

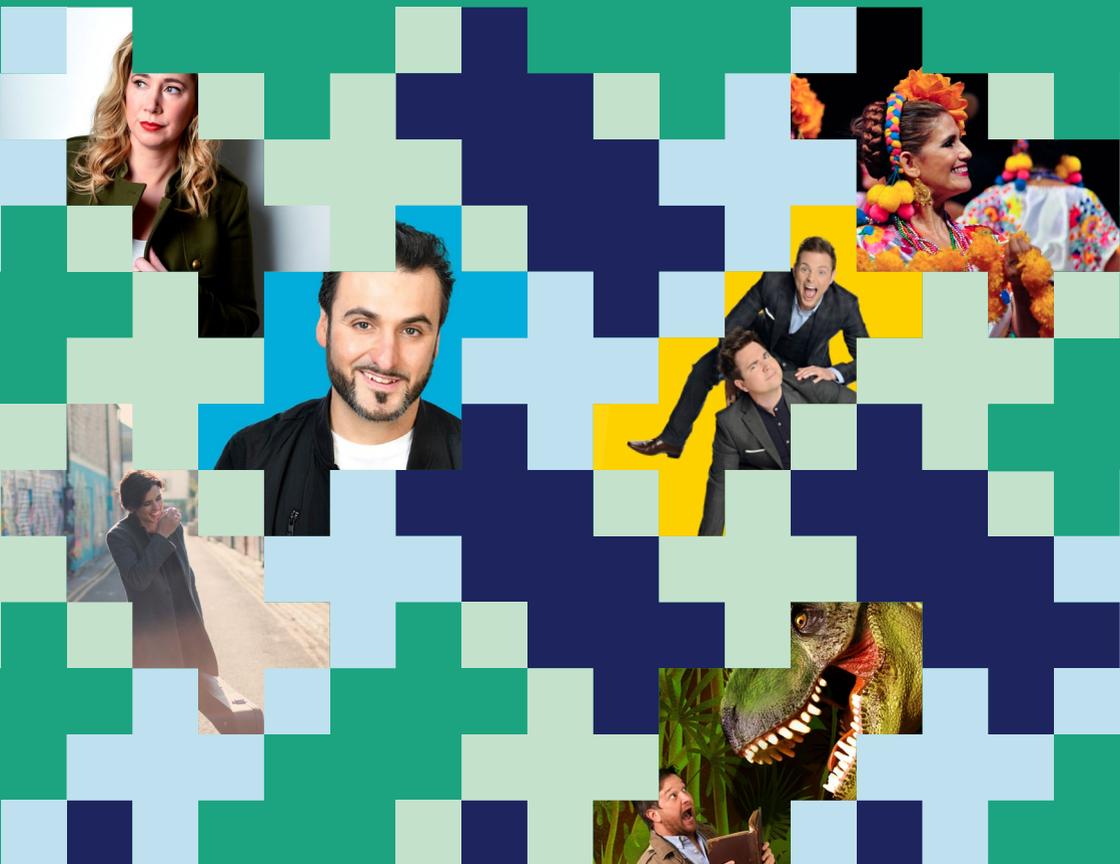


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Welcome to The Met

The Met is busier than ever with a programme of touring music and theatre complimenting some great local projects and a workshop programme offering plenty of opportunity for individuals to benefit from participating and learning new skills and talents.

Beyond the building refurbishment, we've been growing in the last 2 years with old and new ideas coming to fruition, projects getting underway to reach more people who can benefit from the arts and music programme and new exciting partnerships creating new work and projects to connect more people in Bury and beyond with our programme.

In challenging times the arts plays a huge part both for individuals and within communities and we hope that we can continue to develop partnerships and relationships to expand and extend the work we do.

Although we've seen great growth recently, it's not without its challenges and we are grateful for ongoing support from Bury Council and Arts Council England alongside innovative business partners and passionate individuals.



Funding and support allows us to excite and inspire beyond the everyday. This season's brochure features an incredible global mix of arts and music set to attract audiences from across Greater Manchester and beyond.

Bury has a brilliant package of cultural organisations who will be working together to deliver a Culture Champions programme as part of our outreach and participation development. We've exciting plans for new projects celebrating Bury's cultural heritage and ensuring that everyone can benefit from and see the value of an inspiring arts programme.

The town also comes together for two key events in the coming spring. We're thrilled to be supporting Bury Pride in April and excited to welcome a statue celebrating Bury born Victoria Wood in May.

Best wishes from everyone at The Met
– we hope to welcome you soon,

David Agnew, Artistic Director

This season our supporters have the chance to Pay What You Want for selected events; look for the highlighted events and see page 29 to find out about supporting The Met

Theatre

Brawn

Written and performed by Christopher Wollaton

Fri 7 June 8pm – £11 / Met Supporters: Pay What You Want

Brawn is one man play from writer and performer Christopher Wollaton which invites us to spend an hour in the gym with Ryan; a young man consumed by his own self-image. A raw, emotional and illuminating piece of theatre which takes us to a world where self-improvement becomes self-destruction.



Brawn

The Greek

By Lewis Charlesworth

Thu 13 - Thu 20 - Thu 27 June 7.30pm – £11

A tender comedy-drama about British identity in difficult times, and the humanity on both sides of a divided country. Lewis Charlesworth returns with his new tale following last year's acclaimed 'Cheaters - A Play about Infidelity'. Long-listed for the Lancaster Playwriting Prize.



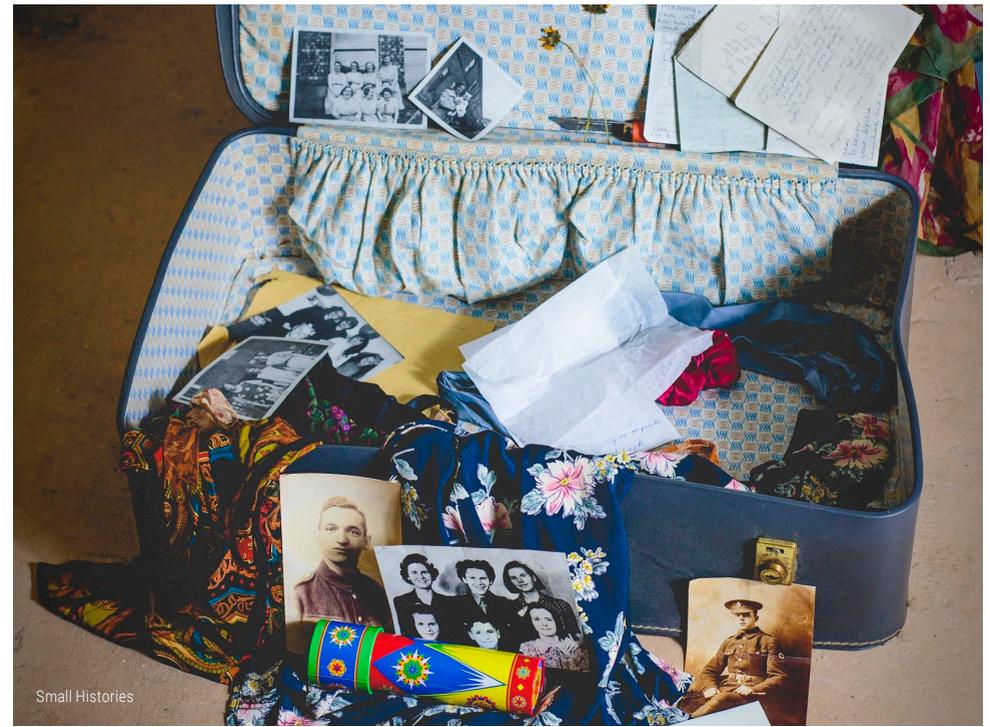
The Greek

Through The Walls

RAPAR Theatre

Weds 19 June 6.30pm – £11

A theatre company formed of refugees and people currently seeking asylum of a range of ages and nationalities. In their first ever production they explore cultures living side by side. Neighbours separated just by a wall but living worlds apart. Showing the struggles of life without status.



Small Histories

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Out of Kilter Theatre

Wed 3 July 7.30pm – From £9

Small, everyday objects prompt six generations of women to share their stories. Covering one hundred years, Small Histories take a glimpse into the lives of mothers and daughters across a century of love, joy, sorrow and loss. This new play from Manchester-based Out of Kilter Theatre weaves music, monologue and performance into powerful, timeless stories.

Mojo

Wonderlf Theatre

Wed 17 - Sun 21 - Mon 22 July 7.30pm – £9

Wonderlf Theatre brings Jez Butterworth's Mojo bang up to date with their version of this slick, violent dark comedy. Relocated in the heart of Manchester's early 1990s club scene, gangland bosses jostle for power and the worlds of petty crooks collide and culminate in a night of disaster.

Age guidance: 14+, contains strong language.

A Touch of Magic

by Anne Wynne

Thu 11 July 7pm – £9

Ron and Carol's anniversary trip to Tenerife is usurped by an over zealous entertainments manager whose presence unveils the couple's best kept secrets!

A Touch of Magic is a new romantic comedy by Anne Wynne, who was nominated Northern Writer of the Year 2018 by Northern Soul.

Family shows

So You Think You Know About Dinosaurs?

With Dr Ben Garrod

Sat 4 May 2pm – £13 Adult / £11 Children
– Suitable for ages 5+

Special Family ticket offer: £44 for family of 4

The hit stage show starring dinosaur aficionado Dr Ben Garrod. Get ready to go on an exciting pre-historic adventure as Ben talks you through the deadliest predators that ever roamed the planet. Come and test your knowledge in this live interactive show which is bigger and better than ever!

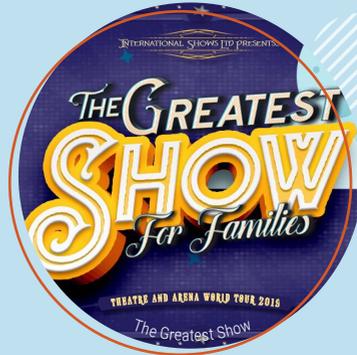


The Greatest Show For Families

Sun 5 May 2pm – £18 Adult / £16 Children

Special Family ticket offer: £64 for family 4

Fans of The Greatest Showman are invited to roll up for a journey through songs from the box office smash, as well as a host of other musical favourites including Moulin Rouge, Hairspray, Wicked, and Disney classics. Features a cast of talented singers, dancers and performers.

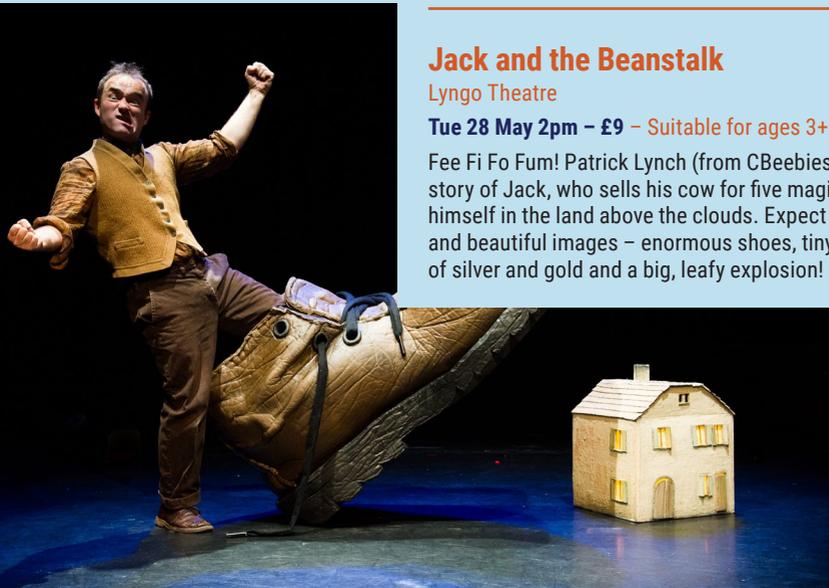


Jack and the Beanstalk

Lyngo Theatre

Tue 28 May 2pm – £9 – Suitable for ages 3+

Fee Fi Fo Fum! Patrick Lynch (from CBeebies) tells the gripping story of Jack, who sells his cow for five magic beans and finds himself in the land above the clouds. Expect lots of surprises and beautiful images – enormous shoes, tiny houses, showers of silver and gold and a big, leafy explosion!



There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly

The People's Theatre Company

Sat 1 June 2pm – £12 Adult / £11 Children

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly.
I don't know why she swallowed a fly...

But The Met do!

From the creators of Don't Dribble On The Dragon, this magical show is perfect for grown ups to enjoy with their children. Come and relive the delights of this most charming of tales complete with a feast of sing along songs, colourful animal characters and heart warming family fun.

It's the perfect treat for ages 2 to 102!



Sam and Mark's On The Road Show

Thu 30 May 2pm – £12 Adult / £10 Children

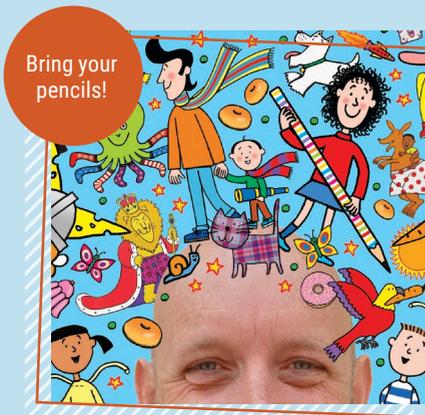
Children's TV royalty Sam and Mark, as seen on CBBC's Big Friday Wind-Up and Copycats, are taking to the road with a brand new live show this half term. Join the BAFTA award winning duo for an unmissable hour of entertainment, jam packed with sketches, jokes and games.

Nick Sharratt's Right Royal Drawalong

Sun 9 June 2pm – £11 Adults / £9 Children

– Suitable for ages 4+

Join acclaimed children's writer and illustrator Nick Sharratt and draw along with him! He'll be showing you how to sketch favourite characters like Tracy Beaker and Timothy Pope, sharing ways of creating fantastic creatures like dragons and unicorns, and giving loads of top tips.



Still stuck for something to do?

Visit themet.org.uk/families for the latest family events, including our regular

Comedy

First Thursday Comedy Club

All shows £13 door / £11 advance

First Thursday Comedy Club is our regular sell-out showcase of some of the funniest comedians around. May, June and July's clubs feature a series of Edinburgh Fringe preview shows; catch them in Bury and save yourself a long dull trip to Scotland.



First Thursday Comedy Club



Patrick Monahan



Tiff Stevenson

Thu 2 May 8.30pm

With Patrick Monahan and Stephen Carlin

Winner of ITV's Show Me The Funny, this exuberant half-Iranian, half-Middlesbrough comic is full of an insatiable lust for life. "There isn't a comic quite like him and his hugs alone are worth the price of admission" The New Current

Thu 6 June 8.30pm

With Tiff Stevenson and Jack Gleadow

Tiff Stevenson is a regular on Mock The Week, a writer for the Metro newspaper, and a winner of the Spirit of the Fringe award.

Jack Gleadow is one of the most exciting new stand-ups on the circuit, who brings us his new one man variety show.

Thu 4 July 8.30pm

With Alfie Moore and Markus Birdman

Cop-turned-comedian, Alfie Moore returns with his all-new show – it'd be a crime to miss it! "Brilliantly funny..." David Mitchell.

Witty, controversial, hip, topical, silly, Markus Birdman is a master of timing and physical comedy. "Completely spell-binding." Chortle

Thu 1 Aug 8.30pm

With 8 out of 10 Cats writer Roger Monkhouse; hilarious comedy magician El Baldiniho; corporate superstar Jamie Sutherland; and New Act of the Year winner Red Redmond.



Roger Monkhouse



Red Redmond

Music

James Grant

Rock & Pop – Fri 3 May 8pm – £17

One of the most renowned and respected performers Scotland has ever produced. Drawing from a broad palette of pop, folk, soul, country and blues influences, and interweaving his solo compositions twinning darkly literate, lush songcraft with his rich potent vocals and virtuoso guitar work.



James Grant

Desperado

A Tribute to The Eagles

Rock & Pop – Sat 4 May 7.30pm – From £17.50

Desperado present a two hour journey through your favourite Eagles songs from their first beginnings to their final album.

Desperado show their respect for this timeless music with an authenticity and accuracy that have become their hallmark. Close your eyes and you'll believe the Eagles themselves are on stage.



Desperado

Queen of Rock: The Ultimate Queen Show

Rock & Pop – Sun 5 May 7.30pm

– £18 Adult / £16 Under 16s

Family ticket £64 for 4

This is a unique, original show, performed by an extremely talented cast of 10. In the ever-competitive 'Queen' market there is usually a frontman with a band – this show takes a different take on the music and explores the intricate harmonies and sounds Queen were known for.

Sam Sweeney

The Unfinished Violin

Folk – Thu 2 May 8pm – From £19

Master fiddler Sam Sweeney (Bellowhead, Leveret) and his band play music from The Unfinished Violin, his new album inspired by the Great War.

"...this album is vital and powerful, and simply gorgeous." Folk Radio UK



Sam Sweeney

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the big whistle festival

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FLOOK TALISK

FARA WITH STEVEN JOHNSTON AND CATHERINE ASHCROFT RANAGRI

JENN BUTTERWORTH & LAURA-BETH SALTER

DROP THE FLOOR LUKE DANIELS WITH ABEL SELAOCOE NIDD

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11 & 12 MAY

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Big Whistle Gigs in The Derby Hall



The Big Whistle Festival is a celebration of Celtic folk music that takes over The Met for 2 days. There are gigs from artists new and established in the Derby Hall and The Box, with workshops for all ages and abilities, live interviews and 'meet the maker' sessions. Visit themet.org.uk/bigwhistle for the full line-up and latest news.

Talisk

Sat 11 May 7pm – From £13

A band of rare and inspired musicality. With a big gig trail that's seen them impress many festival audiences from Cambridge and all the way to Cape Breton and beyond, it all spells out a simple message, their set at The Big Whistle Festival will be unmissable.



Peatbog Faeries

Sat 11 May 9pm – From £17

A Peatbog Faeries gig is an unforgettable experience that invariably results in euphoric audience response. Expect hefty dance grooves, fused with rousing pipes, articulate whistling and breath-taking fiddle. Underpin this with a back line that provides a musical foundation that raises the game and spirits still further.

Fara with Steven Johnston and Catherine Ashcroft

Sun 12 May 1pm – From £17

Orkney folk quartet Fara feature some of Scotland's most in-demand folk musicians; the four childhood friends have reunited to create their second album, Times From Times Fall, which celebrates the islands community which inspired them to discover music. North-West duo Steven and Catherine come together to create incredible traditional Irish music on pipes, whistle and guitar.



Flook

Sun 12 May 7.30pm – From £21

Taking inspiration from their roots in the Irish and English Tradition, Flook have become synonymous with an enviable trademark sound. It features precise acoustic grooves, soaring improvisation, all topped off with a stage act that never disappoints. With a war chest of awards and a new album, we welcome Flook once again to The Big Whistle Festival.



Save 20% when you book tickets
for any 3 Big Whistle Festival events
(including workshops)

Big Whistle Festival

The Box Gigs



Nidd

Sat 11 May 12pm – £13

Fantastic young trio from across Northern England playing traditional Irish music.



Ranagri

Sat 11 May 2pm – £11

Electrifying alt-folk four-piece covering English and Irish music new and old.



Drop The Floor

Sat 11 May 4pm – £13

Foot-stomping traditional Irish folk from Big Whistle Festival regulars!



The Big Whistle Festival Brunch

Sun 12 May 11am – £6

Breakfast chat, stories and music with a Peatbog Faeries legend; Peter Morrison.

Jenn Butterworth and Laura-Beth Salter

Sun 12 May 4pm – £15

Products of Glasgow's folk scene, and inspired by folk music from across the world, Jenn and Laura-Beth make beautiful, harmony-rich acoustic music.



Luke Daniels and Abel Selaocoe

Kaleidoscope Music Memes

Sun 12 May 6pm – £13

See page 13 for details.

Find all the Big Whistle Festival gigs, workshops and sessions at themet.org.uk/bigwhistle

Kaleidoscope Music Memes

Special offer: See all four concerts for just £26, a saving of 50% on the full ticket price

Kaleidoscope Music Memes is a series of four folk and world music concerts hosted by critically acclaimed musician and singer Luke Daniels.

The series begins with three duo concerts pairing Luke with world-class performers from South Africa, Syria and China, and culminates in a final quartet show featuring all four performers.

Excitingly, gig-goers can collaborate and contribute to the concerts. Download the free Music Memes app and create and share your own musical arrangements with the artists. Your creations could influence the final work. Find out more at themet.org.uk/memes

Luke Daniels and Abel Selaocoe

Part of Big Whistle Festival 2019

Sun 12 May 6pm – £13

Abel Selaocoe is a South African cellist who collaborates with beatboxers and world musicians whilst giving solo classical recitals and concerto performances as a soloist with numerous orchestras. He has performed at the Aldeburgh Festival and at the BBC Proms.



Luke Daniels and Rihab Azar

Sat 25 May 7pm – £13

Rihab Azar is an oudist from the Syrian city of Homs who has studied at the Conservatoire of Damascus under such masters as Askar Ali Akbar and Issam Rafea. Since moving to the UK in 2016 under the "Migrant Talent" scheme she has performed with the London Sinfonietta and at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Luke Daniels and Zi Lan Liao

Fri 14 June 7.30pm – £13

Zi Lan Liao is an international concert circuit performer on the Gu-Zheng (Chinese zither harp). She has performed at the Royal Albert Hall and Royal Festival Hall and has toured Spain, Italy, France, Holland, Finland, United States, and Australia. She also participated at the WOMAD Recording Week in Bath Somerset.



Finale full quartet performance

Featuring Luke Daniels, Abel Selaocoe, Rihab Azar and Zi Lan Liao

Sat 29 June 7pm – £13

Luke Daniels is a multi-instrumentalist specialising in button accordion and melodeon. He has enjoyed a long career collaborating with a range of artists and organisations as a means of promoting folk music.

Music

Heather Peace

Supported by Rachael Sage

Rock & Pop – **Fri 10 May 8pm – From £26**

A popular film and TV actor for over twenty years, Heather Peace has appeared in Silent Witness, Waterloo Road and cult hit Lip Service while also forging a music career inspired by a love of jazz and pop. Ahead of her latest album, Hey Mayhem, Peace supported Alison Moyet on tour and founded and curated her own Diva! music festival. Discover an actor, activist and a brilliant musician.



Heather Peace

We Are What We Overcome

Written and Performed by Matt McGuinness

Rock & Pop – **Thu 16 May 7.30pm**
– **£11 / Met Supporters: Pay What You Want**

Fresh from a successful run at the Edinburgh Fringe, musician, performer and writer Matt McGuinness presents his debut show as part of a UK tour. Uplifting, anthemic tunes punctuate stories and conversation, shedding light on mental health with self-deprecating honesty and dark humour. This show is for anyone who has ever overcome one of life's many challenges or is battling to do so.



Ye Vagabonds

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Folk – **Thu 23 May 7.30pm**
– **£13 / Met Supporters: Pay What You Want**

Brothers Brian and Diarmuid Mac Gloinn grew up playing music together around their hometown of Carlow in Ireland. New album *The Hare's Lament* (released on Rough Trade's River Lea imprint) is an album of traditional songs learned from some of the greats of Irish music, from precious archive recordings of a grandfather they never met, and from contemporaries in the singing communities around Dublin. Expect harmony rich folk music, influenced by Irish traditional music, Appalachian singing, and the 1960's folk revival.



We Are What We Overcome

You're My World

A Celebration of Cilla Black and The Beatles

Rock & Pop – **Fri 24 May 8.15pm – £18 /**
Concessions £15 / Door £20

Sing along and clap your hands to all of Cilla Black's and The Beatles' hits of the 1960s. A fun-packed show that celebrates the forefront of the Brit-pop music scene of the era, recreating the atmosphere of the original Cavern Club and then moving on to the glamour of performing to royalty at the London Palladium.



You're My World

A Blues Night at The Met

Featuring Mat Walklate, Tom Attah, Kyla Brox, Alex Haynes

Blues – **Sat 25 May 7pm – £20 seats / £18 standing**

The always-popular Blues Night returns to The Met with a line-up of some of the best blues and soul musicians around. Expect collaboration and plenty of song and story-sharing from a formidable line-up featuring the guitars of Al Haynes and Tom Attah, the jaw-dropping voice of Kyla Brox and the harmonica of Mat Walklate.



Blues Night



My Darling Clementine

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Supported by Oliver Lomax

Country/Americana – **Thu 30 May 8pm – From £15**

The duo return to The Met following the release in 2017 of their critically acclaimed third album *Still Testifying*. The award-winning Country and Americana outfit perform their songs with match-made-in-heaven harmonies and songwriting of the very highest order along with their latest dive into soul and gospel.



Còig

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Folk – **Fri 31 May 8pm – From £15 / Met**
Supporters: Pay What You Want

With the release of the iTunes chart-topping new album *Ashlar*, Nova Scotia's powerhouse Còig has cemented its status as one of today's most exciting new North American Celtic groups. A band like no other, thanks to the unique mix of four different talents. They all have traditional roots, but each brings something more.

Music



Whole Lotta Led

Rock & Pop – **Sat 1 June 8pm – £19 Adv / £22 Door**

Whole Lotta Led come to The Met with a special show to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the hugely influential Led Zeppelin II. The first half features songs from Led Zeppelin's vast back catalogue; the second half will feature the whole of Led Zeppelin II played in sequence, featuring classics including Ramble On and Whole Lotta Love.



Eric Bell

Rock & pop – **Wed 5 June 8pm – £17**

Eric Bell was the original guitarist and songwriter with iconic '70s rock band Thin Lizzy. His distinctive guitar work appeared on the band's most loved songs, from their first massive hit Whiskey in the Jar onwards. Since that time Eric has toured the world with his own band, guested at Thin Lizzy reunions and played guitar for a wide variety of other exciting projects.



Cara Dillon

Folk – **Thu 6 June 7.30 pm – From £23**

This extraordinary Irish singer has been captivating audiences and achieving exceptional acclaim for over twenty years while occupying an enviable position at the very top of her genre. Alongside a selection of favourites from her previous releases, Cara will be performing material from her new album Wanderer.



The Joni Mitchell Songbook

Performed by Both Sides Now

Rock & Pop – **Sat 8 June 7pm – £14 Adv / £16 Door**

The music of Joni Mitchell is celebrated in this performance of some of her best-loved songs. As Joni reaches her landmark 75th year, these concerts are also by way of an extended celebration of her life and work.



The Doors Alive

A Tribute to The Doors

Rock & Pop – **Sat 15 June 7.30pm – £15 Adv / £18 Door**

The Doors Alive are widely regarded as the closest and most enthralling representation of 1960's rock gods, The Doors, in the world today. The band formed in 2005. Since then there have been 3 Jims, 2 Rays, 2 Robbys and just 1 John. With over 1000 live shows under their belt and an arsenal of vintage gear, they create note perfect musical landscapes that evoke The Doors at their peak.



Gordie MacKeeman & His Rhythm Boys

Bluegrass – **Wed 19 June 8pm – From £16**

Gordie MacKeeman and his Rhythm Boys serve up old-time roots music with an energy level that practically yanks you out of your seat by the collar. The Canadian award-winning quartet of all-star pickers and singers are back with their fourth studio recording, Dreamland.

The Sounds of Simon

Rock & Pop – **Thu 20 June 7.30pm – £13 Adv / £15 Door**

The Sounds of Simon is a tribute to the wonderful music of Paul Simon, through the Simon and Garfunkel years to the enduring success of his solo career. Come on a journey as the band take you through the early Simon and Garfunkel albums, through the massive success of Bridge Over Troubled Water and on to the Grammy award winning success of Graceland.



Music



Hue & Cry

2019 Bitter Suite Thirtieth Anniversary Show

Rock & Pop – Sat 22 June 8pm – From £18

For these special Bitter Suite 30th Anniversary Shows the brothers will be celebrating the songs from their classic live album Bitter Suite as well as all the hits and classics in a stripped back style.



Harp and a Monkey

Folk – Sat 22 June 7.30pm – £13

Award-winning Greater Manchester-based experimental folk and storytelling trio specialising in poignant, humorous and melodic short stories (traditional and original) about life, love and remembrance. Their work has been described as “bold and brilliant” by the likes of The Observer, “fantastic” and “fascinating” by Mark Radcliffe on BBC Radio 2 and “inventive” by Mojo.

Livewire the AC/DC Show

Rock & Pop – Fri 21 June 8pm – £20 Seated /£17.50 Standing

The hugely successful and unique six-man tribute to AC/DC, complete with cannons, a wall of Marshalls’ and over two hours of high voltage rock ‘n’ roll in a show critically acclaimed for its closeness in look and sound to the real thing.



The Mighty Revelators

Blues – Fri 21 June 8pm – £13

Four-piece The Mighty Revelators play original blues influenced by Little Feat, The Band, Robert Cray, T-Bone Walker and ‘60s surf-guitar master Dick Dale. The band recently recorded their fourth album Runnin’ Outta Time at Supertone studios in Valencia, Spain.



Lúnasa

Folk – Fri 28 June 8pm – £19

Twenty years ago they ascended to the forefront of contemporary Irish music scene, and there they’ve remained. Now on their return to The Met, they stand as a leading voice in the genre and the standard against which others are compared.



La Voix

Rock & Pop – Sat 29 June 7.30pm – From £21

Star of Ab Fab The Movie and Britain’s Got Talent semi-finalist, larger than life La Voix dazzles audiences with her incredible voice, natural wit and hilarious impersonations. From celebrities to The Royal Family, her glamorous performances have taken her around the world.



The Clone Roses plus The Smiths Ltd

Rock & Pop – Fri 5 July 7pm – £16 Standing / £18 Seated

Two of the UK’s best tribute acts to two of Manchester’s most important alternative bands come together for one night of brilliant Manc music. The Clone Roses are the longest-lasting, most-successful, biggest-selling Stone Roses tribute going. The Smiths Ltd are lauded by a generation of Smiths devotees who never had the chance to see Morrissey and Marr together for real.



Nicola Beazley & Thom Ashworth

Folk – Fri 6 July, 7.30pm – £11

Two up-and-coming folk musicians launch new albums supported by EFDSS Seed Funding.

Fiddle player Nicola Beazley’s new music explores relationships between traditional English dance and instrumental music. Her extended live band lineup includes a brass trio.

Bassist and folksinger Thom Ashworth is a thoughtful interpreter of British traditional music and an articulate political songwriter.

Music

Nell Bryden

Rock & Pop – **Fri 12 July 8pm – From £21**

Nell has gone back to her roots and followed the traditional sonic footsteps of her idols Dusty Springfield, Aretha Franklin and Carole King. In her return to The Met, you can expect a soulful, heartfelt performance from the New-Yorker and her band – an artist most comfortable on the road.



Nell Bryden

Colibrí Mexican Dance Showcase

World Music and Dance – **Sat 13 July 7.30pm**
– **£9 / £5 under 12s**

Colibrí Mexican Folkdance UK are an established dance troupe of native Mexicans. This vibrant show features authentic music, dances and costumes from various regions of this amazing country. Join them for a truly unique and unforgettable cultural experience.



Colibrí Mexican Dance Showcase



Eve Selis

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Americana – **Thu 18 July 8pm – £15**

A San Diego alt-country artist and five-times San Diego Music Awards winner. Eve isn't just a 'singer' - she's an emotion transducer who converts country, R&B, blues, folk, and rock 'n' roll signals into a megawatt zap that galvanizes everyone in its path.

Dale Storr

The Sounds of New Orleans

Jazz – **Fri 19 July 8pm**
– **£13 / Met Supporters: Pay What You Want**

Described as the "piano man's piano man....", Dale Storr's musical journey has now brought him recognition as one of the UK's leading exponents of New Orleans piano. Get ready for an emotional rollercoaster ride of the music and tales of the great New Orleans piano players.



Dale Storr - The Sounds of New Orleans

Pinked Floyd

Rock & Pop – **Sat 20 July 8pm**
– **£16 Adv / £13 Con / £19 Door**

This seven-piece north-west based band offer an engaging and energetic performance celebrating the magical music of Pink Floyd complimented by a stunning light and video show. An accurate performance covering everything from the most popular to the less familiar songs represented in a two-and-a-half-hour set.



Pinked Floyd



Skippinish

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Folk – **Fri 26 July 8pm**
– **£21 Standing / £23.50 Seated**

The very best of contemporary Celtic music with a unique and sublime mix of chart-topping, self-penned songs and powerful bagpipe, fiddle and accordion-led tune sets. Their wonderfully evocative song writing coupled with the boundless energy of the live shows continues to captivate audiences throughout the UK including The Met.



The Once

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Folk – **Sat 27 July 8pm – £13**

The Once are not just any regular folk band. The harmony-rich acoustic trio from Newfoundland come to The Met with their fourth album offering some of the most vulnerable and honest material of their career. A band that know just how to deliver a gorgeous collection of indie-folk.

Dates and times are subject to change. Find full up to date gig listings including new events on sale at themet.org.uk/whatson

Coming soon



Sharon Shannon & Seckou Keita

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Sun 15 Sep

Big Country

Fri 20 Sep

Mike Peters presents The Alarm

Thu 14 Nov

Hot Club of Cowtown

Sun 16 Nov

Los Pacaminos feat. Paul Young

Sat 23 Nov

China Crisis

Fri 29 Nov

Turin Brakes Acoustic

Fri 31 Jan



Hot Club of Cowtown

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The Big Snowy Christmas

Thu 19 - Tue 24 Dec

Can Baby Bear save Christmas when Santa needs help? Another magical seasonal show for ages 3 and up from Little Blue Monster theatre comes to The Met this December!



Community

Children of Bury Create and Sing Carmen

Mon 29 Apr - Weds 1 May 11.30am & 3.30pm
- £6 / £5 concs - Free for under 3s

Pupils of Bury Music Service perform the classic opera Carmen, learned together over a number of weeks.



Children of Bury Create and Sing Carmen



The Met Young Company

The Met Creative Learning Showcase

Sat 13 July

Inspired by Bury's ongoing celebration of the life of Victoria Wood, join members of The Met's learning groups for a sketch show packed with classic and original music and performance. Featuring the talented youngsters of The Met's Young Company, and performers from Aiming High and Met Express.

See themet.org.uk for more information including times and tickets.

Metro Jazz Summer Concert

Tue 16 July

Join The Met's own community jazz orchestra, led by saxophonist Munch Manship, for their seasonal celebration of jazz.



Metro Jazz

Get Involved

The Met offers a wide range of opportunities for people in Bury to experience music and theatre. As well as our extensive workshop programme, adults and children can get involved in projects and events that connect to our own programme and activities being run by our cultural partners in Bury. Over the summer we will be working with Shifting Sands Theatre Company to devise a new piece of theatre with 16-18 year olds inspired by The Government Inspector, and look out for a storytelling workshop exploring Manchester's famous suffragette, Hannah Mitchell.

Follow us on social media or head to themet.org.uk for the latest news on what we're up to.

Learn and create: Theatre

The Met Young Company

Every Wednesday during Bury school term-time.
£5 per session to be paid weekly

The Met's youth theatre is available in two sessions, so children can take a creative theatre journey from age 5, and develop their skills and confidence from age 9+.



Discover

Sessions 4.30pm-5.30pm

For 5-8 year olds who are encouraged to think creatively and develop team building skills through activities and story-telling.

Develop

Sessions 5.30pm-7pm

For 9-13 year olds to build confidence through the use of improvisation, body language techniques.

Members of this group work together to create their own shows with a final public performance showcased at The Met.



Aiming High

Sat 27 April - Sat 25 May & Sat 8 June
- Sat 20 July

9-13 years 10-11.30am – £4 to be paid weekly

14+ years 11.30-1.30pm – £5 to be paid weekly

Physical activities and drama games create a safe place for young people with autism and additional needs to express themselves, encourage them to become more independent and improve life skills like team working, communication skills and confidence building.

Performing in a short show every term the young people learn to have focus, a goal and enjoy achievement. The senior group focuses more on developing acting skills and promoting independence.

For more information contact Madeleine Solazzo at m.solazzo80@btinternet.com

Met Express

Every Monday & Tuesday 7-9pm from 7 May - 9 July
(excluding 27 & 28 May)

£5 per session to be paid weekly
(first session free for new participants)

Met Express is The Met's drama group for people with disabilities and learning difficulties who come together on a weekly basis to create drama, produce pieces of work using different media and have fun. The group work towards end of term performances as well as collaborations with other creative workshop groups.



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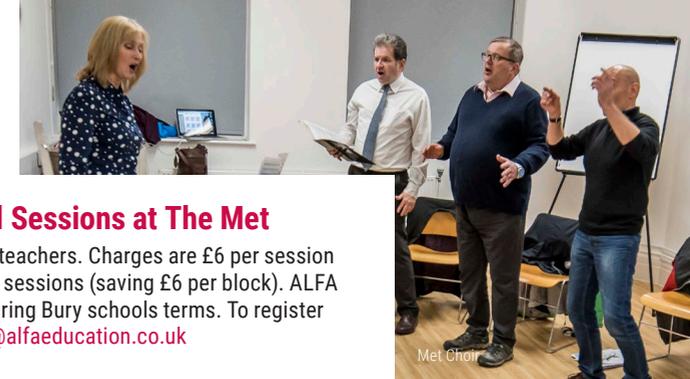
Every Sunday from 5 May - 21 July

9.30am-11am & 11.30am-1pm Early Stages
(4-6 year olds)

10am-1pm Main School (7-18 year olds)

Drama, dance and singing classes – developing confidence, body language techniques, communication and articulation. Each stage works towards an end of term performance. Learn more at stagecoach.co.uk/bury

Learn and create: Music



Learn Harmonica

Monday evenings from 15 April - 1 July (check website for latest dates)

Beginners 6pm-6.55pm / Intermediate 7pm-7.55pm / Advanced 8pm-8.55pm

£65 per person for each 8 session term

A course in harmonica playing for all levels, led by former British blues harmonica champion Mat Walklate. Participants will require a diatonic harmonica in C.



Learn Guitar

With Terry Moses

Weekly sessions every Tuesday

from 21 May - 2 July

Beginners 5pm-6pm / Advanced 7.15pm-8.15pm

£85 per person per term

Learn to play the guitar with experienced tutor **Terry Moses**. All styles and abilities welcome; students work towards making a recording in our Edwin Street Recording Studio.

Introduction to Sound Recording

Five weekly sessions on Mondays 7pm, starting 10 June - £75 course fee

Led by The Met's Recording Studio Manager, this course teaches techniques and skills for studio sound recording. Sessions last 2 hours.

Metro Jazz

Every Monday 6.30pm-9pm

from 22 April - 15 July

Fee per term - £80 standard / £55 concession

The Met's community Jazz orchestra led by Munch Manship welcomes all musicians of at least intermediate ability. There are vacancies for frontline musicians especially brass. Suitable for ages 16+.



ALFA Tuesday Music School Sessions at The Met

All our workshops are led by specialist teachers. Charges are £6 per session if dropping in or £30 if paying for all six sessions (saving £6 per block). ALFA Music Workshops are every Tuesday during Bury schools terms. To register or for further information email admin@alfaeducation.co.uk



performance. The choir take part in several performances during the year at The Met, Bolton Stadium and The Bridgewater Hall. Choral director, Carolyn Hudson, is an experienced teaching consultant & vocal coach.

ALFA Community Ukulele Band

11.20am-12.30pm

This workshop is for all ages and abilities. Learn to play this accessible and fun instrument. No prior experience necessary. It's a great way of getting to meet new friends and learn to play! Sessions led by specialist teacher & trainer, Karen Lindop.

ALFEY Music for Babies and Toddlers

10am-11am

For ages 3 - 36 months. Interactive, fun & themed workshops offering parents, grandparents & guardians the opportunity to learn new songs with their youngsters with lots of games & fun activities. Sessions designed to promote speech development & language skills and are led by specialist teacher, Mrs Grace Marshall.

ALFA Beata

4pm-5.15pm

For ages 16+. Learn to play a range of tuned/untuned percussion instruments; djembe, samba, steel pans, marimba and more! This is an upbeat session where students will learn a range of rock, pop and world music pieces. No prior experience necessary.

ALFA Memory Music Makers

2.30pm-3.30pm

Supporting those with Dementia, Alzheimer's or memory loss and their carers or supporters.

Memory Music Makers Workshops are relaxed and fun sessions with refreshments served during the session. Music stimulates many parts of the brain at the same time, such as those areas affecting language, mood and movement, along with the senses of hearing, sight, sound and touch. This is an opportunity to get together, to sing, play, dance and have some fun!

ALFA Metzo Community Choir

7pm-8.15pm

Our Community Choir is for adults with some, little or no prior experience of choral singing. The group sings a range of genres and styles including contemporary, gospel, jazz, soul and music theatre. The group is directed by Karen Lindop, a qualified professional tutor.

ALFA Metzo Junior Choir

5.30pm-6.45pm

A choir with a difference for 7-12 year olds. These fun and energetic sessions focus upon developing confidence, vocal skills, team work & the expressive

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- Conference
- Birthday
- Celebrations
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- Hotdesking

Licensed Bar – Onsite Catering – Audio and Visual Equipment available

To discuss your requirements please contact our hires team at hires@themet.org.uk



Edwin Street Creative Hub



Edwin St Recording Studio is The Met's own professional recording facility.

The studio features high quality recording equipment and a superb sounding live room. We provide a full recording services including: Recording, Mixing, Mastering, Voice-over, Voice to picture, Online Mixing and Mastering service, Workshops, Live Room, Rehearsal Room

Free sessions are available for young people

Clients include: The Slow Readers Club - Gaz Coombes - Blossoms - James - Dutch Uncles - Manchester Camerata Orchestra - Joe Duddell - BBC - IT - Atlantic Records - Memphis Industries - Skinny Dog Records - National Football Museum - The Lowry - Theatre By The Lake

For studio rates and to book a session contact our studio email: info@edwinstreetstudio.com or call **0161 761 7107**.



Support Us

Support us

The Met aims to nurture and encourage creativity through the opportunities we provide. Whether it's showcasing artists on our stages or giving them access to our workshops and recording studios, we believe in allowing access to the arts for the health and wellbeing of the community.

As a charity, we rely on your support and involvement to keep The Met moving forward. Our individual supporters' packages start from £5 a month.

Find out more about how your donation can help, and about different levels of support at themet.org.uk/support or phone **0161 761 2216**.

How you can help, and what you could enjoy:

Support

£5 per month

- Priority Booking
- Advance notice of events
- 10% discount in Automatic
- Seasonal newsletter
- Invite to the Artistic Director's Christmas social
- Invite to pay what you want events

Showcase

£10 per month

All of the above plus...

- Your name on our website
- Access to artist receptions
- One event chosen by the Artistic Director for you plus a guest

Headline

£20 per month

All of the above plus...

- Your name on the Supporter's Wall in The Stanley Bar

Local Businesses support The Met too...

Here's a word from one of our supporters:

Mackenzie Financial Planning have been sponsoring The Met for 3 years. We're extremely proud to be based in the thriving town of Bury and we support the local community whenever we can.

Our business excels in helping our clients plan for the lifestyle they aspire to and for many, enjoying the arts plays a huge part in this. For ourselves too, music, theatre and dance are instrumental in our family life and we regularly attend The Met. So when it comes to giving back to the community, The Met is an obvious local organisation to offer our support to.

Mackenzie Financial Planning, 13-year established Bury-business offering a bespoke financial planning service. One of the few chartered financial planning firms in the area, we specialise in organising and planning our clients' wealth in order to facilitate the lifestyle they desire. mackenzie-fp.co.uk

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General information



Getting here

We are located on Market Street in Bury town centre, near the entrance to the Mill Gate Shopping Centre. Our postcode is BL9 0BW.

By tram

The Bury Metrolink stop is just a few minutes' walk from The Met. A journey from Manchester city centre takes about 25 minutes. Check metrolink.co.uk for times.

By bus

Bury Bus Station is also just a few minutes' walk from The Met. Services run from Manchester, Bolton, Rochdale, Ramsbottom and Rossendale. See tfgm.com for timetables.

By car

The nearest car park is at the East Lancashire Railway on Bolton Street. Parking is free after 6pm. Visit bury.gov.uk/parking for a full list of town centre car parks.

Tickets & booking

Online: themet.org.uk **Phone:** 0161 761 2216

Opening hours: Mon Closed, Tue 10am-2pm, 10am-2pm, Thur Closed, Fri 12pm-5pm, Sat 10am-2pm, Sun Closed

In January 2019 we removed additional transaction fees from purchases, with the aim of making the price you see the price you pay on all tickets. Any booking fees are included in the face value of your ticket, and help cover The Met's essential costs; the fee that comes to The Met may be up to £1 per ticket.

Once purchased, tickets are **non refundable** unless the event is cancelled. However, you are welcome

to call or visit box office and we will help in any way we can. *Please consider making a donation when you book a ticket with us – every donation helps to continue our work with the community.*

Access

The Met is a fully accessible venue. Visitors can be dropped off immediately outside the entrance. There are a few parking spaces for Blue Badge holders across the road. We have a ramped entrance and wheelchair spaces in both the Derby Hall and The Box.

Our accessible toilet is built and compliant with Changing Places standards and is open daily and during events.



There is full lift access to all floors and friendly staff on hand to help. If you require a personal escort, we can supply them with a free ticket.

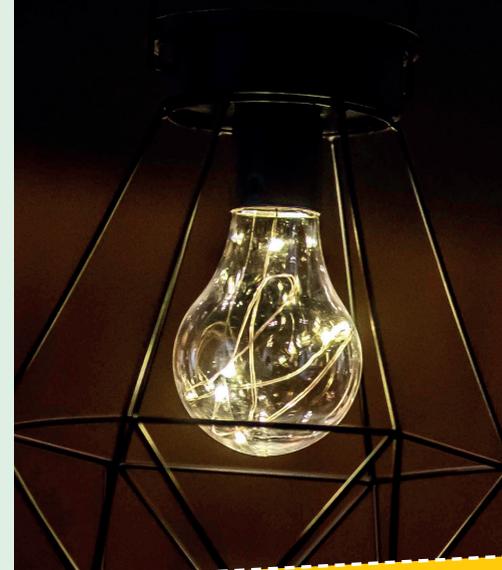
Guide dogs are welcome, and water can be provided on request.

We have an infrared hearing support system. If you have difficulty with hearing, please ask a member of staff for a receiver pack.

If you have any special requirements call us on **0161 761 2216** and we'll do our best to help.

Volunteer

The Met has a dedicated group of volunteers who assist with many areas of our activities. All volunteers are interviewed at application to ensure they get the most out of the opportunities we offer. To get involved contact Shaun Gibson at shaun.gibson@themet.org.uk or call **0161 761 7107**.



Automatic

The Met's own restaurant & bars.

**PRE-SHOW
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MAIN COURSE & A DRINK £11.95*

*Available Tuesday-Thursday from 5pm to the beginning of that evening's show, for Met ticket holders. Selected main courses & drinks only. Simply show your ticket for the show to your server as you order.

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Diary

Get up to date What's On info at themet.org.uk

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Sun 5	7.30pm	Queen of Rock: The Ultimate Queen Show	9	Thu 20	8.00 pm	The Sounds of Simon	17
Fri 10	8.00 pm	Heather Peace	14	Fri 21	8.00 pm	LiveWire: The AC/DC Show	17
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