

# What's On at Z-arts

Arts and theatre for children and families.



September - December 2018



Box Office: 0161 232 6089

[z-arts.org](http://z-arts.org)

335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA

Registered charity 1093556

Thursday 6 - Saturday 15 December

## Black Beauty

£6 - £12

Run Time: 90 mins (including interval)

Presented by Red Bridge and  
Traverse Theatre Company



Andy and Andy have fallen on hard times. When they discover their beloved copy of Black Beauty in the cosy horse trailer they call home, they saddle up with their horse Hamish and re-enact portions of this classic, page-turning adventure! Blending storytelling, puppetry and music, this production is a fun adventure full of friendship, courage, hope and heroes. A festive treat for the whole family that is sure to warm your heart on the coldest winter's eve.



*"a galloping, five-star triumph"*

- The Guardian

## Festive Appeal

Christmas is when we all feel festive and create memories that last a life time. Can you donate to help us offer every Manchester child in care a magical night at the theatre? If you would like to, you can donate when you are booking your own tickets. Thank you!

## Access & events

Thursday 6 December 7pm &  
Saturday 8 December 2.30pm  
- BSL performances

Saturday 15 December 2.30pm  
- relaxed performance

Saturday 1 December - Black Beauty  
Christmas Fun Day (see page 8)

Schools performances are available.  
Speak to our Box Office team.





Ages 1-3

## Saturday 29 September TWINKLE TWINKLE

11am, 12.30pm & 2.00pm

£6 - £9

Run time: 40 mins

### Presented by Touched Theatre

There are melodies that live in all of us. No one knows that more than Marty the puppy, whose beautiful songs and play-time with his Dad are the best part of his day. But sometimes, you have to learn how to find the music inside yourself.

Join us for brilliant puppetry, magical interaction and a gorgeous original score.



BSL

Ages 3-6

## Sunday 21 October A SQUARE WORLD

11am (relaxed) & 2.30pm

£6 - £9

Run time: 45 minutes

### Presented by Daryl Beeton Supported by Manchester Literature Festival

What do you do when you're in a square world but you're not a square? Through creativity, three friends make the world welcoming for everyone, and a place where everyone can enjoy each day without any limits. With lots of fun and a little bit of chaos, *A Square World* is an uplifting story of friendship, difference and discovery. Part of Z-access family fun day (see page 8).



Ages 8+

## Tuesday 23 October ADRIFT

2pm

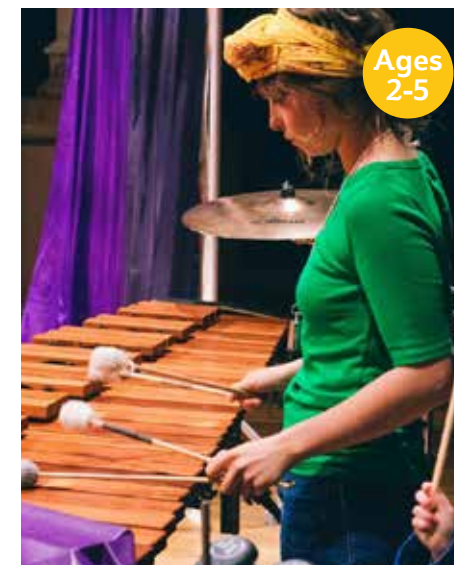
£6 - £9

Run time: 65 mins

### Presented by Action Transport Theatre

Two children are in a boat. One is rowing, one is fishing. Their talk is light-hearted: of catching a fish big enough to capsize the boat; of whales who lead the way; of mermaids who sing haunting melodies; and of land...

A land with thick grass and endless blue skies. A beautiful land. Above all, a safe land. Go on a beautiful journey with us when *Adrift* comes to Z-arts.



Ages 2-5

## Thursday 25 October PLINK AND BOO

11am & 2.30pm

£6 - £9

Run time: 60 mins  
(including 20 min Stay and Play)

### Presented by Can't Sit Still

Acrobatics, music and circus! Join us in an interactive topsy-turvy world where you'll discover two boxes full to the brim with toys. Which one will you choose to play with?

Enjoy acrobatics, live music, and a LOT of toys in this vibrant circus theatre experience that playfully explores why sometimes people can't fit into boxes.



Thursday 1 November  
**THE ASTONISHING  
 VACUUM CLEANER  
 ADVENTURE**

6.30pm | £6 - £9  
 Run time: 30-40 mins

Presented by **One Tenth Human**

Get ready for mystery and adventure in this interactive production!  
 In a dark corner of the theatre, there's a machine. It's old and dusty, and full of mysterious tubes. It could be dangerous. But we know we need to do something, Hetty needs our help!

*"really brilliant children's theatre"*  
 Exeunt Magazine



Coming February 2019!  
**WORLD INSIDE A BOOK**

A World Inside a Book:  
 Gruffalos, Dragons and Other  
 Creatures.

From our amazing success working with Discover Story Centre, London to bring you Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things in 2016 we are extremely excited to announce that from February 2019, Z-arts will be presenting *A World Inside a Book: Gruffalos, Dragons and Other Creatures*. Families will be able to take a trip into the brilliant 3-D technicolour world of the best loved children's author, Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler, with the UK's first immersive exhibition of their wonderful work.



Saturday 15 September  
**CINEMA CLUB  
 ROALD DAHL'S THE  
 WITCHES**

2.30pm - family screening (£6-£9)  
 7.30pm - adult only screening (£10)

Presented by **Make A Scene and Z-arts**

For Roald Dahl Day we're working with Make A Scene to bring a very special interactive, immersive screening of *The Witches* to Z-arts.

Expect chocolate, potions, spells and mice plus Afternoon Tea themed food, cocktails, mocktails for the kids, sweets, cakes, crafting, workshops and a boot camp on how to spot real-life witches.



Saturday 8 December  
**DRAG QUEEN  
 STORY TIME**

10.30am & 12pm  
 £6 for one adult & one child  
 £3 for additional adult & children tickets

In partnership with Black Gold Arts, Contact and STUN, *Drag Queen Story Time* aims to capture the imagination and fun of the gender fluidity of childhood, while giving children a positive queer role model. **Shaz Blakefield** will be reading the story of *Nimesh the Adventurer*, written by Ranjit Singh. Nimesh is walking home from school. Except there happens to be a shark in the corridor. And a dragon in the library!

Join us at Z-arts for some themed arts and crafts activities before listening to the story.

## THE BIG DRAW

Saturday 6 October  
10am - 12pm, free

The Big Draw Festival 2018 is all about letting loose, embracing happy accidents, and discovery! Kids and big kids alike can join visual artist Suzanne for a day of creating, playing and drawing!

All Ages



## CHARLIE COOKE'S FAVOURITE BOOK

Monday 29 October -  
Friday 2 November

Week long activity

10am - 12pm OR 1pm - 3pm

Free for Bright Sparks Members

Taking inspiration from Julia Donaldson and her hero Charlie Cooke, who is reading a book about a pirate captain... You will write and illustrate your own picture books within a picture book, learning lots of creative writing and illustration techniques!

Ages 6-10



## HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday 27 October  
2pm- 4pm,

booking in advance advised

£6 for one adult & one child.

£3 for extra adult & children tickets

Join us for a spooky party where we'll be in Julia Donaldson inspired fancy dress. Get creative with a Room on the Broom themed arts activity. Plus lots of fun and games for the whole family to enjoy.

All Ages

## Z-EARTH FUN DAY

Saturday 24 November  
11am - 3pm, free

Z-Earth family fun day takes inspiration from nature and ecology, exploring both through arts, crafts and arts activities for all ages! Created by a team of young people, this fun day will be jam-packed with things to do and see inspired by the great outdoors.

All Ages

## BLACK BEAUTY CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

Saturday 1 December,  
12pm - 4pm, free

Join us on our free festive fun day where you can make cards, gifts, decorations and more with a theme of celebrating courage, friendship and our love of animals.

All Ages

## BRIGHT SPARKS WINTER SHOWCASE

Monday 17 December

Pay as you feel - suggested donations £2+ for adults and £1+ for children.

Our resident thespians are performing for your festive delight. After a full term gaining new skills, it's time to show them off to their friends and family. So get your clapping hands ready to show your appreciation.

All Ages



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## Sunday 21 October Z-ACCESS FAMILY FUN DAY

10am - 2pm  
Free

Our free fun-day specially designed for families and friends with additional requirements and disabilities returns. Come along to enjoy drama, dance, music, arts and crafts together as a family. Our trained staff, facilitators, and BSL interpreter will be at Z-access to welcome you and support you. As part of Z-access, a relaxed performance of *A Square World* (page 4) will be taking place at 11am. House lights will be kept on and you can come and go as you need to.

## Friday 12 October, Friday 2 November & Friday 7 December RUSH HOUR JAM with Arun Ghosh

5pm - 7pm  
Free

Hectic day? Get ready to unwind with some live music with award-winning jazz artist Arun Ghosh and his guest artists at Z-café!

With a house band, including local young musicians, *Rush Hour Jam* is a chance for you to enjoy a relaxed evening of open-hearted music and amazing jazz vibes. Part of Family Fridays at Z-café



Age	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Preschool - 5 years	11.00am - 11.45am Let's Imagine Let's Create Let's Dance Let's Do Yoga		
6 - 10 years	4pm - 4.45pm Drama Stars  4.45pm - 5.30pm Drama Stars	4pm - 5pm Pop Stars <i>Music &amp; singing each week</i>  4pm - 4.45pm Yoga Stars (ages 5-8) <i>Explore yoga with themes such as nature and animals.</i>  5pm - 6pm Film Stars <i>Learn digital skills including film-making, animation, sound, design and more.</i>	4pm - 4.45pm Art Stars  5pm - 6pm Cheer Stars <i>Our new class is for boys and girls who like cheerleading, acrobatics and dance.</i>  5.15pm - 6pm Art Stars
11+ years	4.30pm - 5.30pm Z-Artists  5.45pm - 7pm ZYP		
Family			

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		9.30am & 10.30am (ages 4 - 6) Ballet Attitude Elemental <i>Learn ballet</i>  10am & 11am (ages 4 - 6) Beat Street Elemental <i>Learn street dance</i>  11.30am - 12.15pm (ages 4 - 6) Drama Stars
4pm - 4.30pm Ballet Attitude Elevate  4.30pm - 5pm Tap Attitude Elevate  5pm - 5.30pm Beat Street Elevate		Ages 7-10 10am - 11am Drama Stars  11.30am - 12pm Ballet Attitude Elevate  12pm - 12.30pm Tap Attitude Elevate  12.30pm - 1pm Beat Street Elevate
5.30pm - 6.15pm Beat Street Supreme <i>Learn street dance</i>		
	Friday Night is Family Night 3pm - 5pm Lego & Games Café <i>Weekly Lego challenges and board games to play with your family.</i>  5pm Family Cinema Club <i>Classic books &amp; stories is this season's theme for our screenings!</i>	10.30am - 11.30am Family Art Stars  12.30pm - 1.30pm Family Art Stars



Saturday  
6 October

## EMERGENCY 2018

12pm - 10pm | Pay what you decide

Presented by Word of Warning

A day out for the curious. Manchester's manic micro-marathon of the bizarre is back — from gallery 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.



Monday 5  
- Friday 9  
November  
& Mon 12th  
- Fri 16th  
November

## SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

All Ages

7pm | £9.75 - £7.75 (Group rate £6.50)  
Run time: 2.5 hours including 15min interval

Shakespeare Schools Foundation is proud to present the world's largest youth drama festival at Z-arts. See Shakespeare's timeless stories brought to life like never before, and support young people from your community as they take to the stage.



Wednesday  
21 -  
Saturday 24  
November

## CINDERELLA

Ages  
4+

Wednesday - Friday eves: 7.30pm  
Saturday mat: 12.30pm  
Saturday eve: 5.30pm | £14 - £17

Run time: 2.5 hours including interval

South Manchester AOS presents *Cinderella*. You shall go to the ball! Step into Christmas for the must-see show of the season. A truly magical rags-to-riches tale with superb song and dance routines, hilarious comedy and special effects.



Wednesday 28  
November -  
Saturday 1  
December

## GUYS AND DOLLS

Ages  
8+

Eve: 7.30pm | £11 - £16  
Run time: 2.5 hours including interval

MMY Graduates are back with a touch of class with the 1950's musical comedy *Guys and Dolls*. Frank Loesser's musical is about rolling the dice and falling in love under the bright Manhattan lights. A hilarious tale of the most unlikely of New York city pairings: Sky, a high-rolling gambling ladies' man, meets Sarah Brown, a defiant and highly strung missionary girl.

By becoming a regular support of Z-arts, you will be helping to nurture and inspire generations of young people from across Manchester and beyond!  
Complete the form overleaf and return to Z-arts Box Office.



## SEEDLING: GIVE FROM £4 - £9 A MONTH



By becoming a seedling, you will:

- Sponsor a book, which will proudly feature your name and will inspire our pre-school programme Let's Create and Let's Imagine
- Have your donation recognised on the Z-arts website
- Be invited to one special Z-arts event in the year

## LEAF: GIVE BETWEEN £10 - £25 A MONTH



For this amount, you will become a leaf and you'll:

- Be invited to our VIP events throughout the year
- Have your donation recognised on the Z-arts website so everyone can see how amazing you are
- Sponsor a pair of dance shoes, which will proudly feature your name and will inspire young people in our ballet, beat and tap classes

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy to be recognised publicly: Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear off this page and send the completed form to:  
Z-arts, 335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA or hand to a member of staff



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- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by writing to your Bank or Building Society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also send a copy of your letter to us

## Enjoy a cuppa at Z-café

Whether you're visiting to see a show, attend a class or are just feeling peckish, Z-café is the perfect place to grab a bite to eat and something to drink, free wifi available.

Breakfast is available on Monday and Saturday 9.30am - 11 am.

Lunch is served Monday to Saturday between 12pm and 2pm.

## Friday Night is Family Night!

Friday night at Z-café is Family Night! With board games to play, and Arun Ghosh's Rush Hour Jam (see page 7), Fridays at Z-café are a chance to relax and have fun once the week is done!





## How to book

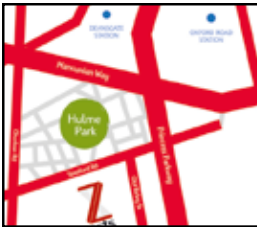
**Opening hours:** Monday - Friday 9am - 9pm. Saturday 9am - 5pm

**Tickets and info:** 0161 232 6089

**Online:** [z-arts.org](http://z-arts.org)

M15 resident? Concession tickets available for Hulme residents on certain productions.

## Getting to Z-arts



**Walk:** 20 minutes walk from Oxford Rd & Deansgate train stations

**Bus:** There are regular bus services from the city centre: 250, 256 and 263 pass just outside

**Car:** there is ample on-street parking in the area.

## Accessibility

Anyone who requires a companion can book an Essential Companion ticket at no extra charge. Hearing loops/headsets and protective headsets available for theatre performances and events. There is access to various areas of the building via a lift. There are more details online at [z-arts.org/access](http://z-arts.org/access). If you have any questions, please come and chat to us at Box Office or by calling 0161 232 6089.

## Talk to us on social media.



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