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What's on at The Met

In the heart of Bury



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Dick Whittington, Thu 8 – Sat 24 December

Welcome to The Met

Our award-winning venue, based in the heart of Bury town centre, has been packing in music fans and theatregoers 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.

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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



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 ODL).

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 (12pm – 5pm), and from one hour before any show.

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



Workshops at The Met



Bury Youth Theatre

Bury's very own Youth Theatre is a place to create, find new talents and make friends in a supportive and accessible environment. We have three groups which are all open to new members: Juniors (ages 5-10, meeting Tues 5-6:30pm); Seniors Group 1 (ages 11-14, meeting Weds 5-6:15pm), and Seniors Group 2 (ages 14+, meeting Weds 6:30-7:45pm).

For enquiries relating to Juniors, please contact education@themet.org.uk, for Seniors groups contact buriouththeatre@themet.org.uk.

Aiming High

Aiming High is The Met's specialist youth theatre for autistic and learning-disabled children and young people. Run by highly experienced professionals, the group helps build confidence, social skills and independence through drama, movement and storytelling.

Juniors and seniors sessions run on Saturday mornings and afternoons.

Met Express

Met Express is The Met's very own learning disability theatre company. It is an inclusive and accessible group run by expert facilitators with a diverse membership with a range of different disabilities.

Sessions run Mondays and Tuesday, 7pm – 9pm.

Metro Jazz

Metro Jazz is Bury's community jazz orchestra. Open to a range of different instruments and led by well-known band leader and saxophonist Munch Manship, the group is an accessible and friendly place for anyone aged 18 – 108 to stretch their musical muscles.

The group meets every Monday 7pm – 9pm.

For more information on how to join any of the above groups, contact education@themet.org.uk.



Instrumental Lessons

If you've ever felt like learning a new musical skill, then why not give the harmonica a go with former British Blues Harmonica champion Mat Walklate or explore the Guitar with experienced tutor Terry Moses? Harmonica workshops run at both beginners and intermediate levels on a Monday evening and Guitar lessons on a Tuesday for all levels. To enquire about a place on the next course, email education@themet.org.uk.

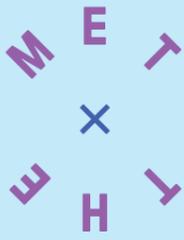
Meet Me at The Met

A social arts group for the over 50s. Meet Me at The Met is an informal and relaxed group who meet every other Monday 11am – 12:30pm to take part in taster workshops across a range of different artforms including poetry, visual arts and crafts, music and much more. This is a free workshop but please do book a place at this link themet.org.uk/event/meet-me-at-the-met/

Movers and Shakers

Our newest group at The Met, Movers and Shakers is a fun movement-based workshop for children aged 0-5 and their grown-ups. Explore dance, yoga and mindfulness with your tots in a relaxed and friendly environment every Wednesday 1.30 – 2.30pm. This is a free workshop but please book a place at this link themet.org.uk/event/movers-and-shakers/.





Box office 0161 761 2216 – themet.org.uk

Theatre & Comedy

First Thursday Comedy

Thu 1 September, 8pm – £12

Featuring Daliso Chabonda, Markus Birdman, Molly McGuinness & Stephen Bailey



Wed 21 September, 8pm – From £18.50
The story of four ordinary lads who formed one of the most influential bands of all time, Joy Division.

First Thursday Comedy

Thu 6 October, 8pm – £12

Featuring Phil Nichol, Nina Gilligan, Tom Little, and Garrett Millerick.

Step toe and Son Radio Show

Sun 9 October, 7:30pm – £17

A hilarious adaptation of three episodes from the long-running hit BBC sitcom.

MaD Theatre Company

Our Kelly's Hen Do

Wed 12 October, 7:30pm – From £13

Kelly and her friends from Bury Market are going to Blackpool for her Hen Do... This brand-new comedy from MaD Theatre Company is the first from their new Radcliffe women's group.

Hawkseed Theatre

A Very Odd Birthday Party

Thu 20 October, 7:30pm – From £13

Join mother-to-be Eveline and her dad Michael Moriarty on a journey that penetrates the psyche, humour, and trauma of being an immigrant in the UK. A new play by Hannah Donelon with live, traditional music.

First Thursday Comedy

Thu 3 November, 8pm – £12

With Adam Rowe, Jo Caulfield and others.

Count Magnus – Two Ghost Stories by M R James

Thu 24 November, 8pm – From £17

Two chilling and thrilling tales from M R James, the master of the English ghost story, performed by R M Lloyd Parry.

Things I made in Lockdown: A short film showcase

Thu 24 November, 7:30pm – £9

Writer/performer Lewis Charlesworth presents ten new short films featuring northern locations and the best in northern talent.

First Thursday Comedy

Thu 1 December, 8pm – £12

Line-up to be confirmed.

Family

I Spy with my Little Eye

Sat 24 September, 2:30pm – £13 / Children £11 / £41 for four

An interactive family musical, based on the popular picture book by Steven Lee.

Grandad Anansi

Tue 11 October, 11am – £8

Abi and her grandad tell each other folktales. Grandad is as smart and mischievous as the Anansi legend; can he find a way to tell her his plans to return to Jamaica? An uplifting tale for ages 4-9 years.



Sat 15 October, 11am & 1:30pm – £8
World famous magical explorer, Professor Jigget, brings his Storytelling Suitcases to The Met. Inside each is a world of magic and mayhem, brought to life through the power of storytelling and puppetry. Ages 7+.

M6 Theatre

Sunflowers and Sheds

Wed 26 October, 2pm & 4pm – £10

A charming tale about a lonely old man and his unlikely friendship with an Eastern European girl. Ages 4+.

When Another Dragon Roars

Thu 27 October, 1:30pm – From £10

A thoughtful and heart-warming show told with charm, humour and a unique visual storytelling style. Ages 5+

Woodland Tales With Granddad

Sat 29 October, 1:30pm – From £10

Something bad is happening in the woods, and only Granddad can help... A show with an important environmental message. Ages 3+.

Diwali Celebrations

Mon 24 – Sun 30 October – FREE

From lantern making for all the family, a dance workshop and a celebratory parade, keep an eye on our website for full details.

Morgan & West:

Unbelievable Science

Sat 19 November, 2pm – £13 / Children £11

Science and silliness abound for ages seven to 107!



Thu 8 – Sat 24 December, see website for full times and prices
Our magical family pantomime for the festive period! Dick Whittington and his cat set off to find fame, fortune and adventure in London, but the path to happily-ever-after isn't easy. Expect spectacular sets, sensational costumes and one gorgeous pantomime dame.

Music

September

Pink Floydian

Sat 3 September, 8pm – From £20

One of the finest and most authentic Pink Floyd tributes in the UK.

Mostly Autumn

Sun 4 September, 8pm – From £21

Mostly Autumn take inspiration from the classic sounds of seventies rock.

RANT

Fri 9 September, 8pm – From £17

Four of Scotland's finest fiddle players create a rich and vibrant sound evocative of the exciting scene they create music in.

Rowan Rheingans –

Dispatches on the Red Dress

Thu 15 September, 8pm – From £15

An intimate and courageous solo show by BBC Folk Award winning songwriter Rowan Rheingans.

Fleetwood Bac

Fri 16 September, 8pm – £17.50

The world's first and best Fleetwood Mac tribute band.

Lunatraktors

Sat 17 September, 7:30pm – £13

Award-winning duo Clair Le Couteur and Carli Jefferson fuse body percussion, harmonic singing, tap-dance and live looping to create dark, playful re-workings of the folk music archive.



Thu 22 September, 7:30pm – From £27.50
Noel McCalla and his world-class band present all the greatest Stevie Wonder hits including Superstition, Signed, Sealed, Delivered, Master Blaster and many more.

The Tom Petty Legacy

Fri 23 September, 8pm – £18

The UK's finest Tom Petty tribute band.

The Enid

Fri 23 September, 8pm – From £29

The Enid return for this seated concert featuring both the new and the familiar.

Martin Simpson

Sun 25 September, 8pm – From £17

Guitarist Martin Simpson is equally at home playing English or American folk, blues, or his own original compositions.

Michael McGoldrick, John McCusker and John Doyle

Thu 29 September, 8pm – From £23

Top class folk songs, tunes and charming bonhomie from folk's legendary musical magpies.

The Manfreds

Fri 30 September, 7:30pm – From £26

Nearly sixty years on from their 1960s heyday, The Manfreds return to perform their hits.

October

Fara

Thu 6 October, 8pm – From £17

Four leading musicians at the forefront of today's Scottish folk scene produce a fiery sound rooted strongly in their upbringing among the music of Orkney and Assynt.

Limehouse Lizzy

Fri 7 October, 8:30pm – From £20.50

A tribute to Thin Lizzy.

Dreadzone

Sat 8 October, 8pm – From £23.50

One of the most energetic, exciting and powerful live bands to emerge from the post-rave scene.

Sam Baker

Thu 13 October, 8pm – From £16

Texas troubadour Sam Baker comes to The Met for a captivating evening of songs and stories.

The Bon Jovi Experience

Fri 14 October, 8pm – From £19

The world's first and unquestionably finest tribute to the great Bon Jovi.

Chris While & Julie Matthews

Fri 21 October, 8pm – From £17

One of the finest and most loved duos on the British and World folk stages.

Mat Walklate & Alex Haynes

Fri 21 October, 8pm – £13

Fresh and relevant songs which expand British blues into new territory.

Skipinnish

Sat 22 October, 8pm – From £23

A unique and sublime mix of chart-topping, self-penned songs and powerful bagpipe, fiddle and accordion-led tune sets.

The Pitmen Poets

Thu 27 October, 8pm – From £23.50

Featuring Lindisfarne singer and songwriter Billy Mitchell, Warhorse songman Bob Fox, Master of Tyneside song Benny Graham, and award-winning songwriter Jez Lowe.

Cats in Space

Fri 28 October, 8pm – From £21

Loud guitars, soaring vocal harmonies, and huge singable choruses. Travel back to the days of seventies classic rock.



Soumik Datta – Happy Notes

Sat 29 October, 8pm – From £17

An immersive concert and theatre show combining animation and Indian classical music.

Marconi Union + Dark Fidelity Hi Fi

Sat 29 October, 7:30pm – £13

Marconi Union perform tracks from their new album Signals and selections from their acclaimed discography with a new live AV show.

Bollywood Brass Band

Sun 30 October, 8pm – From £15

The UK's pioneering Indian-style wedding band, playing the great tunes of Bollywood.

November

Tony Christie & Ranagri

Wed 2 November, 8pm – From £21

Legendary singer Tony Christie (Is This The Way To Amarillo) joins forces with crossover folk band Ranagri for an evening of Irish song.

Wishbone Ash

Fri 4 November, 8pm – From £26

The legendary Wishbone Ash perform their iconic album Argus in its entirety, along with songs from many of their other, much-loved albums.

John McCusker & Friends

Sat 5 November, 8pm – From £19

A very special concert in celebration of John's thirtieth anniversary as a professional musician.

Sam Lewis

Sun 6 November, 8pm – £15

Nashville-based Sam Lewis combines feel-good music with vital social commentary.

VRi

Fri 11 November, 8pm – £16

As a string trio, three young men from deepest, darkest, chapel-going Wales create a soundtrack to the cultural upheaval of the past two hundred years.

Adam Holmes

Sat 12 November, 8pm – From £13

One of the brightest rising stars on the UK roots scene, singer-songwriter Adam Holmes mixes folk with his own brand of soul and Americana.



N'famady Kouyaté

Wed 16 November, 8pm – From £15

Modern interpretations of traditional West African Mandingue songs from talented multi-instrumentalist N'famady Kouyaté.

Blazin' Fiddles

Thu 17 November, 8pm – From £19

Scottish four-piece Blazin' Fiddles are one of the world's most popular and prolific folk fiddle groups.

The Bohemians

Fri 18 November, 8pm – From £19

A tribute to Queen.

The Stumble

Sat 19 November, 8pm – From £17

A blistering mix of blues, soul and old school r&b.

David Ford

Sun 20 November, 8pm – From £18.50

The award-winning songwriter brings a night of stadium-sized sound pushing the boundaries of what a lone musician can achieve on stage.

G2 Definitive Genesis

Sat 26 November, 7:30pm – From £22

A tribute to Genesis' four-man "Seconds Out" era.

The Mentulls

Sat 26 November, 8pm – From £15

Progressive melodic rock that transcends genres, sounding fresh yet timeless and classic all at the same time.

December



Talisk

Thu 1 December, 8pm – From £17

Ground-breaking, chart-topping, genre-bending, instantly enthralling folk from one of the most in-demand groups to emerge from Scotland in the last decade.

Edwina Hayes

Fri 2 December, 8pm – From £14

Edwina Hayes brings together English folk, Americana and the rich northern singer-songwriter tradition to create a sound that's truly her own.

St Agnes Fountain

Sat 3 December, 8pm – From £19

St Agnes Fountain return to celebrate Christmas as a trio with Chris While, Julie Matthews and Fairport Convention's Chris Leslie.



The Bella Hardy Christmas Show

Thu 8 December, 8pm – From £17

Celebrate the festive season in song with folk singer Bella Hardy. Featuring traditional favourites (and a bit of Shakin' Stevens) from Bella's much loved Christmas record Bright Morning Star.

Cara Dillon

Fri 16 December, 7:30pm – From £23.50

Extraordinary Irish singer Cara Dillon performs her inspirational Christmas show Upon A Winter's Night.

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.

Bury Beer Festival 2022

Fri 11 – Sun 13 November

Bury Beer Festival is back! Our historic Derby Hall venue will be taken over for three days of drinking and discussing (but mostly drinking) brilliant beers from Bury's local breweries. There'll be brewery bars with a range of cask and keg creations from across the Bury area, plus a cider bar, and a gin bar. Plus we'll be finding brilliant guest beers from across the country. Festival tickets go on-sale in August.



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