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# What's on at The Met

In the heart of Bury

Sandscape, Sat 15 Feb,  
11am & 1:30pm



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The Breath, Sat 15 Mar, 8pm

# 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.

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](https://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](https://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

## Family

### Crafty Fools – Adventures in Science

Sat 1 Feb, 2pm – £12

Join 'The Magical Mr West' on an incredible adventure into the world of science! Aided by his cartoon companion Crowbert and a collection of curious contraptions, Mr West demonstrates the fundamental principles of scientific enquiry. Expect skills, silliness and the studious application of logic as you embark upon 'Adventures in Science!'



### Half Term Event Sandscape

Sat 15 Feb, 11am & 1:30pm – £12  
Ages 2-7

Sandscape explores the use of sand to create forms that are appealing to the eyes. A dance extravaganza for the whole family, this is not one to be missed.

### Half Term Event Cinderella Ice Cream Seller

Tue 18 Feb, 11am & 2pm –  
£12.50 adults / £9.50 children

Get your dessert spoons ready for a tale of perseverance, princes, palace balls, glass slippers and, um, ice cream? A delicious new musical for families and children aged 5+.

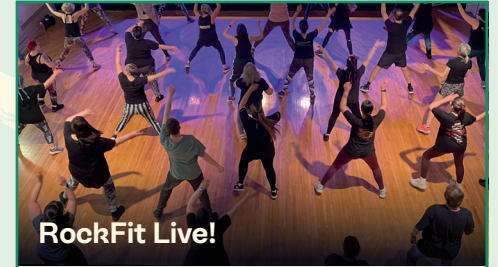


### Teach Rex Live

Fri 11 Apr, 10am, 12:30pm & 3pm –  
£14 / £50 family of 4 – Ages 3+

This unique interactive show teaches children about the most mesmerising creatures that have ever roamed our planet – dinosaurs!

## Community



### RockFit Live!

Sat 18 Jan, 11am – £20

Get ready for a fitness class like no other... RockFit Live! featuring your favourite RockFit tracks performed live by Manchester's DACARA, co-fronted by Dan Moran.

### Kats Dance Academy presents: SHOWTIME

Fri 24 & Sat 25 Jan, 7pm –  
£15.50 adults / £13 children

A dancing show arranged by Kats Dance Academy based in Heywood.

### BBS on Tour

Sat 8 Feb, 7:30pm – £13

Bury Blind Society presents an evening of top-tier music and entertainment, all while raising money for this great cause.

### Bury Music Service presents: Battle of the Bands

Thu 27 Feb, 6pm – from £7

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

### International Women's Day

Sat 8 Mar – All day

Join us for a full day of events in celebrations of International Women's Day. Full details will be released on the website soon.

### PADOS Youth Theatre show

Wed 19 – Sat 22 Mar, 7:30pm  
(Sat 2:30pm & 7:30pm) – £18

PADOS youth group is excited to be returning to The Met, where they will be performing their next production.



Box office 0161 761 2216 – themet.org.uk

Comedy

The Met’s Comedian of the Year Competition 2024

Thu 23 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.

LOUD Cabaret

Thu 27 Feb, 27 Mar & 24 April, 8pm – £11 Standard / £9 Subsidised / £13 Supporter

This special LGBTQ+ cabaret night hosted at The Met takes place on the last Thu of each month and features fabulous rising stars from across Bury and beyond.

First Thursday Comedy

Thu 6 Feb, 6 Mar & 3 Apr, 8pm – £14

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

Markus Birdman: We Are All In The Gutter, But Some Of Us Are Looking At The Gutter

Sat 1 Mar, 7:30pm – £17.50 / £15.50 conc

A candid and hilarious new stand-up hour from Markus Birdman, as seen on Britain’s Got Talent. Plus support Malinda Mukuma.

Rachel Fairburn: Side Eye

Sat 5 Apr, 7:30pm – from £17.50

Star of Live at the Apollo and co-host of All Killa No Filla, Rachel Fairburn is a renowned stand up and “rock’n’roll star of British Comedy” (Rolling Stone).

Theatre

Lip Service presents: Funny Stuff

Written and performed by Sue Ryding

Thu 13 Feb, 7:30pm – £18

This show looks at all the “stuff” we accumulate, hoard and hate to let go. In this humorous and creative response to grief, Sue struggles to part with a life-sized stuffed sheep, a badger onesie, and a host of soft toys.

Diane’s Deli A tale from Paradise Heights

Wed 5 Mar, 8pm – £19 standard / £16 subsidised / £22 supporter

When a woman turns up in the cafe late one night, a chain of events is set in motion that will have devastating effects on all their lives...

Barbara

Wed 26 Mar, 7:30pm – £17

Barbara and Bernard will transport you, their guests, to a bygone era with music, polite conversation and exceptional hosting. The lid is lifted on what it means to care for someone you love when they lose their way. There will be music, laughter, and crumpets!

Alas! Poor Yorick

Thu 10 Apr, 7:30pm – £16

Ridiculusmus’s “Alas! Poor Yorick” reimagines Shakespeare’s gravediggers as existential clowns in a Beckett-inspired twist.

Strawberry Jack A Tale from Paradise Heights

Wed 23 April, 8pm – £19 standard / £16 subsidised / £22 supporter

Strawberry Jack, from the award-winning writer/director of The Haunting of Blaine Manor, written & directed by Joe O’Byrne.

Music

Them Heavy People – Kate Bush Tribute Band

Fri 10 Jan, 8pm – £20

If you love Kate Bush and her music then you won’t want to miss this fantastic tribute show.

Be Right Back

Sat 11 Jan, 3pm – from £12

Be Right Back is a contemporary jazz quintet, home-grown right here in North Manchester. Expect beautiful melodies, thoughtful improvisation, and a unique fusion of global influences.

The Blockheads

Sat 11 Jan, 8pm – from £30

Starting out as the band behind Ian Dury, The Blockheads are a legendary outfit that has grown in stature from the early days of the Stiff tour in 1977, right up to the present day.

Martyn Joseph

Fri 17 Jan, 8pm – £23

Intelligent and enlightened songs from a mesmerizing live performer who has been compared to Bruce Springsteen, John Mayer, Bruce Cockburn and Dave Matthews.

Jean Genie

Sat 18 Jan, 8pm – from £19

Jean Genie performs all of David Bowie’s greatest hits.

Genesis Songbook - Acoustic

Thu 23 Jan, 7:30pm - from £14

This acoustic show from Genesis Songbook takes you through Genesis’ hits and rarely heard album tunes, including some tracks they themselves never played live.

Keith James – The Songs of Nick Drake

Thu 30 Jan, 8pm – £20

Keith James brings the music of Nick Drake to the stage in this special concert.

Limehouse Lizzy

Fri 31 Jan, 8pm – £25

Limehouse Lizzy continue to keep the spirit of Celtic rock icon Philip Lynott and his band Thin Lizzy alive.

Jan Akkerman

Thu 6 Feb, 7:45pm – from £27

Legendary guitarist Jan Akkerman comes to The Met to play music from his long career, including his favourite Focus tunes and more recent compositions.

The Bon Jovi Experience

Sat 8 Feb, 8pm – from £24

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

Get A Round In for Valentines

Fri 14 Feb, 8pm

A Nashville style writers’ round with the very best of Greater Manchester’s acoustic talent. Join us for our valentines special.

Pay what you want!

Rachel Newton

Sat 15 Feb, 7pm – £17

Singer, harpist and composer Rachel Newton draws on poems and ballads that are hundreds of years old, working them into her contemporary style to create a rich sound that is ambitious, original and unique.

Noasis

Sat 22 Feb, 8pm – from £18.50

The definitive tribute to Manchester’s super group Oasis. With obsessive attention to detail they recreate the real Oasis experience playing all the classic songs as if they were their own.

The Nashville Nights Tour

Fri 28 Feb, 7:30pm – £27

Get ready to be transported to the heart of Music City as Kaitlyn Baker, Joe Lasher, and their band take you on a musical ride through the rich tapestry of country music history.

Ranagri

Fri 28 Feb, 8pm – £16

Ranagri are an award winning folk band from Ireland and England. They create a sound that is both mesmerising and unforgettable.

The Irish House Party

Thu 6 Mar, 7:30pm – £22

Incredibly talented musicians and dancers bring you the sound and fun of Ireland in an intimate and homely setting.

The Breath

Sat 15 Mar, 8pm – £24.50

Raw, gorgeous, acoustic-minded music from Manchester-based guitarist Stuart McCallum and singer/flautist Rioghnach Connolly. Songs that soothe, stir, exalt, and touch emotional chords.

Chesney Hawkes

Thu 27 Mar, 7:30pm – from £27

Chesney Hawkes was one of the UK’s biggest pop stars of the ’90s. Now he’s back with new single Get A Hold Of Yourself.

Live/Wire: The AC/DC Show

Fri 28 Mar, 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.

Ultimate Coldplay

Sat 29 Mar, 8pm – from £22

The world’s most accurate Coldplay tribute. Expect all the biggest hits including Paradise, Fix You, Viva la Vida, My Universe and Yellow.

April

The Manfreds

Thu 3 Apr, 7:30pm – £29.50

Nearly sixty years on from their 1960s heyday, The Manfreds return to perform their hits with original front man Paul Jones.

Moving Pictures – A tribute to Rush

Fri 4 Apr, 8pm – £20.50 Standing / £22.50 Seated

2025 is the tenth anniversary of Rush’s last ever tour when they played a retrospective covering their entire back catalogue. Moving Pictures bring that same retrospective to The Met.

The Lancashire Hotpots: Too Much Too Old Tour

Sat 5 Apr, 8pm – £21

The kings of musical comedy are back with a bang to bring you another unbeatable night of madcap music and laughs!

Heidi Talbot

Sun 6 Apr, 5:30pm – £18

Heidi slips effortlessly between musical worlds but retains a personal modesty rooted in traditional folk.

Mark Radcliffe & David Boardman

Fri 11 Apr, 8pm – £16

BBC Radio’s Mark Radcliffe and guitarist David Boardman are singing, songwriting, strumming, and swigging buddies from the badlands of the Cheshire Plain.

Pink Floydian

Sat 19 Apr, 8pm – from £26

A faithful recreation of Floyd at their finest, Pink Floydian take you on a journey from the lush landscapes of Shine On You Crazy Diamond and the haunting refrain of Great Gig In The Sky to the universally loved anthems Comfortably Numb and Wish You Were Here.

Gigspanner Big Band

Sun 20 Apr, 7:30pm – from £28

Beginning life as a trio - with fiddle player Peter Knight being joined by percussionist Sacha Trochet and guitarist Roger Flack - the line-up has been expanded to form the Gigspanner Big Band.

Tara Maclean

Wed 23 Apr, 8pm – £16

Canadian singer/songwriter Tara MacLean has been an internationally renowned and award winning recording and touring artist for over 25 years.

Roddy Woomble

Thu 24 Apr, 8pm – £24

With his enigmatic and poetic lyrics, warm baritone voice and consummate gift for a tune, Roddy Woomble is widely considered to be among Scotland’s best contemporary songwriters.

Fleetwood Bac

Fri 25 Apr, 8pm – from £22

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



## 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 visit 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

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.

We now also host pop-up restaurants in our kitchen, which serve food Thu, Fri & Sat 5pm– 9pm. See our website for details.

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 even more of you through our doors 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 is 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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