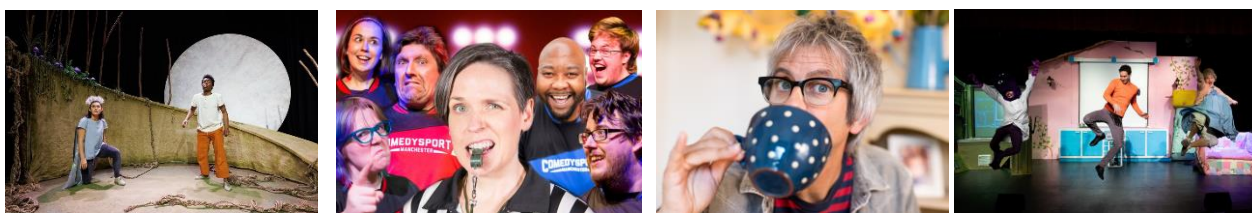


MEDIA RELEASE

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Fabulous half term theatre at Waterside this October



Waterside in Sale, Trafford presents a fantastic selection of family theatre this half term – running over both weeks to cater for all holiday periods. From magical fairytales to family comedy and classic children’s books there’s certain to be something to suit all families and children from ages 3 - 11.

The Chronicles of Atom & Luna – on **Sunday 20 October** - is an epic fairytale by the acclaimed poet **Murray Lachlan Young**. Set in a world full of myths, fairytales, woods and magic this is a story about strong and curious siblings who go on a magical adventure through nature - think *Grimm Fairy Tales* meets *His Dark Materials* with a touch of Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett!

Atom and Luna are inseparable twins who have always obeyed the golden rule: never, ever go into the deep, dark wood. But these are no ordinary twins, and when their world is turned upside down, they must break the rules to save their extraordinary friend, Iffly Sney..

The show is suitable for ages 6+.

Waterside stalwart **ComedySportz** is back for half term on **Saturday 26 October** – the all action, all improvised competitive comedy show that the whole family can enjoy (suitable for ages 7+).

Two teams battle it out for laughs with quick-witted gags, games, sketches and songs inspired by audience suggestions. There's a referee on hand to ensure a good clean match - it's a family friendly show after all - with penalties for bad behaviour and bad jokes. Who wins? The audience decides!

There are plenty of opportunities for families to get involved in the action during this great night out for kids and adults alike.

CBeebies' star **Nick Cope** has been writing and recording his beautiful and totally unique songs for children and their families for over 10 years. He performs with his guitar and animations to sell-out crowds – and this is no exception, unfortunately **the shows on Sunday 27 October are already sold out!**

First written as a song in 1953 **There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly** was a chart topping hit for singer and actor Burl Ives before being adapted into the best-selling book by Pam Adams a few years later. This version, found in schools, nurseries and homes across the world is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary and to mark the occasion best-selling children's author Steven Lee (*How The Koala Learnt To Hug, Don't Dribble On The Dragon, I Spy With My Little Eye*) has turned this hugely popular tale into a magical musical stage show written especially for little ones to enjoy with their parents.

Steven says: *"The book was a favourite of my children and reading it to them reminded me how much I had loved it when my grandmother had read it to me."*

Steven is best known for his original stories so is it a surprise that he created what is essentially an adaptation of a known title?

"It probably is," he says, "but for those who like my original work, rest assured that I've popped in some of my own suitably silly twists, in keeping with the charming nonsense of the rhyme."

With a captivating combination of live action, animation and puppetry, this magical re-telling of **There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly** on **Friday 01 November** is sure to surprise and delight audiences of ages 3+.

Sun 20 Oct 14:30

The Chronicles of Atom & Luna

Sat 26 Oct 18:30

ComedySportz

Sun 27 Oct 11:00 & 14:00

Nick Cope's Family Show (SOLD OUT)

Fri 01 Nov 14:30

There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

For more information including prices and show duration see below or at:
watersidearts.org/family

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Production images can be found here: [Family shows Oct half term - Google Drive](#)

LISTINGS

**Funnelwick Limb in association with Theatre Porto and Eastern Angles presents
THE CHRONICLES OF ATOM & LUNA**

Sun 20 Oct 14:30

£13 / £11 / £40 Family of 4 | Age 6+

In the Robert Bolt Theatre

An epic fairytale by Murray Lachlan Young. Atom and Luna are twins. They never break any rules and never, ever go into the wood. But they are no ordinary twins. Atom and Luna are special. Atom can talk to the birds. Luna can control the moon. And now the forest is calling to them...So begins Atom & Luna's journey, an adventure that will change their lives forever.

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COMEDYSPORTZ

Sat 26 Oct 18:30

£8 / £6 | Age 7+

In the Chambers

Two teams of comedians will go for gold with quick-witted gags, games, sketches and songs in this all improvised show. Who wins? You decide!

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Nick Cope presents

NICK COPE'S FAMILY SHOW – **SOLD OUT!**

Sun 27 Oct 11:00 & 14:00

£15 / £13 | Age 3+

In the Robert Bolt Theatre

CBeebies' star Nick Cope has been writing and recording his beautiful and totally unique songs for children and their families for over 10 years - he performs with his guitar and animations to sell-out crowds.

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The People's Theatre Company presents

THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A FLY

Fri 01 Nov 14:30

£13.50 / £11.50 | Age 3+

In the Robert Bolt Theatre

The world's best loved nursery rhyme is brought to life just in time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pam Adams' best-selling book. With a captivating combination of live action, animation and puppetry, this magical re-telling of *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly* is sure to surprise and delight.

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WATERSIDE

Waterside is an award-winning, vibrant destination for performance, culture and events in the heart of Sale in Trafford, Greater Manchester.

Waterside opened in 2004 and has built a strong reputation for delivering high quality and engaging work, ranging from family theatre, interactive arts activity, performance, live music and regular comedy as well as high profile visual arts exhibitions.

With an important role to play in the local community, the venue welcomes over 100,000 visitors per year, stages the annual ten-day Refract Festival and the cultural LGBTQ+ celebration Pride in Trafford; and engages with over 7000 residents through the established participation programme.

The space houses a main auditorium (the Robert Bolt Theatre), a versatile conference and studio performance space (the Chambers), three exhibition spaces and a number of studios, meeting and workshop spaces, all used by a variety of different groups.

The Lauriston Gallery is open to the public six days a week and is free to visit. The venue is funded by Trafford Council and supported by Arts Council England, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.



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