Church £6
Li Lu's Music Box	M	7pm	24	Didsbury Parsonage Trust Free
Doolally and Friends	P	7:30pm	30	Emmanuel Church, Parish Hall £8
Manchester Beethoven Orchestra	M	7:30pm	27	Christ Church Free
Henry Normal: A Normal Universe	L	7:45pm	11	Didsbury Baptist Church £10
Curiosity Cabaret	MP	8pm	23	Didsbury Cricket Ground £5
Sun 30 June				
O Wondrous Machine	TF	9am - 7:30pm	33	St James Church Free
Giving Art a New Home	A	10am - 5pm	8	Green Walk Free
Li Lu's Music Box	M	11am	24	Didsbury Parsonage Trust Free
Sharing Travel Stories	W	11am - 4pm	35	Sure Start, Didsbury Park Free
Library of Moments	A	11am - 6pm	36	Didsbury Village Free
The Didsbury Oracle	A	12pm - 6pm	34	Divine Hub Free
Tales of the Mesmerist	TF	12pm, 1:30pm & 3pm	5	Didsbury Parsonage Trust Free
Curious Picnic	F	12pm - 5pm	11	Didsbury Park Free
WI Does Art	A	12:30pm - 3pm	35	Didsbury Methodist Church Free
Design Your Own Universe	WF	1:30pm - 3:30pm	40	Sure Start, Didsbury Park Free

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Jazz Sundays	M	3pm	18	Saison Free
Curious about Flamenco?	T D	5pm	33	Didsbury Baptist Church Free
Espiritu Flamenco	P	7pm	33	Didsbury Baptist Church £8
FAQ	M	8pm	28	The Head of Steam Free
The Vulnerables + 10 Volt	M	8pm	28	The Stokers Arms Free
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Rachel Smith-Ruffle	A		39	Didsbury Library Free
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Outreach in the local community is a key focus of the festival, from ongoing work with local groups and organisations to bespoke projects presented during the festival. Below are some of the key projects we have been delivering in partnership with a range of local residents, groups and organisations:

Art Awards, in memory of Jennifer Noble

Jennifer Noble was, for many years, a Trustee and secretary of DAF who sadly passed away in 2018. In memory of Jennifer, her family are sponsoring art awards for local secondary school students participating in the Art Over The Counter project.

Works exhibited in Art Over The Counter will be judged and students awarded a first prize of £50, with £35 for the runner-up. The high-school with the overall winning entry will also receive £50 to support art in the school.

In addition, primary schools across Didsbury will be encouraged to participate in the Art Awards by holding a display of art in mid-June. At each school a first prize of £15, with £10 for the runner-up, will be awarded.

Bucleuch Lodge

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Creativity is vital to our well-being and happiness. It stimulates our minds, provides an outlet for emotion and enriches our lives. Since January 2017, Brenda Mallon and Deborah Grace have been running weekly art sessions at Bucleuch Lodge, an NHS Rehabilitation Unit in West Didsbury, whose residents are mainly elderly people. Inspired by nature, memories, household objects and even hats(!) residents, family and staff enjoy painting and drawing together. Many take pleasure in re-awakening artistic talents forgotten over the years; others discover creative gifts they never knew they possessed. Most important are the conversations we have, as people share their stories - happy, sad and funny. All of them extraordinary!

Stories and art will be showcased at Didsbury Library during DAF. Do come and join us for this wonderful exhibition and find out more about Light and Laughter at the Lodge.



Didsbury Community Choir

We are delighted to be working with Daniel McDwyer to establish the Didsbury Community Choir, which we hope will continue to flourish after the festival in June and become an established singing group in the area. A recent graduate of the RNCM and now an established vocal coach, Musical Director and arranger, Daniel is Director of several choirs across Greater Manchester including Manchester lesbian and gay chorus, Pendleton college contemporary choir and Manchester City council Staff Choir.

In the lead up to the festival, Daniel will be delivering a number of choir sessions for the local community, open to all ages and abilities. The group will be working towards a surprise performance as part of the

festival, to mark the premiere performance of the chorus.

To find out more about our outreach projects, please email info@didsburyartsfestival.org

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