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# What's on at The Met

In the heart of Bury

Kaia Kater, Thu 18 Jan, 7:30pm - £18



Nick Cope's Family Show, Sat 13 Apr,  
11am & 2pm - £17 / £18



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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 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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for full  
events  
detail

## 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 our recording 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](http://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 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](http://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](http://themet.org.uk/visit) for more information.

### Workshops at The Met

The Met has a full programme of workshops throughout the year, for full listings please visit our website at [themet.org.uk/workshops](http://themet.org.uk/workshops).

### Comedy

#### The Met's Comedian of the Year Competition 2024

Thu 11 Jan, 8pm – £14

Presented by First Thursday Comedy. Breakthrough comedians perform and compete for a £600 prize, and the prestigious title of The Met's Comedian of the Year.

#### First Thursday Comedy

Thu 1 Feb, Thu 7 Mar & Thu 4 Apr, 8pm – £14

Top quality comedy at The Met on the first Thursday of every month.

#### Jon Courtenay: Bigger

Thu 29 Feb, 8pm – £19.50

2020 Britain's Got Talent Winner comes to The Met with his hilarious blend of comedy, piano and cabaret.

#### Connor Burns: Vertigo

Sat 9 Mar, 7:30pm – £14.50

Scotland's fastest rising comedy star brings his brilliant new show to The Met.

#### Stand-up Comedy Workshop with Kevin Precious

Sat 23 Mar, 2pm – £20

Learn the skills you will need to write and perform stand-up comedy with Kevin Precious, a former teacher turned stand-up comedian.

#### Kevin Precious: The Reluctant Teacher

Sat 23 Mar, 8pm – £14

Kevin Precious used to be a teacher. He enjoyed the teaching part. He just didn't enjoy all of the other stuff that went with it. Join him as he explores the foibles of his former profession.



Emmanuel Sonubi – Curriculum Vitae

Thu 11 Apr, 7:30pm – £18.50 / £16.50 concessions

Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee Emmanuel Sonubi presents a whistle stop tour through all of his jobs that have led him to become one of the hottest stand-up comics on the circuit.

### Family

#### Luna Loves Library Day – The Musical

Thu 15 Feb, 11am & 1:30pm – £10, Ages 3+

Join Luna and her dad for a musical adventure among the library shelves. A new children's musical by David Gibb, based on the book by Joseph Coelho.

#### Fishing for Rainbows

Sat 17 Feb, 2pm – £8

Based on the book by the same name, this theatre adaptation for the whole family comes to The Met!

#### Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science Show

Mon 19 Feb, 2:30pm – £19 adults / £17 children and concessions

Let renowned astronomer and presenter Mark Thompson take you on a thrilling journey into the realms of scientific discovery.

### MAKE SOME NOISE!

Friday 5 Apr, 2pm – £12, Ages 5+

Join children's poet Dommy B for a story about growing up, finding an imaginary friend, and joining a great school band! There'll be rhymes, jokes, and lots of opportunity to make some noise.

#### Nick Cope's Family Show

Sat 13 Apr, 11am & 2pm – £17 children / £18 adults, Ages 3+

CBeebies Nick Cope is a children's musician and songwriter who ignites children's imaginations with his uniquely crafted songs and beautiful animations.

### Community

#### Bury Music Service Battle of the Bands

Wed 7 Feb, 6pm – £14 / £8 concessions

The best local young rock bands battle for the chance to represent Bury in the Greater Manchester Music Hub Battle of the Bands.

#### Shakespeare Schools Festival

Tue 5 Mar, 7pm – £11.95 / £10.50 concessions / £9.50 group

An exhilarating evening featuring a series of unique abridged Shakespeare productions by local schools.

#### PADOS Youth: Les Misérables School Edition

Wed 20 – Sat 23 Mar, 7:30pm (Sat 2:30pm & 7:30pm) – £18

The classic musical based on Victor Hugo's novel is performed by the students of PADOS Youth.

#### PADOS Adults: Bonnie & Clyde

Wed 24 – Sat 27 Apr, 7:30pm (Sat 2:30pm & 7:30pm) – £18

Prestwich's award-winning amateur theatre company, PADOS, presents Bonnie & Clyde!





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Music January

Kevin Montgomery

Thu 11 Jan, 7:30pm – From £22  
Nashville singer-songwriter Kevin Montgomery returns to The Met.

Limehouse Lizzy

Fri 12 Jan, 8pm – From £22  
Now in their third decade, Limehouse Lizzy continue to keep the spirit of Celtic rock icon Philip Lynott and his band Thin Lizzy alive, still-relevant and dominating stages worldwide.

Kaia Kater

Thu 18 Jan, 7:30pm – £18  
Artful banjo playing and lush songwriting, drawing on influences rooted in Quebec, the Caribbean, and Appalachia.

Paul Jones and Dave Kelly

Thu 18 Jan, 8pm – From £27.50  
Paul Jones and Dave Kelly are two of the UK’s most revered and respected blues musicians. Founders and lead vocalists of The Blues Band, they continue to entertain fans as a duo now that the band has retired from touring. If you’re a fan of the blues, everything you need is here!

IQ

Fri 19 & Sat 20 Jan, 8pm – From £22  
One of the world’s leading progressive rock bands, IQ are known for their passionate music and dramatic live shows. Featuring classic songs from their forty-year career, plus an opportunity to hear new tunes prior to the recording of their next album.



Good Lovelies

Thu 25 Jan, 8pm – From £18  
Award-winning Canadian folk-pop three-piece featuring perfect harmonies and pure pop melodies.



Gordie Tentrees and Jaxon Haldane

Fri 26 Jan, 7:30pm – £17  
Enjoy brotherly harmonies and masterful storytelling from this International acoustic award winning Canadian duo.

Sam Baker

Fri 26 Jan, 8pm – From £16  
Texas troubadour Sam Baker comes to The Met for a captivating evening of songs and stories.

Jean Genie

Sat 27 Jan, 8pm – From £19  
Jean Genie performs all of David Bowie's greatest hits.

February

The Clone Roses & DJ Clint Boon

Fri 2 Feb, 8pm – From £19.50  
The UK’s number one Stone Roses tribute band return to The Met. Joining them for a special DJ set will be Clint Boon from The Inspiral Carpets and XS Manchester.

The Zimmermen

Fri 9 Feb, 7:30pm – £14  
Classic Bob Dylan songs from his key musical eras, from early 1960s to the present day.

Gryphon

Fri 9 Feb, 8pm – £22  
Gryphon is the oldest and the newest thing – a legendary British band that’s as exhilarating, energetic, unpredictable and addictive now as in the 1970s.

RockFit Rockathon

Sat 10 Feb, 10am – From £12  
Join Jenny for a 1.5hr Rockathon to all of your favourite rock and heavy metal tracks.

Nigel Wearne

Sat 10 Feb, 7:30pm – £16  
An evening of intimate acoustic performances from Australian troubadour Nigel Wearne.

Merry Hell

Thu 15 Feb, 8pm – From £18  
Merry Hell is an energetic folk-rock band founded on the ever-evolving Folk tradition – music made by the people and shared by the people.

The Bohemians

Fri 16 Feb, 8pm – From £22  
A tribute to Queen, featuring fabulous hits from one of the world’s most popular and iconic rock acts of all time.

Manchester Inspirational Voices

Sat 17 Feb, 7pm – £21  
The elite community Gospel Choir, Manchester Inspirational Voices arrive at The Met to share their love of music, performance and faith. Their unique, dynamic, vocal style will have you on your feet, clapping your hands, stamping your feet and singing along.



Show of Hands

Thu 22 Feb, 8pm – £30  
Folk duo Steve Knightley and Phil Beer return to The Met with their Full Circle Part II tour, celebrating their enduring legacy of music. Show of Hands will be taking a hiatus following this tour, so this may be your last opportunity to see them for some time.

Livewire: The AC/DC Show

Fri 23 Feb, 8pm – From £24  
This hugely successful and unique tribute to AC/DC returns to The Met to play all the classics including Back in Black, Rosie, and Highway to Hell.

The Magpie Arc

Sat 24 Feb, 8pm – £24  
A unique and exciting band folk-rock band featuring the multi-award-winning talents of Nancy Kerr, Martin Simpson, Findlay Napier, Tom A Wright, and Alex Hunter.

March

Mat Walklate and Alex Haynes

Fri 1 Mar, 7:30pm – £18  
Mat Walklate and Alex Haynes come together to create fresh and relevant songs which expand British blues into new territory.

Pink Floydian

Sat 2 Mar, 8pm – From £24  
One of the finest and most authentic Pink Floyd tributes in the UK.

Chris Difford

Thu 7 Mar, 7:30pm – £27  
Chris Difford plays songs from the Squeeze catalogue and from his solo albums. A bit of stand up... with a bit of sit down.



Moya Brennan

Thu 14 Mar, 8pm – £31.50  
The voice of Clannad, Moya Brennan comes to The Met with her solo show.



Sam Lee

Fri 15 Mar 8pm – £20 / £18 concessions  
Mercury Prize nominated folk-singer and conservationist Sam Lee comes to The Met with songs from his latest album released in early 2024.

The Lancashire Hotpots & Andy Mack

Sat 16 Mar, 8pm – £20  
The Lancashire Hotpots are back with a bang on their Bisto Inferno tour. Join Bernard and the boys as they bring the party playing all your Hotpot favourites. Strap yourself in for a night of music and laughs and let the gravy flow!



Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman

Thu 21 Mar, 8pm – £20  
Husband and wife folk duo Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman return with new album Almost A Sunset – a collection of thoughtful, varied songs exploring favourite characters, childhood memories and deep emotion.



Cerys Hafana

Fri 22 Mar, 7:30pm – £16  
Cerys Hafana is a composer and multi-instrumentalist who mangles, mutates, and transforms traditional music.

The Springsteen Sessions

Fri 29 Mar, 8pm – From £21.50  
An authentic and thrilling tribute to "the Boss" Bruce Springsteen, featuring his mighty classics such as Born To Run, 10th Avenue Freeze Out, Jungleland and Rosalia.

Desperado (Eagles Tribute)

Sat 30 Mar, 8pm – £20.50  
Desperado journey through the timeless legacy of your favourite Eagles tracks. This tour honours the legacy of original Eagle Randy Meisner, who sadly died in 2023.

April

George!

Fri 5 Apr, 8pm – From £20  
The ultimate tribute to George Harrison starring Nick Bold.



Daoirí Farrell

Wed 10 Apr, 8pm – £19  
Singer and bouzouki player Daoirí Farrell is one of most important folk musicians to come out of Ireland in recent years.

G2 Definitive Genesis

Fri 12 Apr, 8pm – From £25  
G2 Definitive Genesis pay tribute to Genesis’ four-man “Seconds Out” era, whilst also dipping back into the earlier Gabriel years.



The Manfreds

Thu 18 Apr, 7:30pm – £29.50  
Nearly sixty years on from their 1960s heyday, The Manfreds return to perform their hits.



The Haar

Fri 19 Apr, 8pm – £18  
The Haar introduces the formidable talent of traditional Irish singer Molly Donnery combined with three of the most exciting instrumentalists on the folk and traditional music circuit.

PINK by Vicky Jackson

Sat 20 Apr, 8pm – From £22  
A stunning and authentic tribute to American Grammy award-winner singer Pink. Perfect vocals and bespoke costumes plus all of the major hits deliver the authentic Pink experience.

Blair Dunlop

Fri 26 Apr, 7:30pm – £18.50  
Experience the lyrical depth and captivating guitar melodies of award-winning British folk troubadour Blair Dunlop, renowned for his musical maturity and storytelling prowess.



Aoife Scott

Sat 27 Apr, 8pm – £14  
Aoife Scott is an award-winning folk singer and songwriter based in Dublin, Ireland.

Independent Venue Week

Mon 29 Jan – Sat 4 Feb  
Independent Venue Week (IVW) is the UK’s annual 7-day celebration of independent music & arts venues and the people that own, run and work in them.

On Sat 4 Feb, we’ll be hosting a packed open day full of free workshops for the family alongside some free to attend gigs and performances. Please keep an eye on the website or sign up to our newsletter for more information.







## Popstar Parties at The Met

*Come to The Met and  
be treated like a star!*

Our popstar parties put you and your friends centre stage with a bespoke Studio session in our state-of-the-art recording facilities.

Be greeted with a drink, take part in a photoshoot with a professional photographer, then have your chosen song recorded in the studio by one of our professional engineers. We'll provide you with a fully mixed version of your recording and your photos at the end of the session.

Can be enjoyed solo or as a group!  
These parties can be booked any time so long as we have availability.

For more information and to book visit [themet.org.uk/popstar-parties](http://themet.org.uk/popstar-parties) or call 0161 761 2216.

## Food and Drink at The Met

Our restaurant is currently closed, but we're operating a fully operational bar upstairs pre and post performances.

## Support The Met

We'd like to thank all of our audiences and funders for your continued support of The Met. Through buying a ticket, donations and regular funding, we are able to continue offering great live events, workshops and festivals to the people of Bury and beyond.

As a charity, we rely on this support to ensure we can continue to deliver brilliant projects designed to uplift, entertain and inspire our audiences.

If you'd like to find out more about further supporting the work of The Met by donating as little as £5 per month visit [themet.org.uk/support](http://themet.org.uk/support) or call us on 0161 761 2216.

We can't wait to see you at the venue soon!

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