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What's on at The Met

Music, Theatre and Comedy
in the heart of Bury



Darren Pritchard Dance: Family Vogue Ball
Sun 10 Oct, 3pm – £6

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Welcome to The Met

Our award-winning venue, based in the heart of Bury town centre, has been packing in music fans and theatre-goers since 1979. But we're always open to new people ready to discover a new favourite act, or take part in something different, so here are the basics you need to know before checking out the What's On, on the following pages.

Fold-out
for Music
listings

Your Visit to The Met

The Met is filled with music and theatre throughout the year. From our main Derby Hall stage productions, community spaces and sound recording at Edwin Street Studio, there's always something happening within our walls. We also host weekly community choirs, ukulele bands and more with our partners ALFA education every Tuesday, and even have our own community jazz orchestra. Find out more about learning or joining at themet.org.uk/workshops

We've been working hard to ensure The Met is a safe place to be and is ready to support audiences and artists alike. Our venue is now back to full capacity, but we still have several Covid safety measure in place to ensure we're all as safe as possible. Read more about all of our safety measures at themet.org.uk/covid

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General information

Getting here

The Met is on Market Street in Bury town centre, **BL9 0BW**. We are about 50 metres from Bury interchange, meaning Metrolink or local bus services are a great way to get to and from shows.

We don't have a car park, but there's plenty of on street parking in Bury (including blue badge bays directly opposite), or Bolton Street Car Park is the nearest main car park (search BL9 0DL).

Tickets & booking

Tickets for all shows are available directly from The Met. The price you see listed will be the price you pay, without additional transaction fees.

Buy direct from us at: themet.org.uk or call us on **0161 761 2216**: Buy in person at The Met on Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday (10am-2pm) or Friday (12-5pm), and from one hour before any show.

The Met is a fully accessible venue. See themet.org.uk/visit for more information.

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We have comedy, theatre, family shows and more throughout the year. Here are some dates for your diary, but see themet.org.uk for full details

Comedy

First Thursday Comedy

Thu 2 Sep, 8pm – £12

Featuring Alfie Moore, Nick Doody, Tony Wright & Roger Monkhouse

Thu 7 Oct, 8pm – £12

Featuring Ivan Brackenbury, Nathan Caton, Simon Lomas & Justin Moorhouse

Thu 4 Nov, 8pm – £12

Featuring Tony Law, Josh Pugh, Russell Arathoon & Justin Moorehouse

Thu 2 Dec, 8pm – £12

Featuring Tom Houghton, Stephen Bailey & Justin Moorhouse

Tom Brace:

Embrace the Impossible!

Magic: Tue 26 Oct, 2pm & 7.30pm – £11

Tom Brace comes to The Met with his spectacular magic show, featuring his unique blend of comedy and magic.

Henry Normal

Wed 17 Nov, 8pm – From £14

Theatre

MAD Theatre:

Gin and Chronic Arthritis

Wed 22 Sep, 7.30pm – £15 (£13 Cones)

Marilyn is not your typical Nanna. She drinks gin for breakfast, ice skates each Tuesday and has numerous internet lovers.

Double Ender

In association with Bury Pride

Thu 30 Sep, 7pm – £13

In two fast-paced laugh-out-loud monologues, Martin and Dolan share candid stories of Queer people in the rapidly changing city.

Community

Workshops at The Met

The Met plays host to a variety of workshops for children and adults alike. Check out themet.org.uk/whats-on/workshops for our full lineup.

Bury Youth Theatre

Our groups will all be open for new members in the new term.

- Juniors (6-10s) Tuesday

- Transitions (11-12) Wednesday

- Seniors (13+) Wednesday

Aiming High

Our specialist drama group for learning disabled and autistic children and young people. We are open for new members, please get in touch to enquire about a place. All sessions take place on Saturdays.

Met Express

The Met's very own learning disabled theatre company. Mondays & Tuesdays. We are open to new members, please get in touch to arrange an induction session.

Metro Jazz

The Met's community jazz ensemble is back and open to new members. Anyone aged 16-100 (and beyond!) is welcome, any instrument and any level of experience can be accommodated. The group meets Monday evening. Please get in touch to secure a place for the Autumn season and find out more.

Harmonica Lessons with Mat Walklate

Renowned blues harmonica player Mat is back with his popular course of classes. These will be running Wednesday evenings. Please get in touch to find out more.

To enquire about any of The Met's workshop provision, please get in touch with Steph Meskell-Brocken (Education and Learning Manager) on steph.meskellbrocken@themet.org.uk or visit themet.org.uk/workshops for full details and timings.



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Regular donors to The Met enjoy a range of perks, including the chance to Pay What You Want for selected shows; it's our way to help you discover and support new talent we think you might love. See the highlighted events in this brochure.

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Music



Northern Flyway

Multi-artform: Thu 2 Sep, 8pm – From £19
A remarkable musical and visual experience inspired by birds, mythology and song.

Bird on the Wire

Folk: Thu 9 Sep, 8pm – From £19
Bird on the Wire are a ten-piece collective of outstanding musicians who interpret the music of Leonard Cohen.

Houghton Weavers

Folk: Fri 10 Sep, 7.30pm – From £17
The Houghton Weavers have been entertaining folk now for forty-five years with their unique blend of popular folk music, humour and audience participation.

A Foreigners Journey

Tribute: Sat 11 Sep, 7.30pm – From £17.50
A five-piece live tribute to Foreigner and Journey. Quality, commercial rock, performed with passion.

Rura

Sat 18 Sep, 8pm – From £14

Jacob & Drinkwater

Sun 19 Sep, 7.30pm – £13

Eddi Reader

Thu 23 Sep, 7.30pm – From £26



Some Kinda Wonderful

Tribute: Fri 24 Sep, 7.30pm - From £24.50
A celebration of the genius of Stevie Wonder, featuring Noel McCalla and Derek Nash.

John McCusker: 30th anniversary tour

Folk: Thu 30 Sep, 8pm – From £19
One of British folk music's most gifted and versatile players celebrates his thirtieth anniversary as a professional musician.

Ozzbest & Megadeth UK

Tribute: Fri 1 Oct, 8pm – From £14
Ozzbest are the ultimate tribute to Ozzy Osbourne. Megadeth UK pay tribute to thrash giants Megadeth. Enjoy two huge tributes in a single night.

Mad Dog Mcreea

Folk: Sat 2 Oct, 8pm – From £18.50
Mad Dog Mcreea blend a unique mixture of folk rock, pop, gypsy jazz, bluegrass and 'shake your ass' music.

Chloe Foy

Americana: Sat 2 Oct, 8pm – £11
Singer-songwriter Chloe Foy returns to The Met to play songs from her brand-new album Where Shall We Begin.

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Thea Gilmore

Folk: Wed 6 Oct, 8pm – From £21
Thea Gilmore is one of the UK's most gifted and celebrated singer-songwriters. She comes to The Met as part of her first ever tour performing completely solo.

Hope & Social

Rock: Thu 7 Oct, 8pm – From £15
Anthemic songs, infectious melodies and a formidable live experience.

Mat Walklate & Alex Haynes

Blues: Fri 8 Oct, 8pm – £13
Mat Walklate and Alex Haynes come together to create fresh and relevant songs which expand British blues into new territory.

That Joe Payne

Pop: Sat 9 Oct, 8pm – From £19
Award-winning singer-songwriter Joe Payne showcases his debut solo album with an audio-visual extravaganza, accompanied by his full band.

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Bootleg Blondie

Tribute: Sun 10 Oct, 8pm – From £17.50
Bootleg Blondie is the official Debbie Harry and Blondie tribute band and the only Blondie tribute to play the legendary CBGBs in New York City.



Karine Polwart

Folk: Mon 11 Oct, 8pm – £23.50
Seven-times winner at The BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Karine Polwart is a songwriter, musician, theatre maker, and author.

Andy Fairweather Low & The Low Riders

Rock: Thu 14 Oct, 8pm – From £26
Andy Fairweather Low came to prominence as the lead singer in Amen Corner. The 60s saw them clock up hit after pop hit including 'Bend Me Shape Me' and 'Hello Suzy.'



Starlite Campbell Band

Blues: Fri 15 Oct, 8pm – From £16
European blues award nominees the Starlite Campbell Band return to The Met with tracks from their new album The Language of Curiosity.

Katy Hurt

Americana: Sat 16 Oct, 7pm – £13
Steeped in country roots, but never one to simply yield to the traditional Nashville sound, Katy Hurt stretches the country music genre in new and exciting directions.

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Caravan

Rock: Sat 16 Oct, 8pm – £26
Caravan are considered by many to be the undisputed, unsung heroes of the British Prog movement.

Hue & Cry

Pop: Fri 22 Oct, 8pm – From £20
Hue & Cry made a huge impact in the '80s with massive hit singles like Labour of Love. They return to The Met following their sell-out show in June 2019.



Wishbone Ash

Rock: Fri 29 Oct, 8pm – From £26
Discover for yourself why Wishbone Ash are one of the most enduring and popular bands in British rock.

Lanterns on the Lake

Rock: Sat 30 Oct, 7pm – £15
Mercury Music Prize-nominated band Lanterns On The Lake's sound remains vast, but this set of songs now feel urgent and intimate.

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The Stumble

Blues: Sat 23 Oct, 8pm – From £17
A blistering mix of blues, soul and old school r&b.

G2 Definitive Genesis

Tribute: Sat 30 Oct, 7.30pm – From £20
G2 Definitive Genesis pay tribute to Genesis' four-man "Seconds Out" era, whilst also dipping back into the earlier Gabriel years.

Michael McGoldrick, John McCusker and John Doyle

Folk: Thu 4 Nov, 8pm – From £23
Top class folk songs, tunes and charming bonhomie from folk's legendary musical magpies Michael McGoldrick, John McCusker and John Doyle.



The Enid

Rock: Fri 5 Nov, 8pm – From £21
Often described as the most majestic rock band of all time, The Enid create a brand of unique, powerful and romantic symphonic rock music.

The Springsteen Sessions

Tribute: Sat 6 Nov, 8pm – From £18.50
The Springsteen Sessions have been around since 2011, bringing their authentic and thrilling show to thousands of people at theatres, clubs and festivals across the UK. If you want to hear the closest thing to the original, then this is for you.

Focus

Rock: Wed 10 Nov, 8pm – From £21
The legendary Dutch progressive rock band celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. Hear hits Hocus Pocus, House of The King and Sylvia alongside brand-new songs from their latest album.

Còig

Folk: Thu 18 Nov, 8pm – From £15
With a fiery Celtic style as its musical core, Còig offers a fresh and exhilarating mix of traditional tunes, lively instrumentals and contemporary songs performed on over a dozen instruments.

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Sam Brookes

Americana: Thu 18 Nov, 8pm – £13
Singer-songwriter Sam Brookes returns to The Met with his gorgeous new album Black Feathers.

Skerryvore

Rock: Fri 19 Nov, 8pm – From £19
With a mix of fiddle, accordions, pipes and whistles, alongside guitar and vocals, Skerryvore represent the best in contemporary Scottish traditional music.

China Crisis

Pop: Sat 20 Nov, 8pm – From £22
The RETROspective tour sees China Crisis perform songs from all of their seven studio albums.



Rowan Rheingans - Dispatches on the Red Dress

Folk: Sun 21 Nov, 8pm – From £15
In this heartfelt and personal one-woman show, award-winning songwriter Rowan Rheingans (Lady Maisery, The Rheingans Sisters) tells the story of her grandmother's youth in 1940s Germany. Can hope be found even in the darkest pockets of history?

The East Pointers

Folk: Wed 24 Nov, 8pm – From £15
Canadian trio The East Pointers are back at The Met with their latest innovative album Yours to Break.

Usher's Island

Folk: Fri 26 Nov, 8pm - £22

Joshua Burnside

Americana: Sat 27 Nov, 8pm – £13
Northern Irish experimental folk songwriter Joshua Burnside comes to The Met with songs from his acclaimed album Into the Depths of Hell.

The spirit and sound of Steely Dan: Nearly Dan in concert

Tribute: Sat 27 Nov, 8pm – From £21
Nearly Dan promise all the Steely Dan favourites in a two hour-plus show, featuring tracks from Countdown to Ecstasy, The Royal Scam, Aja, Gaucho and more.

St Agnes Fountain

Folk: Fri 3 Dec, 8pm – From £19
St Agnes Fountain return to celebrate Christmas as a trio with Chris While, Julie Matthews and Fairport Convention's Chris Leslie.

Sierra Hull

Americana: Wed 8 Dec, 8pm – From £17
Sierra Hull is a Grammy nominated, award winning multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter living in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Young'uns

Folk: Fri 10 Dec, 8pm – From £18
Three time winners of the prestigious BBC Folk Awards, The Young'uns are one of the hottest properties on the UK Folk and Acoustic scene.



The Albion Christmas Band

Folk: Sun 12 Dec, 8pm – From £17
Traditional English Christmas songs, music and lighthearted fun from Ashley Hutchings, Simon Nicol, Kellie While and Simon Care.

Awake Arise

Folk: Thu 16 Dec, 8pm – From £16
A celebration of the riches of our varied winter traditions from five of the English folk scene's most inventive artists.

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We can't wait to welcome more of you through our doors as we're able to offer more live events, and evolve our programme over the months to come. Your ongoing support has enabled us to continue adapting our work to the changing situation, and deliver brilliant projects designed to uplift, entertain and inspire our audiences. As a charity, we rely on donations to ensure we can continue to deliver brilliant projects designed to uplift, entertain and inspire our audiences, and it only through this continued support that we will be able to continue delivering world class entertainment, right in the heart of Bury.

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Food and Drink at The Met

Our own independent restaurant Automatic has been serving the people of Bury day and night since 2002. It's perfect for pre-show meals and post-gig drinks, recovery breakfasts and quick lunches, with everything made fresh.

Visit automaticcafe.com or call **0161 763 9399** to book a table.

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