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What's on at The Met

In the heart of Bury



Hannah Aldridge, Sun 23 Nov, 8pm



Mama Afrika,
Thu 9 Oct, 7:30pm

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Welcome to The Met



Sophie Cade, Artistic Programme Manager

This year marks a truly special milestone – 50 years of bold ideas,

inspiring performances, and unforgettable moments. For half a century, our organisation has been a place where creativity thrives, artists flourish, and audiences come together to experience the power of the arts.

Turning 50 is more than a celebration of the past – it's a testament to resilience, imagination, and the vibrant community that has supported us every step of the way. From humble beginnings to becoming a cornerstone of the cultural landscape, our journey has been shaped by every artist, collaborator, and audience member who believed in the magic of what we do.

We'll be celebrating this golden anniversary through 11-13 September, and will be releasing details soon. Keep an eye out for more information. Here's to the next 50 years of culture, creativity and community - made for you, with you.

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.

Creative Learning at The Met

Here at The Met, inspiring the next generation of artists and performers is one of our biggest priorities. As a charity we work hard to support our community, and we invest between £80,000 to £100,000 each year into our workshop outreach work.

For a full list of our workshops and outreach work, please visit the website at www.themet.org.uk/about/our-work/creative-learning/

Comedy

First Thursday Comedy

Thu 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov & 4 Dec,
8pm – £14

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

Emmanuel Sonubi – Life After Near Death

Wed 8 Oct, 7:30pm – £22 / £20 concessions

Edinburgh Comedy Award-nominee Emmanuel Sonubi is back in Bury! In this new show he turns one of life's toughest moments into comedy gold, looking at what happened when he survived heart failure. A hilarious night finding punchlines in perseverance.



Henry Normal – The Slide Show

Fri 14 Nov, 8pm
£20.50 / £17 concession

Acclaimed poet and writer Henry Normal explores his own life journey through poetry, jokes, music, stories, and more. It's a live performed memoir with plenty of laughs and cautionary tales.

Theatre

Mama Afrika

Thu 9 Oct, 7:30pm – £17 standard /
£15 subsidised / £19 supporters

Anna Mudeka tells the story of Miriam Makeba, iconic South African singer, songwriter and civil rights activist. A tale of hope and determination, the show includes some of Makeba's best loved songs.

Miss Jackson Pulled at Parklife

Fri 10 Oct, 7:30pm – £16 / £14 concession

A hilarious new comedy from MaD Theatre Company that follows a dance teacher and her "dead rough" students from a school production of Bugsy Malone to a wild visit to Parklife, where all their lives take an amazing turn...

New Dawn Fades

Wed 15 & Thu 16 Oct, 8pm – from £26

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.

The Other Neville

Sat 18 Oct, 2:30pm & 7:30pm –
£15 standard / £13 subsidised /
£17 supporters

Set in the 'locker room of her memories', The Other Neville is a bold one-woman play inspired by netball icon Tracey Neville. Told with grit, humour, and a locker full of secrets, this is women's sport from the inside – the pressure, the power, the cost.

Virgins

Fri 24 Oct, 8pm – FREE

October's Emerging Showcase is an R&D and rehearsed performance of Virgins, a new coming-of-age comedy drama by local actor and playwright Nathan Lea.



The Haunting of Blaine Manor

Wed 29 Oct, 8pm –
£22 / £18 concession / £72 family of 4

Joe O'Byrne (The Bench, Diane's Deli, Strawberry Jack) returns with this haunted house chiller for Halloween, set in a manor with a twisted history of madness, witchcraft, tragedy and death...

Look After Your Knees

Wed 5 Nov, 7:30pm – £17 standard /
£15 subsidised / £19 supporters

Look After Your Knees is Natalie Bellingham's new solo show, a joyful and ridiculous exploration of the messy, beautiful business of being human.

Family

Spooky Tales

Fri 31 Oct, 1pm – £15 / £50 for family of four

Do you enjoy mysterious tales of witches, ghosts, and things that go bump in the night? Then step right up! Join siblings Edward and Martha Creep on Halloween as they share terrifying tales like only true creeps can. Expect spine-tingling stories, ghoulish giggles, and just the right amount of fright... A frightfully good storytelling show for brave children aged 9+ and their grown-ups!



The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Sat 6 – Sun 28 Dec,
from £17 children / £20 adults

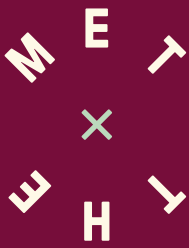
The Pied Piper of Hamelin is packed full of sensational sets and overflows with holiday cheer and audience participation for all ages. Expect pantomime dames, laugh-out-loud comedy, sing-a-long songs, and much more.

Returning this November

Bury Beer Festival 2025

Fri 7 & Sat 8 Nov, 12noon & 6pm – £9

The Met's annual celebration of food, drink, music and good times returns as we welcome breweries from across the borough of Bury along with their vast array of artisan and craft beers for you to taste, discuss and enjoy.



Ticket Office 0161 761 2216 — themet.org.uk

Music September

Eliza Marshall

Wed 3 Sep, 8pm – £18
Flautist Eliza Marshall creates captivating, genre-crossing music weaving influences from Scotland to Africa with layers of flutes, electronics, and rhythm. A truly transportive experience.



Heather Ferrier Trio

Fri 12 Sep, 8pm – £16
Heather Ferrier is a captivating alt-folk musician known for her virtuosic accordion playing, dynamic clog dancing, and innovative compositions. With her trio she creates an explosion of groove and melody, transcending the limits of contemporary folk. Support from Coruja Jones.

Jon Boden and The Remnant Kings
Wed 17 Sep, 8pm – from £24
Jon Boden and The Remnant Kings return to The Met with their unique brand of post-apocalyptic folk played in a traditional style vs. traditional folk played with post-apocalyptic swagger.

Chris Difford: Not Only... But Also
Thu 18 Sep, 7:30pm – £27
Not Only... But Also features classic Squeeze songs and new material, alongside warm and funny stories from Chris Difford's life and career.

Get A Round In
Fri 19 Sep, 8pm – Pay What You Want
Three artists share the stage to showcase their songwriting talent and tell the stories behind their music. Featuring Jon Kenzie, Charlie Cooper, and Ben P Williams.

The Smiths Ltd
Fri 19 & Sat 20 Sep, 8pm – from £18
Experience the ultimate Smiths tribute. Manchester's own The Smiths Ltd recreate the band's iconic sound with stunning accuracy. Don't miss your chance to hear these legendary songs and relive the magic live!




Christine Collister: Children of the Sea

Wed 24 Sep, 8pm – £18
Acclaimed singer and songwriter Christine Collister performs songs from her project Children of the Sea, inspired by Manx folklore, alongside a selection of old favourites. A delightful evening with a captivating performer.

Nigel Wearne
Thu 25 Sep, 8pm – £17 standard / £15 subsidised / £19 supporters
Australian singer-songwriter Nigel Wearne blends Americana-noir with blues, jazz, and storytelling that cuts to the bone.

Shoehorn + DBA!

Fri 26 Sep, 8pm – £10 / £6 under 25s
Formed in Ramsbottom, and with over 40 gigs under their belts, Shoehorn come to The Met with their high energy, original songs and a few smash-hit covers sprinkled in. Support from Liverpool's DBA!



Filkin's Drift
Sat 27 Sep, 1pm (matinee show) – £12
Filkin's Drift reimagine traditional melodies through pizzicato grooves, intricate guitar tunes, and boundless improvisation. Their compositions are sophisticated yet rooted in tradition, blending fiddle, guitar and gorgeous vocal harmonies.

A Foreigners Journey
Sat 27 Sep, 8pm – £24.50
A Foreigners Journey are the UK's number one tribute to classic rock bands Foreigner and Journey. Packed with anthems like Don't Stop Believin' and Cold As Ice, this is a night of pure rock perfection!

Dave Arcari
Sat 27 Sep, 8pm – £17 door / £15 advance
Experience the electrifying slide guitar of Dave Arcari, whose sound owes as much to trash country, punk and rockabilly as it does pre-war Delta blues. Catch this unique talent as he previews tracks from his much-anticipated eighth album Still Friends.

The Springsteen Sessions
Fri 3 Oct, 8pm – from £22.50
An authentic and thrilling tribute to The Boss, Bruce Springsteen.

Ferocious Dog
Sat 4 Oct, 8pm – from £26
Six-piece Ferocious Dog play vibrant Celtic-folk infused punk rock. Support comes from Cumbrian power pop-punk duo Voodoo Radio.

Manchester Camerata with Toria Wooff
Sun 5 Oct, 6:30pm – FREE
Join Manchester Camerata and Bolton's Toria Wooff for this special, one-of-a-kind intimate concert in our cozy upstairs bar.



Ruth Lyon

Thu 9 Oct, 8pm – £17
Newcastle's Ruth Lyon explores themes of self-acceptance and empowerment through her powerful, heartfelt music.

Luke Concannon
Fri 10 Oct, 8pm – £16
Former singer with chart-toppers Nizlopi ("JCB Song"), Luke Concannon brings his solo sound to The Met. Expect heartfelt folk music with a little extra something. Plus support from Sadie Gustafson-Zook.

Tom Robinson with Adam Phillips
Sat 11 Oct, 8pm – £27
Join music legend Tom Robinson for an intimate evening of songs and stories. From classic hits like "2-4-6-8 Motorway" and "Up Against The Wall" to tales of Radio 1 bans, rocking with The Clash, and headlining Glastonbury, it's a wild ride through 50 years in the music industry. Support from Gabrielle Sey.

The Fargo Railroad Company
Thu 16 Oct, 7:30pm – £16
Sheffield's bearded four-piece, The Fargo Railroad Company, bring a blast of authentic country rock to The Met! Expect killer songs and hard-working passion.

Elvis: As It Was
Fri 17 Oct, 8pm – £23.50
The sensational Tommy Holland and The Rising Sun band bring you some of Elvis' most dynamic and memorable performances.

Fairport Convention
Sat 18 Oct, 8pm – £35
Folk-rock legends Fairport Convention bring their autumn tour to The Met! Expect classic hits and fresh surprises from the BBC Lifetime Achievement Award winners. Don't miss this iconic band!

Heidi Talbot
Sun 19 Oct, 4pm (matinee show) – £18
Acclaimed Irish folk singer Heidi Talbot comes to The Met with her new album, Grace Untold. Expect an afternoon of beautiful songs, old and new, alongside engaging stories and a dash of humour.



Steve 'n' Seagulls

Sun 19 Oct, 8pm – from £27
Get ready for a foot-stomping good time as Finnish sensations Steve 'n' Seagulls bring their joyfully inventive bluegrass versions of rock classics to The Met! Expect brilliant musicianship and a whole lot of fun.

Toby Lee
Thu 23 Oct 7:30pm – £22
Seventeen-year-old Toby Lee is a Blues guitar phenomenon. From viral videos and major TV appearances to sharing stages with legends like Buddy Guy and Joe Bonamassa, Toby is rapidly becoming one of the most exciting names in music.



Sorrel Nation with her band

Sat 25 Oct, 7:30pm – £16
Kent born songstress Sorrel Nation brings a soulful mix of folk rock, with powerful vocals and haunting melodies to The Met.

The Bohemians
Sat 25 Oct, 8pm – from £24
Queen's greatest hits with The Bohemians – a truly memorable live re-enactment of the world's greatest rock band.

Mark Chadwick (Levellers)
Sun 26 Oct, 8pm – from £24
Mark Chadwick, frontman of the Levellers, brings his solo show to The Met. Expect material from his albums "All the Pieces" and "Moment" alongside Levellers classics. Be warned, Mark will have you up dancing!

The Magpie Arc
Sat 1 Nov, 8pm – £25
The Magpie Arc deliver a thrilling evening of classic UK folk-rock. Featuring the multi-award-winning talents of Nancy Kerr, Findlay Napier, Tom Wright, and Alex Hunter, with special guest guitarist Sam Carter.

Dallahan
Sun 2 Nov, 7:30pm – £20 seated / £18 standing
Forged in Scotland and Ireland's traditional music community, but drawing on the styles of the Balkans and North America, Dallahan create their own unique brand of world-folk delivered with stunning virtuosity.

Blazin' Fiddles
Thu 13 Nov, 8pm – from £22
Witness the incredible fiddle mastery of the award-winning Blazin' Fiddles, showcasing the diverse styles of Shetland, Orkney, and the Highlands. Prepare for an unforgettable night of exceptional music, infectious humour, and the warmest of Scottish welcomes.

Nell Bryden
Thu 13 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.



Ainsley Hamill

Fri 14 Nov, 8pm – £17
Ainsley Hamill is one of the UK's most distinctive and versatile singers, known for her remarkable voice, storytelling, and emotive style. Celebrated for its authenticity, her music merges traditional Scottish folk with a modern touch.

The Stumble
Sat 15 Nov, 8pm – from £19
Born out of the blues resurgence coming out of Glasgow in the 1990s, The Stumble are known and revered for their original spin on old school Chicago blues, British R&B and soul.

John Illsley: The Life and Times of Dire Straits
Sun 16 Nov, 7:30pm – £32
Join Dire Straits' founding member John Illsley for an intimate evening of live music and stories, as he shares his perspective on the band's journey from humble beginnings to worldwide fame. Featuring many Dire Straits hits played live on stage by John and his band.

Edwina Hayes
Fri 21 Nov, 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.

Get A Round In
Fri 21 Nov, 8pm – Pay What You Want
Three artists share the stage to showcase their songwriting talent and tell the stories behind their music. Lineup TBC.

Rob Heron & The Tea Pad Orchestra
Sat 22 Nov, 8pm – £18.50
Rob Heron & The Tea Pad Orchestra deliver a high-energy blend of rockabilly, blues, country, swing, and soul that's uniquely their own. Catch them at The Met to hear songs from their new album Feet First – they've never sounded better!

ABBA Reunion
Sat 22 Nov, 8pm – from £27
A truly authentic, feel good, party style tribute to Swedish pop legends ABBA.

Hannah Aldridge
Sun 23 Nov, 8pm – £22
Hannah Aldridge is hitting the road once again this time with her full band in tow as she records a brand new live album across Europe, capturing the raw energy and spirit of her dynamic performances.




Awen Ensemble

Thu 27 Nov, 8pm – £14
Folk-jazz seven-piece the Awen Ensemble create melodic, groove driven compositions that explore folklore, landscape, and the human mind.

The Houghton Weavers
Thu 27 Nov, 8pm – £21
The Houghton Weavers promise a fun-packed, sing-a-long show with great music and funny stories galore!

Ellen Beth Abdi

Fri 28 Nov, 8pm – £11 / £7 under 25s
Grown wise with the lessons of life in outer-city Manchester, absorbing the teachings of music, culture, loss, and love, Ellen Beth Abdi's long-awaited solo venture showcases her unique blend of influences.



PINK by Vicky Jackson
Fri 28 Nov, 8pm – from £24
A stunning and authentic tribute to American Grammy award-winning singer Pink. Perfect vocals and bespoke costumes, plus all of the major hits deliver the authentic Pink experience.

Sound of the Sirens
Sat 29 Nov, 8pm – £18.50
Hailing from Exeter, Abbe Martin and Hannah Wood have built a reputation as "one of the UK's finest folk acts" with their heartfelt songwriting and dynamic live performances.

Jon Palmer Acoustic Band
Fri 5 Dec, 8pm – £16 standard / £14 subsidised / £18 supporters
Enjoy folk with heart from this formidable six-piece band led by singer and songwriter Jon Palmer. "feel-good folk-rock with spirit and a conscience" At The Barrier.

The Furrow Collective
Thu 11 Dec, 7:30pm – £20
Join the award-winning Furrow Collective for a special festival concert as they weave story-songs and seasonal carols, celebrating the strange and wonderful traditions of the British Isles. This promises to be a bewitching and unmissable evening.

Tim Edey's Celtic Christmas
Fri 12 Dec, 8pm – £19
An evening of Celtic Christmas music from multi-award-winning folk musician Tim Edey.



St Agnes Fountain

Thu 18 Dec, 8pm – £26
St Agnes Fountain return to The Met for a festive evening of musical invention and laughter – the perfect start to the holiday season.



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. A postage fee of £1.50 applies to all tickets posted.

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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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

Help us deliver our exciting mission of delivering live events and creativity to the people of Bury. The Met is a registered charity. This means all the funding and income we receive goes directly back into the work on our stages and in our community. We are incredibly grateful for the public funding we receive, and to all you amazing audiences for visiting and buying tickets. However, this income alone doesn't cover the cost of our live events, projects and workshops in Bury. Just like all non-profit charities - we must fundraise all year round to keep this work going. Thank you to everyone who has donated, funded, sponsored or become a Member so far. You are all part of making amazing things happen, and bringing our communities closer together through the arts and creativity!

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