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# What's on at The Met

In the heart of Bury



Rumpelstiltskin,  
Fri 6 – Thu 26 Dec

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Hannah Sanders and Ben Savage, Fri 25 Oct, 8pm

# 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.

Unfold  
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.

## 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.

Some of our events give you the choice on what to pay to help make The Met a more welcoming and inclusive space for all. These are:

- Standard** – What we need most people to pay to run the event
- Subsidised** – For those currently unable to pay the standard price
- Supporter** – Goes directly towards the subsidised ticket option

### 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 & theatre

### First Thursday Comedy

Thu 5 Sep, Thu 3 Oct, Thu 7 Nov  
& Thu 5 Dec, 8pm – £14

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

### LOUD Cabaret

Thu 19 Sep, Thu 24 Oct, Thu 21 Nov  
& Thu 19 Dec, 8pm – £9 Subsidised /  
£11 Standard / £13 Supporter

A monthly queer cabaret night hosted at The Met featuring fabulous rising stars from across Bury and beyond.

### Top Whack PIP

Thu 19 Sep, 7:30pm – from £14  
Calvin is over the moon when he's awarded Top Whack P.I.P. (Personal Independence Payment), however not everyone is as pleased... A new musical comedy by MaD Theatre Company.

### Henry Normal & Nigel Planer

Thu 10 Oct, 7:30pm – £21 Standard / £18 Subsidised / £22 Supporter  
Comedians and poets Henry Normal and Nigel Planer join forces. Expect poetry, stories, jokes, Q & A, fun, knitwear and a few surprises.

### Steven P Taylor – Performance Poet

Wed 16 & Thu 17 Oct, 7:30pm – from £16  
Comic poet Steven P Taylor is back with his latest show, with lots of new material and some old favourites, in which he offers his tongue in cheek take on life.

### New Dawn Fades: A Play About Joy Division and Manchester

Wed 16 & Thu 17 Oct, 8pm – from £21  
The story of four ordinary lads who, inspired by the punk revolution of 1970s Manchester, came together to form one of the most influential bands of all time, Joy Division.

### Mark Thomas: Gaffa Tapes

Thu 24 Oct, 8pm – from £14  
Jokes, rants, politics, play and the occasional sing song.

### Nanna's OnlyFans Film

Thu 31 Oct, 7:30pm – from £14  
Dolly and Nellie are making a few extra quid with their OnlyFans page, which they run from an old folk's home in Radcliffe. A new black comedy from MaD Theatre Company.

## Family

### Tales from the Lighthouse

Sat 19 Oct, 11am & 2pm –  
£11 Standard / £9 Subsidised /  
£13 Supporter, Suitable for ages 5+  
Families and children are invited on a voyage of music, puppetry and storytelling, as a mysterious stranger helps a lonely lighthouse keeper rediscover the magic, beauty and power of the sea that surrounds his home.

October  
half-term

### Mr Sleepybum

Fri 25 Oct, 11am & 2pm – £11  
Suitable for ages 3+  
Do you have silly and strange dreams at night?

Well, Mr. Sleepybum does, and he's going to re-enact them all for you in this high-energy, interactive, kids' comedy show for the whole family.

### The King's Polar Bear

Sat 16 Nov, 11:30am & 2pm – £12 (£38 for 4)  
Made for 4+, suitable for all  
The King's Polar Bear is a playful and highly visual show for children, the perfect family theatre experience.



Fri 6 – Thu 26 Dec  
See website for full times and prices  
From the producers of Dick Whittington and Aladdin, The Big Tiny bring their new story of magic, mayhem and above all, true love as Cupid comes to The Met next Christmas. Can she overcome the wicked tricks of Rumpelstiltskin and help Prince Dierdrick find true love? – don't miss your chance to join us for the most magical pantomime yet.

## Community

### Rockfit Monster Mash!

Sun 27 Oct, 2:30pm – from £15  
Grab your Halloween gear, and get ready to join us for an incredible two hour fitness class, set to a haunting track-list of rock and metal songs.

### Bury Beer Festival

Fri 8 & Sat 9 Nov, 12pm & 6pm –  
£9 (£8 Met and CAMRA members)  
The Met's annual celebration of food, drink, music and good times returns this November.

October  
half-term

**Peatbog Faeries**

Sun 1 Sep, 7:30pm – from £26  
Scottish trailblazers the Peatbog Faeries create a glorious mixture of traditional sounds and dance-floor grooves, from jigs and reels through dance music, jazz, African, and more.

**Get a Round In**

Fri 6 Sep, 8pm – Pay what you feel  
Bringing together the best singer-songwriters for a Nashville style writers' round for this brand-new event at The Met. Expect the very best of Greater Manchester's acoustic talent.

**Poppcock & Vee VV**

Fri 13 Sep, 7:30pm – from £12  
Founding member and keyboard player of seminal post-punk giants The Fall, Una Baines and her band Poppcock showcase their album Magic Mothers.

**The Swing Commanders**

Fri 13 Sep, 8pm – £17  
An evening of big band hits, western swing, jump and jive.



**Flo Perlin**

Sat 14 Sep, 7:30pm – £14 Standard / £12 Subsidised / £16 Supporter  
Contemporary folk singer and songwriter Flo Perlin creates beautifully crafted, melodic and poetic songs.

**Springsteen Acoustic Sessions**

Fri 20 Sep, 8pm – £21.50  
Springsteen Acoustic Sessions aims to capture a flavour of the Netflix phenomenon that is known as Springsteen On Broadway.

**Edwina Hayes**

Sat 21 Sep, 8pm – from £17  
Edwina Hayes brings together English folk, Americana and the rich northern singer-songwriter tradition to create a sound that's truly her own. Supported by Tom Johnson.



**Paul McKenna Band**

Sat 28 Sep, 7:30pm – £18  
Fronted by one of Scotland's most eloquently expressive vocalists and songwriters, the Paul McKenna Band forge a dynamic alloy of Scottish and Irish traditional roots with contemporary acoustic pop.

**Pinked Floyd**

Sat 28 Sep, 8pm – from £21  
A spectacular evening packed with cherished favourites from the timeless albums Dark Side of the Moon, The Wall, The Division Bell (30th anniversary), Wish You Were Here, Animals, and A Momentary Lapse of Reason.

**Kate Young String Quintet**

Thu 3 Oct, 7:30pm – £18 Standard / £16 Subsidised / £20 Supporter  
Growing up immersed within a folk music background in Edinburgh, Kate Young has emerged as one of Scotland's most innovative composers and musicians.



**The Annie Keating Band**

Fri 4 Oct, 8pm – £17  
A staple of the contemporary Americana scene, Annie Keating writes and sings like a woman who knows deep down that heartache is the price of hope, and she can make us believe that all of it is worth the cost.

**Elvis: As It Was**

Fri 4 Oct, 8pm – £23.50  
The sensational Tommy Holland and The Rising Sun band perform an incredible night of Elvis's music all faithfully recreated to bring an authentic feel, look and sound of the period of his career when he was at his most dynamic.

**Sad Sells**

Support from Atlas and Celebratory Cake  
Sat 5 Oct, 7:30pm – £10 / £6 under 25s  
Harbouring an acoustic heartbeat with an electric soul, Manchester five-piece Sad Sells are a breath of fresh-air in the Manchester indie scene.

Emerging Showcase

**Wishbone Ash: Live Date 2 Live Tour**

Sat 5 Oct, 8pm – from £31.50  
The legendary Wishbone Ash perform their biggest-selling album Live Dates 2, along with songs from many of their other, much-loved albums.



**Judie Tzuke – Jude The Unsinkable**

Fri 11 Oct, 7:30pm – £32  
Judie Tzuke is one of the UK's finest singer-songwriters. This intimate evening will see her perform old favourites alongside songs from her new album, Jude The Unsinkable.



**Jack Rutter**

Fri 11 Oct, 7:30pm – £16  
Yorkshire folk singer Jack Rutter is one of the standout voices of the folk, roots and acoustic music scene.

**Gentlemen of Few**

Sat 12 Oct, 7:30pm – £14 Standard / £12 Subsidised / £16 Supporter  
Gentlemen of Few make a sound that appeals to people that love the intricacies of folk but also enjoy the energy and passion of rock.

**80's Mania**

Sat 12 Oct, 8pm – from £22  
Europe's premier 1980s tribute concert comes to The Met, featuring twenty-eight chart topping eighties icons recreated live on stage!

**The Enid**

Sun 13 Oct, 8pm – from £24  
UK progressive rock legends The Enid return to The Met for a special concert in celebration of their fiftieth anniversary.

**Sorrel Nation**

Fri 18 Oct, 8pm – £14 Standard / £12 Subsidised / £16 Supporter  
Kent born songstress Sorrel Nation brings a soulful mix of folk rock, with powerful vocals and haunting melodies.

**The Stumble**

Sat 19 Oct, 8pm – from £18  
The Stumble are known and revered for their spin on old school Chicago blues, British r&b and soul infused feel-good music. Expect raw power, emotion, joyous melodies, heartbreaking blues and a guaranteed good time with a band on the crest of a wave.

**Chris While and Julie Matthews**

Wed 23 Oct, 8pm – from £18  
One of British folk music's finest duos return in celebration of their thirtieth anniversary.

**Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage**

Fri 25 Oct, 8pm – £18  
A touch of 'Americana', yet quintessentially English, since emerging in 2016, Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage have been defying all conventions of style, genre and compartmentalisation.

**Joshua Burnell**

Sat 26 Oct, 7:30pm – £17  
Baroque pop for the modern world. Expect hooky melodies, reverbing guitars, lush harmonies and words that make you think.

**Hayseed Dixie**

Sat 26 Oct, 8pm – from £27  
Twisted Hillbilly country rockers Hayseed Dixie bring their rootin' tootin' deliverances of rock classics to The Met.



**Guy Davis**

Thu 31 Oct, 8pm – £17 Standard / £15 Subsidised / £19 Supporter  
A two-time Grammy nominee for Best Traditional Blues, Guy Davis uses roots, blues, folk, rock, rap, spoken word, and world music to address the frustrations of social injustice.



**Calan**

Fri 1 Nov, 7:30pm – from £21.50  
One of Britain's most innovative and thrilling folk bands, Calan return to play tracks from their highly anticipated album Nefydd.

**Jon Palmer Acoustic Band**

Sat 2 Nov, 7:30pm – £16  
This high energy six-piece folk-rock band from West Yorkshire have built a strong reputation as an exciting and energetic live act.

**China Crisis**

Sat 2 Nov, 8pm – £30  
China Crisis return to The Met in support of their latest album release, China Greatness. Supported by KNIGHT\$.

**Focus**

Thu 14 Nov, 7:30pm – from £26  
The legendary Dutch progressive rock band return. Hear hits Hocus Pocus, House of The King and Sylvia alongside brand new songs from their latest album.

**Sunny Sweeney**

Fri 15 Nov, 8pm – £25  
Country music fireball Sunny Sweeney straddles the line between Texas country and Nashville americana. She come to The Met with songs from her latest album Married Alone.

**Christine Collister: Children of the Sea**

Sat 16 Nov, 8pm – £18  
Touring for the first time in four years, Christine Collister will be performing songs from the Children of the Sea project along with a selection of old favourites.



**Nell Bryden**

Wed 20 Nov, 8pm – £27  
American singer-songwriter Nell Bryden returns to The Met with "I Love You So Much I'm Blind", a new and deeply personal album which may be her most emotionally powerful to date.

**Steve Knightley**

Thu 21 Nov, 8pm – £22  
Steve Knightley, former Show of Hands frontman, returns to The Met with a solo show.

**No Such Thing Records Takeover**

Fri 22 Nov, 7:30pm  
£10 / £6 under 25s  
Driven by collaboration and a passion for building bridges between the visual arts and the music industry, No Such Thing Records aims to give Northern artists opportunity, freedom, creative control and chance to grow community.

Emerging Showcase

**Abba Reunion**

Fri 22 Nov, 8pm – from £22  
A truly authentic, feel good, party style tribute concert featuring all of ABBA's greatest hits.

**Alberta Cross**

Sat 23 Nov, 7:30pm – £19  
Alberta Cross are an Anglo-Swedish rock band led by singer-guitarist Petter Ericson Stakee, known for their anthemic Americana-tinged songs.

**Simeon Walker**

Sat 23 Nov, 3pm – £12 Standard / £10 Subsidised / £14 Supporter  
Versatile and prolific Leeds-based pianist and composer Simeon Walker is a leading light in the burgeoning Modern Classical scene.

**Ralph McTell**

Sat 23 Nov, 8pm – £30  
Ralph McTell is one of the UK's most gifted and prolific songwriters, and a virtuoso guitarist. Best known for his 1969 hit Streets of London, he is now celebrating over fifty years on the road.

**Eleanor McEvoy**

Thu 28 Nov, 7:30pm – £22  
Eleanor McEvoy is one of Irish music's biggest stars. Her song Only A Woman's Heart was the title track of the best-selling Irish album in Irish history.

**Herman's Hermits**

Thu 28 Nov, 8pm – £29.50  
Formed in Manchester in 1964, Herman's Hermits are, to this day, a hugely popular touring band, thrilling audiences worldwide with their unique sound and warm humour.

**Project Smok**

Fri 29 Nov, 8pm – £18 Standard / £16 Subsidised / £20 Supporter  
Project Smok is an award-winning trio of nonconformist and progressive Scottish folk musicians.

**Mama – The All Era Genesis Tribute Band**

Fri 29 Nov, 8pm – from £24  
An evening of Genesis music encompassing all eras of the band - from the early albums with Peter Gabriel up to the last with Phil Collins.

**Cynefin & Awen Blandford**

Sat 30 Nov, 7:30pm – £14  
Cynefin is Owen Shiers, who unearths seasoned songs and stories and gives them new life. Support comes from cellist and singer Awen Blandford.

**The Houghton Weavers**

Thu 12 Dec, 8pm – £20  
A fun-packed, sing-a-long family show with great music and funny stories galore!

**Tim Edey's Celtic Christmas**

Sat 14 Dec, 8pm – £18  
An evening of Celtic Christmas music from multi-award-winning folk musician Tim Edey.



**St Agnes Fountain**

Thu 19 Dec, 7:30pm – £24  
St Agnes Fountain bring musical invention and laughter to the star-dust atmosphere of the Christmas season.

**Niall McNamee**

Fri 20 Dec, 8pm – £12  
Niall McNamee is an Irish singer-songwriter and actor known for his thoughtful, full-blooded songs and charismatic live performances.



## 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**.

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## Food and Drink at The Met

Whether you're looking for a pre-show tippie or an interval indulgence, our theatre bar offers a wide selection of hot and cold drinks to quench your thirst, from freshly brewed tea and coffee to wines, beers and soft drinks.

Additionally, Malt, our downstairs bar is now open throughout the week, so pop in for a brew and a snack!

The Met's bar is cashless, so please bring a card for payment.

## Support The Met

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.

To find out more about 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**.

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