

Manchester's venue for children, families and friends

September – December 2019

# What's On

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# FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY 11 OCT - SUNDAY 3 NOV 2019**

Welcome to the Big Imaginations Festival, bringing the best theatre for children and families to 40 venues in the north of England! The festival includes work from international artists and a premiere of Stitch Brothers Patchwork Wonders. There's also lots of extra activities to get stuck into before and after the shows.

**What are you waiting for?**



**Friday 11 & Saturday 12 October**

## Stitch Brothers Patchwork Wonders

Performed and created by **Arun Ghosh, Fabric Lenny & Jason Singh**

Join the Stitch Brothers on a genre-bursting journey of beatboxing, live drawing, animation, jazz, hip hop and South Asian folk music.

**Times:** 6:30pm (Fri), 11am & 2:30pm (Sat)

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 60 minutes

**Suitable for:** 5 – 8 year olds



**Saturday 19 October**

## iPet

Presented by **Bontehond (Netherlands)**

How can you stay smart if you don't have to think for yourself anymore? A hilarious performance for the youngest audience with music, magic and movement.

**Times:** 11am & 2:30pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 45 minutes

**Suitable for:** 3+





**Saturday 26 October**

## The Mystery of Raddlesham Mumps

Written and performed by **Murray Lachlan Young**

Presented by **Matthew Linley Creative Project**

An unfortunate inheritance. A creepy butler. Bizarre and hilarious deaths. With a brilliant score and a touch of silliness – dare you discover Raddlesham Mumps? A gothic horror for all the family.

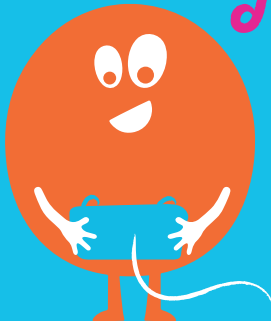
**Time:** 2:30pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 60 minutes

**Suitable for:** 7 years +

Post-show discussion immediately after the performance – available to book when you book your ticket.



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**Saturday 2 November**

## Mini

Presented by **Compagnia TPO (Italy)**

A mobile of shapes above an empty space. Two characters – one round, the other pointy, one blue, the other red... *Mini* lets children experience sensations and emotions through games of contrasts.

**Times:** 2pm & 3pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 35 minutes

**Suitable for:** 2 – 4 year olds



**Sunday 3 November**

## Kaleidoscope

Presented by **Filskit Theatre**

Reds and blues, yellows and greens. Twinkling lights that glitter and gleam. A world filling with colour. This is *Kaleidoscope*, a brand-new piece of theatre for babies.

**Times:** 11am, 12pm & 2pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 25 minutes

**Suitable for:** 6 – 18 months



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Until December 2019

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

Now  
booking  
for school  
visits



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Scholastic Children's Books, Macmillan Children's Books and Magic Light Pictures.

## Various times Fridays, Saturdays and Holidays

“Once upon a time there was a boy called Charlie Cook, Who curled up in a cosy chair and read his favourite book. . .”

*A World Inside a Book: Gruffalos, Dragons and Other Creatures* continues into the winter season at Z-arts. Christmas trees are up and snowballs seem to have found their way into the deep dark wood. Come and share Julia and Axel’s snowy stories including firm family favourites *Stick Man* and *The Gruffalo’s Child*.

Now is the time to explore the brilliant 3-D technicolour world of the best loved author and illustrator pairing, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. The much acclaimed, ‘*A World Inside a Book*’ is due to end in December 2019. If you’ve already enjoyed the immersive exhibition of their work, come back for one last visit to see your favourite characters, enjoy the stories and take part in brand new arts and craft activities based on the Stick family and our friends from the Gruffalo books.

Your ticket includes free arts activities inspired by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler’s stories.

**Cost:** £7 / £3 for babes in arms

**Suitable for:** 0 – 8 year olds

See website or speak to our Box Office for more details

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**Coming in 2020**  
*The Tiger Who Came To Tea*  
and the adventures of  
*Mog The Forgetful Cat,*  
Judith Kerr

### Special Events:

#### Gruffalo Live Appearance!

Friday 22 November

Friday 13 and Saturday 14 December

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 December

Cost: £10

#### Super Fan Ticket!

Friday 13 and Saturday 14 December

Watch The Scarecrows’ Wedding, visit the exhibition and meet the Gruffalo all in one day.

Cost: £22.50

More details on the website

### Access events:

#### Relaxed:

Sunday 13 October All day

Tuesday 29 October 10am

Thursday 31 October 10am

Friday 15th November 3.30pm

Friday 6th December 3.30pm

#### Autism Friendly:

Wednesday 30 October 10am

Friday 1 November 10am

#### BSL:

Sunday 13th October 1pm



**Saturday 28 September**

## Little Monster

Presented by **Touched Theatre**

*We're here to tell a story.  
We're headed on a quest.  
We're off to find the monster!  
Will you come?*

*Little Monster* is an inventive, exciting new puppetry show inviting 3-5 year olds and their grown-ups on a magical journey to find the mysterious monster that's made everyone else run away.

Created by the award-winning team behind acclaimed early years hit *Twinkle Twinkle*, this heart-warming puppetry treat will enchant young and old with visual invention, magical music and some loveable puppet monsters.

**Times:** 10.30am, 12pm & 2pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 45 minutes

**Suitable for:** 3 – 5 years

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**Saturday 30 November**

## Drag Queen Storytime

Presented by **Z-arts** and **STUN**

Back by popular demand! All aboard The Nightbus for a morning of snowy stories. Presenting a Storytime like no other, The Nightbus is fully fuelled and ready to take us all on a winter adventure. Storytime for children and adults alike.

There will be art and craft activities first so you can use what you make to help tell the story.

**Times:** 10.30am & 12pm

**Cost:** £3

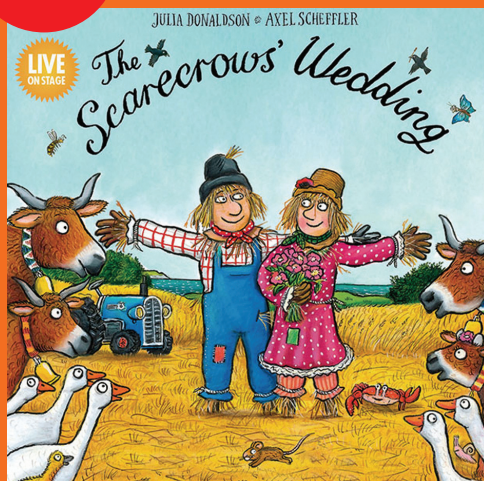
**Run time:** 30 minutes

**Suitable for:** 3+

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Christmas  
2019!

Free arts activities available for all



Wednesday 11 December –  
Saturday 14 December

## The Scarecrows' Wedding

Presented by Scamp Theatre

Betty O'Barley and Harry O'Hay are excellent scarecrows. Their wedding plans are all coming together until Harry leaves Betty's side and the devilishly smooth Reginald Rake tries to take Harry's place. Will Harry make it back in time to save their special day?

This heart-warming and award-winning adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's bestselling book is bursting at the seams with Scamp Theatre's inimitable style.

**Times:** 10.30am & 1pm

**Cost:** £11

**Run time:** 55 minutes (no interval)

**Suitable for:** 3+

## Friday 20, Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 December Twinkle Twinkle

Presented by Touched Theatre

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

*Twinkle Twinkle* is a heart-warming adventure in melody and light, made especially for very young audiences for Christmas by an award-winning team of artists. The show features brilliant puppetry, magical interaction and a gorgeous original score. Join Marty on his quest to find the brightest star in the sky, and inside all of us.

**Times:** 10.30am, 12pm & 2pm

**Cost:** £6 – £9

**Run time:** 30 minutes including stay and play

**Suitable for:** 1 – 3 years



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# Regular classes

	Preschool	Ages 5 – 7 years
<b>Monday</b>	11am – 11.45am Let's Yoga, Let's Make Noise, Let's Dance, Let's Create (on rotation each week)	4pm – 4.45pm Drama Stars
<b>Tuesday</b>		4pm – 4.45pm Yoga Stars
<b>Wednesday</b>		4pm – 4.45pm Art Stars
<b>Thursday</b>		3.45pm – 4.15pm Contemporary Ballet 4.15pm – 4.45pm Urban Tap
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>		9.30am & 10.30am Contemporary Ballet 10am & 11am Beat Street 9.30am – 10.15am Drama Stars 11.45am – 12.30pm Drama Stars





# FREE for Bright Sparks members

## Ages 8 – 11 years

## Age 12+

## Family

**4.45pm – 5.30pm**  
Drama Stars

**4.30pm – 5.30pm**  
Z-Artists

**5.45pm – 7pm**  
Z-arts Young Performers

**4pm – 5pm**  
Pop Stars

**5pm – 6pm**  
Cheers Stars

**4pm – 5pm**  
Digital Discoverers

**5.15pm – 6pm**  
Art Stars

**4pm – 7pm**  
Levi's Music Project  
Drop In

**5pm – 5.30pm**  
Contemporary Ballet

**5.30pm – 6pm**  
Urban Tap

**6pm – 6.45pm**  
Beat Street

**5pm – 8pm**  
**18+**  
Levi's Music Project  
Drop In

Booking for classes is essential. All classes are available to book one week in advance. To become a **Bright Sparks** member, visit our website or speak to our Box Office

**3.30pm**  
Family Lego, Game & Craft Club

**5pm**  
Family Cinema Club  
(from Oct)

**10.15am – 11.15am**  
Drama Stars

**11.30am – 12pm**  
Contemporary Ballet

**12pm – 12.30pm**  
Urban Tap

**12.30pm – 1pm**  
Beat Street

**11pm – 12pm**  
Family Arts Stars  
**12.30pm – 1.30pm**  
Family Arts Stars

## Z-arts special events

Friday 13 September

### The BFG (PG) Film Club Screening

Join us for a FREE screening of *The BFG*, one of our favourite books by one of our favourite authors! Dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl hero for the **The Dahlicious Dress Up Day** to help raise money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

Make a dream catcher before the film and reserve your seat in our cinema for just £1.

**Time:** 4 – 5pm Make your own Dreamcatcher

5 – 7pm Film screening

**Cost:** £1 each for arts and craft plus film screening. Booking essential

**Suitable for:** All ages (Film is rated PG)



Saturday 14 September

### Ministry of Lost and Found

Leo Lost hasn't been seen since the Ministry's 123rd anniversary last year and Frankie Found needs your help to track him down. Is he lost, hiding or has something more mysterious happened?

**Time:** 11am – 4pm

**Cost:** FREE – no booking required

**Venue:** Central Library, Manchester

**Suitable for:** The whole family



Monday 7 October

### National Poetry Day

Find your inner poet with our resident artists on National Poetry Day. Using art, music and movement we'll be responding to the well-loved poem, *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Edward Lear.

**Time:** 10 – 10.45am & 11 – 11.45am

**Cost:** FREE – booking essential

**Suitable for:** preschool



## Sunday 13 October

# Z-access Family Fun Day

Our free family access day returns, this time with accessible drama, dance, music and arts and crafts activities themed around the Big Imaginations Festival! All the activities are free and are designed specifically for people with disabilities and additional requirements.

**Time:** 10am – 2pm

**Cost:** Free – booking required.

**Suitable for:** The whole family

In partnership with Manchester Literature Festival and supported by Santander Foundation.

There are relaxed and BSL performances of *A World Inside a Book: Gruffalos, Dragons and Other Creatures* which will be taking place on Sunday 13 October.

**Tickets:** £6 – £7

See page 2 for details.



## Sunday 13 October

# Grimm & Co Takeover

Presented in partnership with **Manchester Literature Festival**.

Immerse yourself in stories, make your own wands and brew potions with Grimm and Co – come and unleash your imagination!

**Times:** 12.30pm / 1.45pm / 3pm

**Cost:** £10

**Run Time:** 1 hour

**Suitable for:** 8 – 11 years

**Tickets:** [manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](http://manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)



## Saturday 7 December

# The Magic Of Christmas Past

Hulme 1843. Join a time-travelling Z-arts team for Victorian games, seasonal stories told by Christmas Carol characters, Christmas craft activities and maybe a snowball fight!

**Cinema:** *A Muppets Christmas Carol* and *Scrooged*

**Time:** 12 – 4pm

**Cost:** £2 for all time travellers!

Booking advised.

**Suitable for:** The whole family

# October Half Term



## Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November Spooky Tales

Join us for half term activities inspired by the spectacularly spooky *Raddlesham Mumps!* Use physical theatre, drama and comedy to bring eccentric ancestors to life and use a range of creative techniques to make a spooky family cast of puppets to perform in your own handmade travelling theatre kit.

**Time:** 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm

**Cost:** Frighteningly FREE!

(15 places per time slot, must be available for the whole week)

**Suitable for:** 6 to 10 years

**Saturday 16 November**

## Bright Sparks Dance Showcase

Watch your very own budding dance star in our bi-annual showcase with a festive feel.

**Time:** 2.30pm

**Cost:** Pay what you feel



**Monday 2 December**

## Bright Sparks Drama Showcase

Our young stars of the stage perform for your wonder and delight!

**Time:** 6pm

**Cost:** Pay what you feel



# Friday Night is Family Night

Every Friday in Z-cafe

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Visit Z-cafe for free Lego, board games and arts activities every Friday! Each week we explore a different theme through arts and crafts. There are snacks and drinks available to purchase so you can unwind and relax.

**Time:** from 3.30pm

**Friday 6 September, Friday  
11 October, Friday 1 November  
Friday 6 December**

## Family Jam

Join us in Z-café for Family Jam – an upbeat and vibrant evening of amazing live music where people of all ages can enjoy the music, jam along with percussion instruments and play some games.

**Time:** 4.30pm – 6.30pm

**Cost:** Free

**Suitable for:** all ages

Friday 4 October

## Family Cinema Club Relaunch with IntoFilm

Cinema without the price tag! Relaunching for Autumn 2019 our family film club is back every Friday night. Join us for this special event in partnership with IntoFilm for a great film, goodie bags and popcorn galore. Then each week will be a different film from our IntoFilm curated season.

**Time:** 5pm

**Cost:** Free – booking advised

**Suitable for:** all ages (check the our website for weekly film age guidance)



## Visiting Productions

Take a look at some of the productions our friends are sharing at Z-arts this season!



Manchester  
Musical Youth  
*Apprentices*

**Saturday 19 October**

### South Brook Hits the Road

Presented by Manchester Musical Youth

The MMY Apprentices are delighted to present their first devised show.

South Brook School is your usual bubbling community hub, full of the usual groups of popular kids, geeks and pranksters. A day trip to London to see a show is seemingly the highlight of the year but add into this a grumpy bus driver with a dodgy coach, two stressed chaperones and three quarrelling teachers and you have the makings of a day to remember!

**Times:** 2pm & 7pm

**Cost:** £16 (£11 concessions & under 10s)

**Run time:** 90 minutes (inc. interval)

**Suitable for:** all ages

### Wednesday 20 – Saturday 23 November **Aladdin**

Presented by South Manchester AOS

Following the success of their sell-out production of *Cinderella* last year, South Manchester AOS return to Z-arts to take you on a classic adventure to Old Peking with this year's pantomime favourite... *Aladdin!*

Packed with superb song & dance routines, hilarious comedy and magical special effects – there's no better way to kick start your Christmas than with their traditional pantomime!

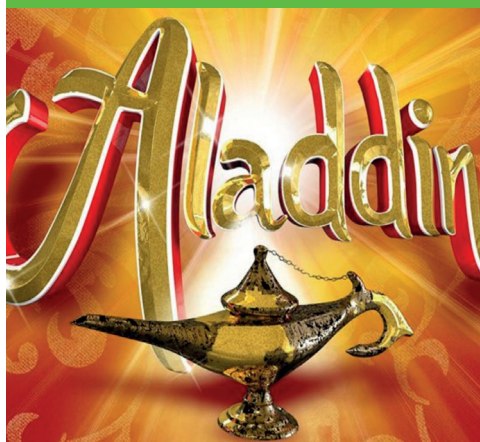
**Times:** 7.30pm (Wed-Fri)

12:30 & 5.30pm (Sat)

**Cost:** £17 (£14 concessions & under 10s)

**Run time:** 120 minutes (inc. interval)

**Suitable for:** 5+



# Information

## Getting here

**Walk:** 20 minutes from Oxford Road and Deansgate train stations

**Bus:** There are regular bus services from the city centre: the 250, 256 and 163 pass just outside

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



## Opening hours

Monday – Friday: 9am – 9pm.

Saturday: 9am – 5pm

## Tickets and info

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Telephone: 0161 232 6089

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

## M15 resident?

Concession tickets are available for Hulme residents. Speak to our Box Office team for more details.

## Accessibility at Z-arts

We want to ensure our activities and our building are accessible and inclusive for all, and we are always working to improve our facilities.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about accessibility, please contact:

**Access Officer: Emma Hardman**

0161 226 1912

[Emma@z-arts.org](mailto:Emma@z-arts.org)

**Our Box Office**

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- For visual stories, plain text documents and more, visit our access page on [z-arts.org/access](http://z-arts.org/access)
- Essential Companion tickets are available at no extra charge.
- Ear defenders are available.
- Personal hearing loops are available at our Box Office for use within our theatre. Some of our other spaces have been fitted with a hearing loop.
- There are accessible toilets throughout the building.
- Our building is accessible with ramps and lifts throughout.



“I don't want to go home, I want to stay here forever!!”

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