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Manchester, M15 5ZA

What's On Sept - Dec 2016

Manchester's venue for
children, families and friends

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**Bear Hunt
Birthday parties
& school groups
available!**



Michael Rosen's Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake & Bad Things

A brand-new interactive
exhibition for Manchester!

Regular Activities

Visiting Us

Bear Hunt

Special Events

Children's Theatre

Welcome to Autumn at Z-arts

This season we present a vibrant and diverse range of events and activities for children and families. Autumn begins with a mix of re-invented Shakespeare in *Macbeth: Blood Will Have Blood*, family dance show *Sponge* and a world of Animals where beatbox, rap and graffiti come together in the wonderfully titled *Bouncing Cats and Boom Boom Pups*.

We'll be going on a bear hunt from the 17th September through to December with the arrival of the brand-new to Manchester, interactive experience *Bear Hunt*, *Chocolate Cake* and *Bad Things* inspired by the writings of the much-loved author Michael Rosen. There will be plenty of activities themed around the experience to get stuck into; from the launch party on the 17th September to the poetry event in partnership with Manchester Literature Festival with special guest Michael Rosen to the story themed activity area, where families can take inspiration from his writing with a little creative guidance from Z-arts.

There's so much to recommend, please explore the brochure, check out our website or come in and see us, we're always happy to help!

Liz O'Neill, Chief Executive/Artistic Director

How to book

Visit Us: We're open: **Mon-Fri: 9am-9pm Sat: 9am-5pm**

Early Bird: Book up to two weeks in advance for £8/£6 tickets, ticket prices will rise to £9/£7 if you book later than 2 weeks before an event

By Phone: 0161 232 6089

Online: Open 24 hours at www.z-arts.org

Family Ticket: Get discounted tickets for any group of 4

All Bright Sparks members £6.

Age suitability for our theatre shows is a guidance, and we trust adults to judge how appropriate it is for their children, however for workshops and classes, age restrictions have to apply for the safety and enjoyment of all participants.

How to get here

Z-arts, 335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA

We're a 20 minute walk from Oxford Road & Deansgate Train stations.

There are regular bus services to and from the city centre. The 250, 256 and 163 pass just outside. The 86 stops nearby. There is ample on-street parking in the area. Please call the Box Office or visit

z-arts.org/getting-here for more information.



Become a Member

Bright Sparks is Z-arts' flagship membership scheme for all families, no matter what shape and size. From just £15 (free for registered unemployed, students and disabled) your entire family can access all of our regular activities, get access to reduced price tickets for our Big Imaginations programme, input into how we do things at Z-arts and keep in touch with all the fabulous things we have planned! Visit z-arts.org for details. Why not upgrade your membership from just an extra £25 to the Bronze Leaf to help us to fund the fee for families who currently can't afford to join.

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Ages
9+

Saturday 24 September
Macbeth: Blood Will Have Blood

Presented by Contender Charlie,
China Plate and Warwick Arts
2.30pm
£6 - £12
Running Time: 55 mins

Re-invented for 9-13 years-olds, this new production of *Macbeth – Blood Will Have Blood* is an unforgettable introduction to Shakespeare's shocking story of ambition, greed and the abuse of power.

Summoned by the arrival of the audience, a macabre Porter leads us into the dark heart of Shakespeare's play, offering young audiences (and their families) a glimpse of life under Scotland's tyrant King.

"I cannot but imagine that Shakespeare himself would have loved this interpretation and that the visceral, earthy and mischievous re-telling of his story would have delighted him." – Steve Hawthorne, *InSuffolk Review*



Ages
3-7

Tuesday 25 October
The Colour of Me

Presented by Wiggle Dance
11am & 2.30pm
£6 - £12
Running Time: 45 mins

Join us in a magical world of colour. Can you feel the excitement of the deep blue sea, the green peacefulness of nature, or bravely go where no child has ever been... inside an orange?

But do watch out for red, who is sometimes very cross...

Come and experience the beautiful rainbow of emotions that lives inside each and every one of us. What colour are you today? With live music and projection this interactive dance theatre performance promises to delight, tickle and inspire young audiences.

"An amazing experience using our imagination and feeling through a colourful show" – Audience Member



Ages
4 months -
4 yrs

Thursday 29 September
Sponge

Commissioned and produced by Big
Imaginations. Co-commissioned by
Spark Arts for children.
1pm
£6 - £12
Running Time: 45 mins

Roll, squeeze and pop yourself through a new malleable kind of family dance show, set to a 1970s-influenced score, perfect for babies, young children and families.

Sponge is about all things spongy, a child's ability to soak information up like a sponge and the squishy, squashy texture that fascinates children and adults alike.

"Fascinating and amazing, I loved all the colours and the dancing, I couldn't get my children to leave. More sponge please!" – Rada, mum to Jugeet and Juspeet aged 14 months



Ages
5-10

Saturday 19 November
Bouncing Cats and Boom Boom Pups

Commissioned by Southbank and
supported by The Place, produced
by Artstrust productions.
11am & 2.30pm
£6 - £12
Running Time: 55 mins

Journey into a world of AnimaLand where beatbox, rap and graffiti come together.

This immersive, high-energy performance features spoken-word artist Maxwell Golden and graffiti artist Mr Dane. Set within a purpose-built graffiti installation, an original children's book is brought to life and interwoven with freestyle hip-hop improvisation. The *Bouncing Cats and Boom Boom Pups* need your help as they navigate AnimaLand so audience beatboxing and participation is required.

"It is brilliant, fresh and ready to stir the land of children's performance"
– Gemma Kiddy – The Sparks Arts for Children



Z-arts.org
Tickets & info: 0161 232 6089

Ages 7+

**Friday 7 October
Michael Rosen Children's Poetry Event**

3.30pm Tour & 4.30pm Talk (2hrs), Tickets £10
4.30pm Talk Only (1 hr), Tickets £5
4.30pm Talk & 5.30pm Tour (2hrs), Tickets £10

Manchester Literature Festival and Z-arts are delighted to announce the return of Michael Rosen, one of the UK's best-known figures in the children's book world.

The fifth Children's Laureate and a passionate advocate of children's reading, Michael has published numerous poetry collections, picture books and anthologies for children including We're Going on a Bear Hunt, This is Our House and Centrally Heated Knickers.

Come and hear Michael perform some of his favourite poems at what is sure to be an unforgettable event.

**Every Saturday Throughout December
Festive Fun**

10am, 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm
£7 Big kids and Little Kids
Running Time: 50 mins

To get everyone in the festive spirit, Z-arts will turning our Bear Hunt festive. Taking Michael's heritage as our inspiration we will be celebrating Christmas with traditions from Poland, Russia and Romania – think gingerbread, goats and Babushka! You might even find Old Man Christmas' little helpers hiding in the forest and you will be able to make your own Xmas cards and Russian dolls in our creative arts area.

School visits (creative workshops available) are available mornings and afternoons, Monday to Friday throughout term time. To book contact hannah@z-arts.org

All Ages

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**Saturday 17 December
Closing Party: Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things**

10am, 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm
£7 Big kids and Little Kids

Whether this is your first visit to the interactive experience or your third – then come along for the closing parties! Our resident DJ 'Jingles' will be playing some Xmas party tunes and you can dance around and get festive for the last time inside the wonderful world of Michael Rosen. Santa hats and Elf ears compulsory!

Michael Rosen's
**Bear Hunt,
Chocolate Cake
& Bad Things**

**Brand-new
to
Manchester**



Ages 0-11

**17 September - 17th December every Saturday
and throughout October half term**

10am, 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE DAILY, THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

Book online z-arts.org

A brand-new interactive exhibition for Manchester!

Step inside a humongous chocolate cake and explore a secret larder, swishy swashy and splash splosh your way through a Bear Hunt. And dare you explore the Bad Things in the Dread Shed? Discover hidden rooms and brilliant clues that show what inspired Michael Rosen's writing including his Grandparents' sitting room and his classroom.

**Saturday 17 September
Launch Party: Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things**

10am – 1pm
Free Event

Be the first to experience our brand new, never seen before in Manchester, immersive exhibition based on the works of Michael Rosen. To launch the opening of Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things we will be having a fabulous party with a unique recipe of Z-arts fun and creativity.

Alongside this amazing attraction, Z-arts will have a Michael Rosen themed activity area, where families can use his writing with a little creative guidance from Z-arts and enhance their visit to the immersive exhibition with free self-guided creative arts activities to do before or after their visit.

All Ages



All Ages

**Sunday 4 December
Family Festive Fun Day**

12pm – 4pm
Free

To celebrate the start of the festive period Z-arts are going all out for Christmas and this year we are inspired by our favourite children's author and poet Michael Rosen. We will be reading our favourite poems – think T was the Night Before Christmas, The Snowman, Gruffalo's Child and many more. Plus Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad things will be open to book tickets for the day!

**Saturday 10 December
Bright Sparks Christmas Showcase**

3 – 4pm
£3 adults & £2 children

Join us in the Z-arts theatre for an afternoon of performances from Z-arts rising stars, including Ballet Attitude, Beat Street, Bright Stars, ZYP and Allsorts! If you want to support Z-arts and all our brilliant young people come down and see what they have been working on. All proceeds go towards Z-arts fundraising target which means we can carry on delivering amazing free art activities for all.

All Ages

**Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27 October
Green Screen Filmmaking Workshops**

Ages 5-11

10am – 3pm
26 October ages 8-11 years, 27 October ages 5-7 years and their families
Free Event

Get creative with Z-arts and Into Film! On Wednesday 26 October participants will be introduced to storyboarding and basic filmmaking techniques before trying their hand at green screen technology in order to make their stories come to life! On the 27 October families are invited to join their children for this fun session learning to plan, shoot and edit their own short film.

**Thursday 27 & Friday 28 October
Film screenings:
Night at the Museum 1 and 2**

All Ages

6pm – 9pm
Free Event

As part of Museums at Night we will be putting our own twist on proceedings with two free film screenings of Night at the Museum 1 on Thursday the 27th and Night at the Museum 2 on Friday the 28th October. Find out more and book online at z-arts.org.

**Saturday 29 October
Monster Mash Mixtape
Club Classics for all the family**

All Ages

4pm – 6.30pm
Tickets: £4

Halloween lovers are in for a truly terrifying time at Z-arts for our first ever event inspired by the old school house music scene of the 90's. All ghosts, goblins and ghouls are invited to a not to be missed family monster mash up playing old favourites from the mixtapes you bought from Afflecks. Join us for some tunes, tricks and treats. Fancy dress encouraged, throw some of your own ghost busting moves and everyone gets a glow-stick!



Saturday 1 October Emergency 2016

Presented by Word of Warning
12-10pm, Free unticketed

A free day out for the curious. Manchester's manic micro-marathon of the bizarre + the beautiful returns for its 17th outing - from atrium to theatre, store-cupboard to stairwell, 20+ live works in a non-stop performance takeover. From noon, dip in and out of ongoing performances or join us in the evening for some sit-down shows.

Your chance to sample the different - all for free. This event is not ticketed, just turn up on Saturday and enjoy. Please note this is primarily an adult event and may contain content not suitable for the under 18s. Details online from 19 Sep at emergencycmcr.org.

Wednesday 19 – Saturday 22 October The Drowsy Chaperone

Presented by South Manchester AOS
7.30pm Wednesday - Friday
2pm & 7pm Saturday £11-£14

This show-within-a-show begins when a musical theatre obsessive imagines performers coming to life in his shabby apartment whilst he plays his favourite cast album, a 1928 hit show called "The Drowsy Chaperone." Throughout the performance the musical bursts to life around him as he continuously brings the audience in and out of the fantasy. Be instantly immersed in the glamorous, hilarious tale of a 1920's celebrity bride on her uproarious wedding day, complete with thrills and surprises that take both the cast and the audience soaring into the rafters.



In STUN Studio at Z-arts this October

Thursday 6 October Divergency

Presented with STUN + Word of Warning, for Black Gold Arts Festival
6pm – 10pm

From the earth beneath our feet to the stars in our skies, an evening of emerging works by a group of artists as diverse as their subject matter. Quantum mechanics, homelessness, food and sex brought together in a series of tabletop performances, installations and sit-down shows. Divergency is an ongoing project - contributing artists include Maya Chowdhry, Jamil Keating, Chanje Kunda, Afreena Islam, Cheryl Martin, Chelsea Morgan, Toni-Dee Paul, Yvonne Shelton. Please note this is primarily an adult event and may contain content not suitable for the under 18s. For info and booking details, please visit divergencymcr.org

Friday 21 October Man on the Moon

By Keisha Thompson
7.30pm, Free event in the STUN Studio at Z-arts

My dad is a conundrum. He shapes his tongue like a crescent then beams his way upwards. Sometimes he leaves me books, covered in stardust. How do you communicate with a man who has a moon where he should have a head?
A STUN (Sustained Theatre Up North) commission.

Friday 28 October CLAY

By Yinka Esi Graves and Asha Thomas
7.30pm, £8/£5

CLAY is a compelling contemporary dance performance of solo pieces and explosive pas de deux. Featuring live musical accompaniment from internationally acclaimed flamenco guitarist Guillermo Guillén.

Sustained Theatre Up North (STUN) are part of a National Movement dedicated to the growth and prosperity of BAME Creatives across the UK. More info at stunlive.com | stunlive.

Ages 18+

Ages 12+

All Ages

Pre-school Activities

Baby Play

10.30am - 11.15am

The second Tuesday of each month

We understand that exploration is at the heart of play; we want to help your baby develop by providing an interactive play session each month for you to share together.

Polkadots

10.30am - 11.15am

The first Monday of each month

Polkadots are fun music and movement sessions for young children, giving them the opportunity to make and experience music with others including singing, playing percussion instruments, moving to music, puppets and playing as a group.

Paint Pots for Tots

10.30am - 11.15am

The second and fourth Monday of each month

Each week we read a new story and get creative. Parents can enjoy helping their little ones create masterpieces each week, whilst sampling special offers from our café.

Jitterbugs

10.30am - 11.15am

The third Monday of each month

Get moving! Bring your little ones down and boogie with Jitterbugs, our dance and movement class for toddlers.

Activities for Ages 6-10

Bright Stars

Mondays, 4pm - 5pm

Drama skills with resident thespian Jana!

Allsorts Essential

Tuesdays, 4pm-5pm

A new introduction to music-making, no experience needed just enthusiasm to learn, play, perform and create music from around the world.

Urban All-Stars

Tuesdays, 5pm-6pm

From beatboxing to breakdance and graffiti to grime, you'll be able to give anything a go in a fun environment.

Mix It Up

Wednesdays, 4pm - 5pm

This is a great activity for young people who enjoy making stuff! It's a fantastic way to make new friends too, so come along and get messy with us every Wednesday!

Activities for Ages 4 - 7

Children's Yoga

Saturdays, 9.15am - 10am

Yoga is a great way to boost children's health and wellbeing. These fun and creative sessions blend yoga and mindfulness practice with storytelling, games, singing and dancing.

Ballet Attitude Elemental

Saturdays, 10am & 11am

New times and new format!

Ballet with a funky fusion attitude. Elemental is our introduction class for our youngest dancers. Dancers can progress to the next level, Elevate, when instructed by the choreographer.

Beat Street Elemental

Saturdays, 10.30am & 11.30am

Join the Beat Street crew. Elemental is our introduction class for our youngest dancers. Dancers can progress to the next level, Elevate, when instructed by the choreographer.

Ballet Attitude Elevate

Saturdays, 12pm - 1pm

Ballet with a funky fusion attitude. New class for dancers who have a bit more experience and concentration to learn some more advanced ballet technique.

Activities for Ages 11 +

ZYP - Unusual Theatre in Unusual Spaces

Mondays, 5.30pm-7pm

ZYP produce unusual theatre in unusual spaces and this season is no exception! Hone your performance skills working on a devised piece of theatre to be performed in a suitably unusual setting!

Allsorts

Saturdays, 11am - 1pm

Z-arts are very excited to announce the new phase of Allsorts. We are now live and Unplugged! Music-making at its best; learn new instruments in new genres and write music that represents your life.

Generation Z

Wednesdays, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Workshop for young emerging artists interested in developing their portfolio, learning about contemporary artists and developing new art skills. Practical sessions will explore printmaking, drawing, painting and sculpture. Regulars have the opportunity to achieve Arts Award.

Beat Street Supreme

Thursdays, 5.15pm - 6.15pm

Beat Street Supreme is for our older or more experienced 'street' dancers.

Activities for All Ages

Mix It Up Families

Saturdays, 12pm-1pm

Our ever popular art class, this time in a family sized portion. Come down, muck in and make some art as a family. No skills required - just enthusiasm.

All activities are free for Bright Sparks members*

*Bright Sparks Family membership provides access to our year-round programme of creative learning for you, your children and your family. Visit z-arts.org for more details.

Season at a Glance

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Sat 17	Bear Hunt Launch Party	All Ages	10am – 2.30pm	5
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Sat 24	Macbeth: Blood Will Have Blood	9+	2.30pm	3
Thur 29	Sponge	4 months - 4 years	1pm	3
October	Event	Age	Time	Page
Every Sat 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Bear Hunt Chocolate Cake and Bad Things	0-11	10am, 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm	5
Sat 1	Emergency 2016	18+	12pm-10pm	6
Thurs 6	Divergency	18+	6pm – 10pm	6
Tues 7	Michael Rosen Children's Poetry Event	7+	3.30, 4.30, 5.30pm	5
Tues 25	The Colour of Me	3 – 7	11am & 2.30pm	3
Fri 21	Man on the Moon	12 +	7.30pm	6
Weds 19-Sat 22	The Drowsy Chaperone	All Ages	7.30pm Wed - Fri, 2pm & 7pm Sat	6
Sat 29	Monster Mash	All Ages	4pm – 6.30pm	4
Fri 28	Clay	All Ages	5.30pm	6
November	Event	Age	Time	Page
Every Sat 5, 12, 19, 26	Bear Hunt Chocolate Cake and Bad Things	0-11	10am, 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm	5
Sat 19	Bouncing Cats and Boom Boom Pups	5 – 10	11am & 2.30pm	3
December	Event	Age	Time	Page
Sat 3, 10, 17	Bear Hunt Chocolate Cake and Bad Things	0-11	10am, 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm	5
Every Sat	Bear Hunt Festive Fun	All Ages	10am, 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm	5
Sun 4	Family Festive Fun Day	All Ages	12pm – 4pm	4
Sat 10	Bright Sparks Christmas Showcase	All Ages	3pm – 4pm	4
Sat 17	Closing Party: Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things	All Ages	10am, 11.15am, 1pm, 2.15pm	4

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