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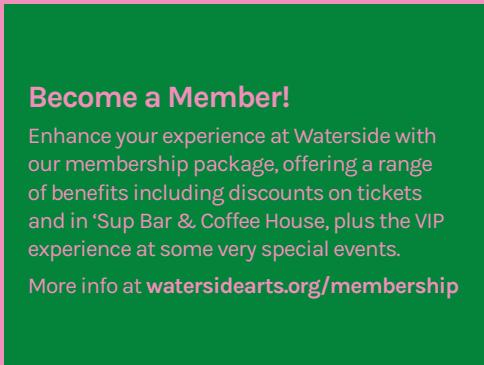
Welcome to our Spring/Summer season here at Waterside, it is a real pleasure to share a programme that reflects both where we have come from and where we are heading.

One of our proudest moments has been the opening of a new permanent home for the Cosgrove Hall Films Archive, just next door in Sale Library. Caring for this extraordinary collection has been a privilege and creating a space where audiences can connect with the legacy of Cosgrove Hall's world famous work feels like a truly significant moment for Waterside and for Trafford.

Looking ahead, 2026 also brings an exciting creative first with the launch of our very first in house production, Clothes Swap. This step marks an important moment in our journey, moving beyond presenting great work to making it too, which reflects our commitment to showcasing bold ideas, nurturing talent and making meaningful connection with our community.

As always, Waterside is a place to discover, to be inspired and to feel at home. On behalf of the whole team, we look forward to welcoming you and thank you for your continued support.

Darren Adams
Waterside Manager



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March



We Are Family: Six Kids and a Super-Dad

Presented by Oliver Sykes

Oliver's real-life childhood – rough, tough but happy – is taken from the page to the stage in this groundbreaking live poetry adventure. There's Dad's disgusting nettle soup, horrible home haircuts, and punishing press-ups. BUT then there's the joy of boxing lessons with Dad, fun family outings, jokes and pranks. A bold and funny adventure story for little rebels.

Tue 03 Mar 10:30 & 13:30

A show for schools | £5 per pupil | Teachers/Carers Free | Age 5+

The Chambers

FAMILY

Daliso Chaponda: Topical Storm

Presented by Impatient Productions

Topical Storm examines journalists, bloggers, fake news and satirical news, questioning if the reporting of news is endlessly polarising us as a society rather than educating us? In this explosive new standup show Daliso considers if we would be better off going right back to the first ever news bulletin and starting from scratch.

Wed 11 Mar 20:00

£18 / £17 | Age 14+

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY



1984

Presented by Box Tale Soup

Winston Smith, insignificant cog in the Party's vast machine, dreams of freedom, but is he the only one? Big Brother is watching and dreams can be deadly when rebellion begins with a thought.

Known for their ingenuity and slick storytelling, Box Tale Soup's unique puppetry becomes a striking metaphor for Orwell's chilling vision of power and control.

Thu 12 Mar 19:30

£18 / £10 schools | Age 12+

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF



Shaparak Khorsandi: Scatterbrain

Presented by Impatient Productions

Having reassessed her life through the prism of an ADHD diagnosis in last year's funny and moving memoir, one of Britain's most beloved and most scatterbrained stand-ups lets you back into her mind. Among other things, this show will be a love-letter to letter-writing, a trip back through her early years as a comic and woman-about-town, and a whirlwind tour of a chaotic, hilarious brain.

Sat 14 Mar 20:00

£19 | Age 14+

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY SPOKEN WORD



Ireland The Show

Presented by JMG Music Group

Join an all-star cast of the Ireland's most talented singers and performers, accompanied by the fabulous Keltic Storm band and world champion Gael Force Irish dancers for an unmissable show that will take you on a rip roaring journey through the decades of a globally loved culture.

Sun 15 Mar Doors 19:30

£30

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



The Simon & Garfunkel Story

Presented by MLM Concerts Ltd

Using huge projection photos and original film footage, the international hit show tells the story of the origins and meteoric rise of Simon & Garfunkel blended together seamlessly with a full live band performing all the hits including Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Homeward Bound and many more.

Wed 18 Mar Doors 19:30

£30

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Jarman

Presented by Mark Farrelly

This vibrant solo play brings Derek Jarman back into being for a passionate, daring reminder of the courage it takes to truly live while you're alive. Film-maker, painter, gardener at Prospect Cottage, gay rights activist, writer... his influence remains as strong as it was on the day he died and his story is one of the most extraordinary lives ever lived.

Thu 19 Mar 20:00

£15 | Age 14+

The Chambers

THEATRE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Pete Firman: Tricks & Giggles

Presented by Phil McIntyre Entertainments Ltd

Pete Firman is the UK's top comic magician. Join him for an evening of Tricks & Giggles, as Pete brings his trademark blend of magic and comedy from the small screen to stages around the UK with this brand-new show. Expect impossible feats, sleight of hand and big laughs from one of magic's most exciting performers.

Fri 20 Mar 19:30

£21 | Age 11+

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY

Reg Meuross - Fire & Dust: A Woody Guthrie Story

Presented by From The Whitehouse

Fire & Dust: a Woody Guthrie Story has fast become one of the most powerful and acclaimed folk productions on today's circuit. Through songs and narrative, it traces Guthrie's fight against racism, corruption and inequality, drawing poignant parallels with today's world. Blending Reg's masterful songwriting with Guthrie's enduring legacy; it is intimate, politically resonant, and deeply moving.

Thu 26 Mar Doors 19:30

£19 / £16 | Age 14+

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC

Second Best Bed

Presented by On A Role Ltd

When Shakespeare died, he famously left his wife Anne only one thing – the second best bed.

Liz Grand stars as Anne Hathaway on the night of Shakespeare's funeral. The wake has finished, the mourners have all gone home, leaving Anne to remember her life with the most talented playwright the world has ever seen. Or was he?

Fri 27 Mar 19:30

£17 / £15

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Justin Moorhouse: The Greatest Performance of My Life

Presented by Impatient Productions

Justin returns with a new show covering subjects ranging from pantomimes to dreams, how to behave in hospitals, small talk, realising his Mum is a northern version of Columbo, and how being a smart-mouthed kid saved him from a life of continually being beaten up. Above all else, it's the Justin you have come to expect. It's funny and interesting, and perhaps there's a little bit that warms the soul, too.

Sat 28 Mar 19:30

£18.50 / £8.50 | Age 14+

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY

A Squash and a Squeeze

Presented by Little Angel Theatre

Based on the original book written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler.

Once upon a time, a little old lady lived all by herself in her cosy cottage, but she wasn't happy - her house felt just too small. Whatever could she do? Join us for this heartwarming and hilarious adventure, full of beautiful puppets and enchanting songs.

Tue 07 Apr 16:30

Wed 08 - Thu 09 Apr 10:30 & 13:30

£17 / £15 / £60 Family | Age 3+

Robert Bolt Theatre

FAMILY



Invisible

Presented by Totally Visible Theatre Company

Five women meet up on a Saturday morning, as they have done every week for years, but this time they have a plan. A frank, fast-paced comedy drama dealing with how older women are perceived in society, their relationships and most importantly their 'invisibility'. With warmth and laugh out loud humour, the play explores navigating modern life as an older woman.

Fri 10 Apr 19:30

£17 / £15

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE | MEMBERS 10% OFF

Nearly Dan: The Spirit & Sound Of Steely Dan

Presented by Gary Davies

Nearly Dan honour Steely Dan with faithful performances while bringing their own unique spirit and spontaneous humour. Now in their 29th year, they tour 2026 with a new lineup, delivering deep cuts and classics in a two-hour show spanning albums from Countdown to Ecstasy to Aja, Gaucho and The Nightfly, too.

Sat 11 Apr Doors 19:30

£25

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Sisters360

Presented by Turtle Key Arts

Fatima and Salima are the closest, coolest, hijabi wearing step-sisters in all of Bradford with one goal: win the Tiny Is Mighty skateboarding competition. But when family tensions threaten their dream, only the greatest super-plan ever concocted can save the day in this funny, heartfelt play.

Tue 14 - Wed 15 Apr 11:30 & 14:30

£14 / £12 | Age 8+

Robert Bolt Theatre

FAMILY | MEMBERS 10% OFF

April



The Haar

Presented by From The Whitehouse

One of the most in-demand and unique live acts in the UK and Irish folk scenes today, The Haar arrive bring their spellbinding blend of Irish song and fearless musical invention to Waterside. Led by the stunning voice of Molly Donnery and featuring award-winning musicians Adam Summerhayes, Cormac Byrne and Murray Grainger, their live performances are spontaneous, immersive and deeply moving.

Fri 17 Apr Doors 19:30

£19 / £16

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Miles Hunt

Presented by The Gig Cartel

Miles Hunt, the acclaimed frontman of indie rock band The Wonder Stuff, will be heading to Waterside next spring to play songs and tell tales from his 40 years in music.

Sat 18 Apr Doors 19:30

£25.50

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



The Totally Improvised Musical

Presented by ComedySportz

Every night is opening night as this team of top improvisors create a completely unscripted comedy musical from your suggestions. This show from the award-winning team behind ComedySportz, promises a night of live music, laughter and songs. If you like musicals and you like comedy, then you will love this show!

Sat 18 Apr 20:00

£9.50 | Age 14+

The Chambers

COMEDY | MEMBERS 10% OFF



Henry Normal & Jan Brierton

Presented by Edge Street Live

Henry Normal, writer, poet, TV and film producer, and Dubliner Jan Brierton, present an evening of poetry and laughs. Henry will be reading poems from his new book An Alphabet of Storms whilst Jan's poems reflect on being a wife, mother, daughter, sister and retired raver. Expect a highly engaging evening.

Wed 22 Apr 19:30

£21 | Age 16+

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY | SPOKEN WORD



The Britpop Hour

Presented by Corrie McGuire Management

Join award-winning writer and comedian Marc Burrows for a multi-media stand up celebration of one of British music's most iconic and enduring movements, marking 30 years since the iconic Blur vs. Oasis chart war. Music journalist Marc dives into the stories, rivalries, OTT personalities as well as some of the finest music the UK has ever produced. Part nostalgic love letter, part send-up, part rock 'n' roll party. "Doyaknowwhatimean?"

Fri 24 Apr 19:30

£18

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY | LIVE MUSIC



T'Pau: Be Wonderful Tour 2026

Presented by RLN Music

Join Carol Decker & T'Pau on their first full UK tour in a decade playing all their hits, fan favourites and songs from their forthcoming album *Be Wonderful*. Rising to fame in 1987 with hit single *Heart & Soul* and No.1 smash hit *China in Your Hand*, they achieved multi-platinum success, multiple chart-topping records and major award nominations.

Sat 25 Apr Doors 19:30

£36

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Presented by National Production Company Ltd

Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a spellbinding comedy that whisks audiences into an enchanted forest filled with mistaken identities, mischievous magic and comic chaos. Four lovers, feuding fairies and a troupe of inept actors collide in a whirlwind of magic, mistaken identities and mayhem. This fast-paced, family-friendly production promises magic, mischief, and madcap entertainment for all ages.

Tue 28 Apr 13:00 & 19:30

£22 / £15 / £13 schools | Age 5+

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE



Damian Hall: Running Forever

Presented by Speakers From The Edge

Damian Hall is an ultrarunner, coach, author, climate activist and tea addict. In his first theatre tour, Damian – aka UltraDamo – will deliver stories of breaking long-distance running records and representing Great Britain, to running marathons dressed as a toilet and near-fatal mishaps. Hear about how to keep running long and strong and how our best years could still be ahead of us.

Thu 30 Apr 19:30

£20

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH MEMBERS 10% OFF





Emergence Dance 2026: Triple Bill

Emergence, the touring postgraduate dance company of Joss Arnott Dance and the University of Salford, presents a brand-new, triple bill of adrenaline-fuelled dance performed by a new company of extraordinary dancers.

New works by guest choreographers for 2026 include *Our Guests* by Jason Mabana and *Rapture* by Faye Stoeser who capture the raw physicality of the dancers. Artistic Director Joss Arnott and Lisa Marie Robinson complete the triple bill with a restaging of *Euphoria* featuring Arnott's signature, exhilarating movement language.

Fri 01 May | 19:30

£12/£10

Robert Bolt Theatre

DANCE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Havisham

Presented by Emu8 Theatre

Havisham offers a fresh perspective of Charles Dickens' greatest work of Gothic characterisation, Miss Havisham from *Great Expectations*. Miss Havisham is the embodiment of stuck trauma and malignant rage. But how did she arrive at this place and what are the tragic secrets of her calamitous past...?

Fri 01 May 19:30

£17 / £12 when you buy a ticket for

Room | Age 12+

The Chambers

THEATRE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**

Room: Inside The Creative Mind of Virginia Woolf

Presented by Emu8 Theatre

Award-winning actor Heather Alexander presents a powerful insight into Woolf's passionate creative journey. Highly critically acclaimed, this outstanding show provides a witty and provocative homage to one of feminism's brightest minds.

Sat 02 May 19:30

£17 / £12 when you buy a ticket for **Havisham**

Age 12+

The Chambers

THEATRE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



An Evening with Toyah: Songs & Stories

Presented by A Way with Media Productions Ltd

A singer and actor, a TV host and author, a BRIT Award winner and a film star – Toyah has worn many hats during a remarkable career spanning more than 50 years. The High Priestess of Punk burst onto the scene in 1976 as she forged dual careers as a musician and actress. Toyah will be singing favourite hits and telling stories from her remarkable career.

Sat 02 May 19:30

Meet & Greet 17:45

£30 Standard | £51 VIP | £81 Meet & Greet

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH



Third Class: A Titanic Story

Presented by Russell Lucas

A one-man show about Titanic survivor Edward Dorking, an openly gay third-class passenger sent to America to be 'fixed'. Following his journey from passenger to survivor, retelling his story to the public, and his fight for justice for overlooked third-class victims. Combining music, movement, projection, and historical fact, *Third Class* shines a light on an overlooked figure from a familiar tragedy.

Thu 07 May 19:30

£16 | Age 12+

The Chambers

THEATRE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**





Our 8th festival is the biggest yet! A packed 6-day programme celebrating some of the most exciting LGBTQ+ artists and voices of 2026. With theatre, comedy, dance and circus, Pride in Trafford has something for everyone from family events to late night cabaret. Check out our website for the full fabulously camp line-up.

Tue 12 – Sun 17 May



Macbeth Alone!

Presented by The Production Garden

A scintillating new version of one of Shakespeare's bloodiest plays. Macbeth Alone! is a thrilling and visceral reimagining of Shakespeare's most haunting tragedy. Set within one single cell, Chris Garner portrays every character, every betrayal, every daggered vision - summoned in real time through the voice, body, and unravelling soul of one performer.

Tue 19 May 19:30

£21 / £11 Schools | Age 12+

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF

Gary Delaney: Gary on Laughing

Presented by Impatient Productions

Following the success of his last tour, Gary is back doing it all again with a brand new show. All new jokes and utterly splendid filth. Come along. It'll be fun. Don't bring the kids or people who like to get their knickers in a twist. Do wear a TENA pad or dark trousers.

Fri 22 May 20:00

£28.50 | Age 16+

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY

The Haunting of Blaine Manor

Presented by Joe O'Byrne

Renowned American parapsychologist Doctor Roy Earle, famous for discrediting hauntings and exposing fake mediums, is invited to attend a séance in what is said to be the most haunted building in England, a building with a horrific history, Blaine Manor. Even the locals won't set foot there, as all who walk within those grounds will be cursed.

Sat 23 May 19:30

£26 / £21 | Age 10+

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF



The Utterly Revolting Science Show

Presented by Cross Platform TV

Brace yourselves for the Rude Science team's hilarious, high-tech, highly-explosive new journey through the human body, packed with burp biology, fart physics and revolting edible chemistry. On the surface it's a rollercoaster of disgusting experiments built to delight young audiences, but under the bonnet it's a brilliantly-constructed curriculum-driven adventure designed to inspire kids with a lasting fascination for science.

Sun 24 May 11:30 & 15:00

£18 / £16 | Age 5+

Robert Bolt Theatre

FAMILY **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Craig Revel Horwood: Revelations – Songs Boys Don't Sing

Presented by A Way with Media Productions Ltd

National treasure, longest-serving judge on BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing and master of the Glitter Ball comes to Waterside. After starting as a dancer, Craig worked on the nation's biggest musicals and became a choreographer, director and author. Now releasing his debut solo album, Revelations, he'll reveal his hidden talent during a Fab-U-Lous night of big songs, tall tales, and glamour.

Tue 26 May 20:00

Meet & Greet 18:30

£35 Standard | £51 Premium | £86 Meet & Greet

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH



John Robb with Special Guests Steve & Paul Hanley

Presented by Edge Street Live

Not just a well-known face from TV but also a best-selling author, musician, journalist, Louder Than War music website boss, Eco champion, vegan behemoth and punk rock warlord. To accompany the release of his new book Punk Rock Ruined My Life, he will talk about his memoirs and his adventures in punk and post punk.

Sat 30 May 20:00

£15

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH



Clothes Swap

Presented by Waterside Arts

Written by emerging playwright Liam Mansfield and inspired by his work as an LGBTQ+ youth worker, this powerful new play is set inside a youth club, a space of refuge, resistance and radical self-expression.

The story follows a group of queer young people navigating identity, belonging and the beautiful chaos of becoming themselves. At its heart is their fiercely protective but emotionally drained youth leader, alongside an outsider whose suspicion threatens the fragile safety of the group.

Honest, funny and deeply compassionate, the play explores what it means to be seen, supported and held by community. It celebrates the vital importance of spaces where queer young people can exist without explanation, while confronting the tensions that arise when those spaces are misunderstood or challenged.

This is a story about care, conflict and the power of showing up for one another.

Clothes Swap is the first in-house production by Waterside Arts and was originally developed by Green Carnation Theatre.

Wed 03 - Fri 05 Jun 19:30

Sat 06 Jun 14:30 & 19:30

£18 / £16 / £10 Under 18 | Age 12+

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE **MEMBERS 20% OFF**

June

Adriana Brownlee: Death Zone

Presented by Speakers from the Edge

Adriana Brownlee is the youngest woman to have climbed the world's second-highest and arguably most-notorious peak, K2, and the youngest woman to climb all 14 of the 8000m peaks. She will take you on a journey through one of the most hostile environments in the world, where no life can survive and share stories of highs and lows and near-death experiences.

Fri 19 Jun 19:30

£20

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



The Jungle Book

Presented by Immersion Theatre

A brand-new musical adaptation of the Rudyard Kipling family favourite. Filled with original music, audience interaction, and a host of larger-than-life characters, you are invited to join Mowgli and his friends on a madcap jungle adventure as they meet and attempt to outwit a slithering snake, some cheeky monkeys, and the fierce tiger, Shere Khan!

Sun 21 Jun 16:00

£14 / £12 / £48 Family of 4 | Age 4+

An outdoor performance in Walkden Gardens

FAMILY



ComedySportz

Two teams battle it out for laughs with quick-witted gags, games, sketches and songs inspired by your 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? You decide!

Sat 27 Jun 18:30

£9 / £7 | Age 7+

The Chambers

FAMILY **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



(You Are Witnessing) My Villain Era

Presented by Dark Horse Theatre

The culmination of 5 years of actor training with Dark Horse, one of the UKs most exciting learning disabled led theatre companies. With live sound score and the company's signature physical flare, this fierce, vibrant and sassy show asks why is it so damn fun to play the villain? And once we've started, where will it lead?

Thu 02 Jul 19:30

Fri 03 Jul 13:00

£9 | Age 14+

The Chambers

THEATRE



The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Presented by Tigers Tea Ltd

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger! Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos.

Sat 11 Jul 14:00 & 16:30

Sun 12 Jul 11:00 & 14:00

£17.50 / £6.4 Family of 4 | Age 3+

Robert Bolt Theatre

FAMILY

July

Coming Soon



The 39 Steps

Presented by Don't Go Into The Cellar

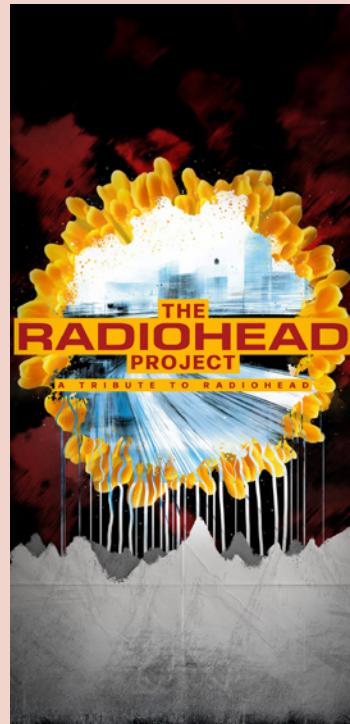
Award-winning actor Jonathan Goodwin writes and performs this brand new stage adaptation of the classic Edwardian spy thriller by John Buchan. He plays man-on-the-run Richard Hannay, falsely accused of a murder he did not commit. He is pursued across the moors of Scotland by a clandestine criminal organisation hell-bent on plunging the world into a global war. In a race against time, Hannay must evade capture and certain death at the hands of the criminals responsible.

Fri 04 Sep 19:30

£15 | Age 12+

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE | MEMBERS 10% OFF



The Radiohead Project

Presented by Maple Tree Entertainment

The Radiohead Project is a stunning live tribute show that celebrates one of the greatest bands of all time.

The show captures the depth and detail of Radiohead's iconic sound and brings Radiohead's artistry vividly to life through powerful visuals and lighting, inviting you on an unforgettable journey through the sound and spirit of Radiohead.

Sat 12 Sep Doors 19:30

£28.50

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC

Refract

A carefully curated programme, jilted from convention, for audiences of all ages, Refract is back July '26 with the seventh edition. Curated by Waterside Arts, our exciting festival of work takes place in and around Sale in Trafford.

Expect the unexpected as Trafford's award-winning arts destination is re-imagined both inside and out. This six day event promises bold performance and awe-inspiring experiences for everyone.

Tue 21 – Sun 26 Jul



Accessible Films for All

Our friendly screenings aim to make cinema more accessible to local communities by providing a fun and inclusive experience to enable people living with dementia or additional access needs, their families and carers to attend the cinema in a safe and welcoming environment.

watersidearts.org/films

Monthly Matinee Screenings on Wed 14:00

£7

Robert Bolt Theatre

MEMBERS 10% OFF





Jane Eyre

Presented by Conn Artists Theatre Company

Jane Eyre's fight for freedom, happiness and a sense of belonging, blazes from the cruelty of her childhood to the creepy corridors of Thornfield Hall, where she discovers passion, dark secrets, and a love that overcomes every obstacle.

Charlotte Brontë's gothic romance, swept against the backdrop of the Yorkshire moors, with a haunting atmosphere and unforgettable emotion, tells a story of independence, resilience, and the courage to follow one's heart.

Wed 30 Sep 19:30

£23 / £21 / £16 Students | Age 12+

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF



Russell Watson: An Intimate Evening With 'The Voice'

Presented by A Way with Media Productions Ltd

Russell Watson exploded onto the music scene with The Voice, a debut album that shattered records and won hearts across the globe. Since then, he's sold millions of albums, performed for royalty, presidents and popes.

Now, in his most intimate tour to date, Russell takes you on a journey through the highs and lows of an extraordinary life, sharing the personal stories behind the spotlight.

Expect powerful renditions of beloved classics and behind-the-scenes tales from a man who's truly lived it all.

Sat 17 Oct 20:00

Meet & Greet 18:30

£35 Standard / £51 VIP / £86 Meet & Greet

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH



COSGROVE HALL FILMS ARCHIVE

Danger Mouse, Count Duckula, Chorlton and the Wheelies and friends have a forever home in a dedicated gallery within the newly refurbished Sale Library, next to Waterside.

This remarkable collection celebrates a unique chapter in British animation film and TV history and holds a special place in the childhood memories of so many.

Featuring much-loved and iconic characters created by the award-winning Manchester studio, the exhibition adds an exciting new visitor experience to the library.

The exhibition features original puppets, props, sets, and scripts, displayed alongside the storybooks that inspired classics such as *The Wind in the Willows* and *The BFG*. As visitors meet their favourite characters – *Postman Pat*, *Noddy* and many more – they'll discover the fascinating history of the studio, explore the artistry behind the animation process, and celebrate a creative legacy that continues to inspire generations of storytellers and animators.

Cosgrove Hall Films' internationally acclaimed animation collection is now on permanent display in a new, purpose-built space in Sale Library.



Sale Library Opening Times:

Mon & Fri 10:00-19:00

Tue, Wed, Thu 10:00-17:00

Sat 10:00-16:00

Sun CLOSED

cosgrovehallfilmsarchive.co.uk



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Exhibitions

In the Lauriston Gallery | Free Entry

Great Northern Graduates

An exhibition of handmade contemporary craft, shining a light on talented graduates from craft and design courses, predominantly from the north of England. Working in partnership with the Great Northern Contemporary Craft Fair, the exhibition is the perfect chance for visitors to see and buy from the strongest graduate talent and features the work of the 24/25 winners of the Creative Industries Trafford Development Awards.

Sat 31 Jan – Sat 25 Apr



Before We Were Proud / The Pansy Project

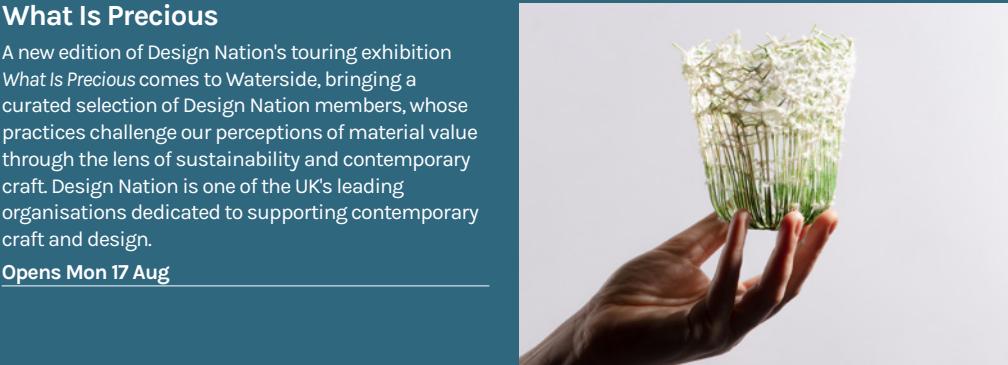
Launching to coincide with Pride in Trafford, the Lauriston Gallery will feature two photography exhibitions which aim to document stories from the LGBTQ+ community. Before We Were Proud (left) is an exhibition of portraits and interviews by photographer Steve Reeves, highlighting the personal histories of older members of the LGBTQ+ community. The Pansy Project (right) documents the quiet, yet powerful act of planting pansies at sites of homophobic and transphobic abuse worldwide by artist Paul Harfleet.

Sat 9 May – Sat 1 Aug

What Is Precious

A new edition of Design Nation's touring exhibition What Is Precious comes to Waterside, bringing a curated selection of Design Nation members, whose practices challenge our perceptions of material value through the lens of sustainability and contemporary craft. Design Nation is one of the UK's leading organisations dedicated to supporting contemporary craft and design.

Opens Mon 17 Aug



In Gallery '74 | Free Entry

Gallery '74 showcases two dimensional applied arts and photography to compliment the Lauriston Gallery programme. Exhibitions will include a graduate photography edition of Great Northern Graduates, featuring the work of two emerging photographers from Manchester School of Art (left); Transitions in Thread - a textiles exhibition featuring collections by artists who use weaving to illustrate narratives of transition (right); and a jewellery exhibition as one of the venues for the inaugural Manchester Jewellery Week.



Screenlight

Our Screenlight cinema booth in 'Sup Bar & Coffee House offers visitors an intimate space to watch contemporary video art projects from artists using moving image and animation in their practice.

For more information visit watersidearts.org/exhibitions.

Manchester Made Summer Craft Fair

A one day table top craft fair, showcasing high quality contemporary craft and design made by over 25 selected designer-makers from Greater Manchester. Visitors can expect a varied mix of crafts including jewellery, ceramics, textiles, print and woodwork in and around the distinctive Chambers here at Waterside. Now in its seventh edition, this year's Manchester Made Craft Fair will include an interiors edit, bringing together a collection of makers creating contemporary handmade products for the home.

Sat 18 Jul
The Chambers

Creative Industries Trafford

All events will be taking place at Waterside

Curator Development Scheme

A two-day series of talks and workshops to help aspiring curators to understand the sector and the skillset needed by those wanting to establish their curatorial careers.

Thu 05 & Fri 06 Mar | 10:00 - 16:00

Combined ticket £50 (for both days)

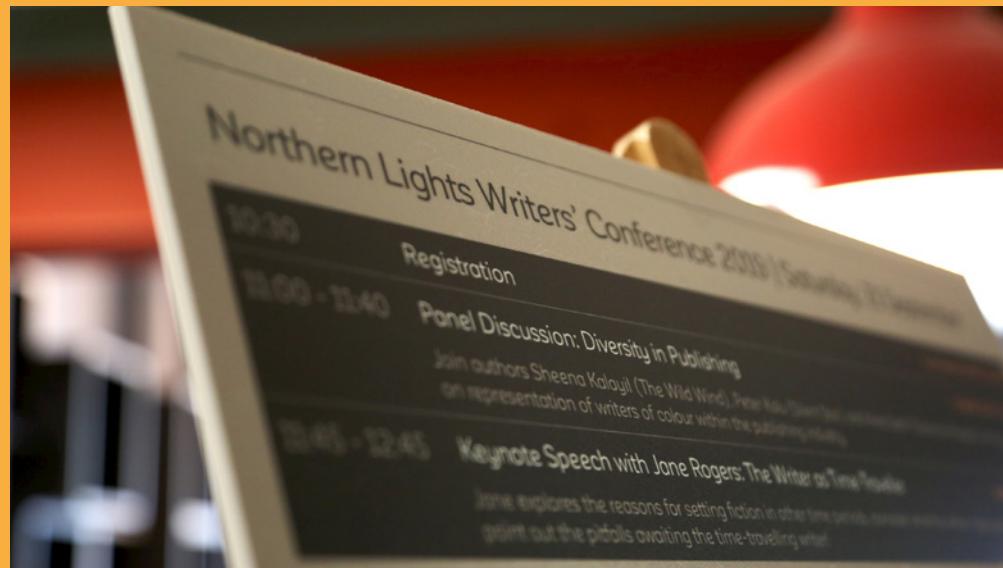
Breaking Ground

A showcase for work in development by some of the region's most talented performance-makers. Join us for a relaxed evening of ground-breaking new theatre and performance, plus a chance to share your thoughts about the work.

Thu 09 Apr | 19:30 - 21:15

£8 / £5

MEMBERS 10% OFF



Northern Lights Writers Conference

CIT's popular writers' event returns with a focus on the craft and business of writing – the conference brings industry figures and acclaimed authors together for a unique blend of drop-in advice sessions, panel discussions and creative workshops to help move your writing career to the next level.

Sat 09 May | 10:30 - 16:30

£40 / £25 (students)

Creatives Brunch Club

Our popular Creatives Brunch Club returns as a calendar staple. Expect a casual affair, with some delicious mid-morning treats to enjoy. We'll hear from some local creatives about the exciting projects they are working on and an opportunity to connect with others from the sector.

**Tue 17 Mar, 14 Apr, 19 May, 16 Jun, 14 Jul, 15 Sep
10:15 - 11:30**

A free event but booking essential

Presentation Skills for Artists

Led by voice coach Paul McFadden, this two-part workshop series is suitable for artists and creatives seeking more knowledge and confidence in public speaking, interviews and when presenting their work in public and online.

Fri 20 Mar & Tue 28 Apr | 13:00 - 15:00

Combined ticket £30 (for both sessions)

Open Level Adult Dance Class with Night People

Join us for a feel-good, open-level dance class, designed for all abilities.

Whether you're a total beginner, a secret bedroom dancer, or just looking to move, connect and have a good time, Night People offer an inclusive Open Level Adult Dance space for you to enjoy!

Expect a contemporary dance base, blended with energy and rhythm, inspired by dance floors and late-night raves. Guided by Night People Directors and company methods, join us for a movement experience... finding your own approach to party, groove and flow.

This is your space to move how you feel and rediscover the joy of dance in a safe, vibey, no-pressure zone.

Spaces are limited - grab your ticket to secure your spot.

Wed 04 Mar | 19:00 - 20:30

£7 | over 18s

MEMBERS 10% OFF



International Women's Day at Waterside

Creative Skills Workshops for International Women's Day

Facilitated by Ruth Ibegbuna and Wiebke Acton

This workshop is for women of all ages, cultural or social or religious backgrounds, cis or trans, small or tall, loud or shy. This workshop is for ALL women designed to celebrate women, to empower them, enhance their communications skills and boost their confidence through theatre; using self-reflection, uplifting conversations, creative writing and performance techniques.

Fri 06 Mar & Mon 09 Mar | 11:00 - 13:00

£10 for both sessions | Participants must attend both sessions



Yoga Rave for International Women's Day

Facilitated by Hebe Reilly & Maddy Edden

Join qualified yoga teacher Hebe Reilly and disco, funk & house DJ Misscothèque for a special yoga rave to celebrate International Women's Day, jam-packed with your fave '90s & '00s rave classics.

Yoga Rave is a fun fusion of guided floor based yoga moves and stretches (with accessible options available), free-style movement and dancing to a live DJ before we come back together for a guided cool down and relaxation – guaranteed to start your day with a stretch and a smile.

Everybody is welcome - there will be plenty of accessible options and space for freestyle movements.

Please bring your own exercise mat.

Sat 07 Mar

10.00 - 11.30 Mother & Daughter session

12:00 - 13:30 Adult only session

£10 | £5 | Age 8+

The Chambers



Celebrating Our Community at Waterside

A hub at the heart of Sale, Waterside is delighted to be a part of the local community and offer plenty of free or low cost arts activities to get involved in:



Volunteer
join our amazing team and help bring Waterside to life



Take part in our amazing classes
(for kids & adults) from dance and drama to crafts and creativity for all ages and skill levels



Grab a gift from our gorgeous shop
full of beautiful, handmade and locally-sourced treasures



Support your local am dram shows
community and local theatre productions



Visit Sup Bar & Café
for a brew and cake or set up your laptop at one of our informal workstations



Drop in to our Open Mic Poetry Nights
let your inner poet shine!



Visit our free exhibitions
inspiring artwork from brilliant local and national artists



Come along to an accessible film screening
monthly, inclusive, welcoming, and full of nostalgia.

Spring Summer 2026

March

03	We Are Family: Six Kids and a Super-Dad	10:30 & 13:30
11	Daliso Chaponda: Topical Storm	20:00
12	1984	19:30
14	Shaparak Khorsandi: Scatterbrain	20:00
15	Ireland the Show	19:30
18	The Simon & Garfunkel Story	19:30
19	Jarman	20:00
20	Pete Firman: Tricks & Giggles	19:30
25	The Greatest Showman: Sing-a-long (Accessible Films for All)	14:00
26	Reg Meuross - Fire & Dust: A Woody Guthrie Story	19:30
27	Second Best Bed	19:30
28	Justin Moorhouse: The Greatest Performance of my Life	19:30

April

07-09	A Squash and a Squeeze	times vary
10	Invisible	19:30
11	Nearly Dan: The Spirit & Sound of Steely Dan	19:30
14-15	Sisters360	11:30 & 14:30
17	The Haar	19:30
18	Miles Hunt	19:30
18	The Totally Improvised Musical	20:00
22	Henry Normal & Jan Brierton	19:30
24	The Britpop Hour	19:30
25	TPau: Be Wonderful Tour 2026	19:30
26	Huey Morgan: The Fun Lovin' Criminal	19:30
28	A Midsummer Night's Dream	13:00 & 19:30
29	The Roses (Accessible Films for All)	14:00
30	Damian Hall: Running Forever	19:30

May

01	Emergence	19:30
01	Havisham	19:30
02	Room: Inside the Creative Mind of Virginia Wolf	19:30
02	An Evening with Toyah: Songs and Stories	19:30
07	Third Class: A Titanic Story	19:30
12-17	Pride Festival	times vary
19	Macbeth Alone!	19:30
20	Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (Accessible Films for All)	14:00
22	Gary Delaney: Gary on Laughing	20:00

May (continued)

23	The Haunting of Blaine Manor	19:30
24	The Utterly Revolting Science Show	11:30 & 15:00
26	Craig Revel Horwood: Revelations – Songs Boys Don't Sing	20:00
30	John Robb with special guests Steve & Paul Hanley	20:00

June

03-06	Clothes Swap	times vary
17	Casablanca (Accessible Films for All)	14:00
19	Adriana Brownlee: Death Zone	19:30
21	The Jungle Book	16:00
27	ComedySportz	18:30

July

02-03	(You are witnessing) My Villain Era	times vary
11-12	The Tiger Who Came to Tea	times vary
15	The Ballad of Wallis Island (Accessible Films for All)	14:00
21-26	Refract	times vary

September

04	The 39 Steps	19:30
12	The Radiohead Project	19:30
19	Live/Wire - The AC/DC Show	19:30
25	Peter Green: Man of the World	19:30
26	ComedySportz	18:30
26	Emmeline Pankhurst: Angel or Anarchist?	19:30
30	Jane Eyre	19:30

Exhibitions

The Lauriston Gallery & Gallery '74

Great Northern Graduates

Sat 31 Jan - Sat 25 Apr

Before We Were Proud / The Pansy Project

Sat 9 May - Sat 1 Aug

What is Precious

Sat 15 Aug - Sat 24 Oct

How To Book

In Person

Mon - Sat 10:00 - 17:00 (later on event nights)

Sun: Open for performances only

Online

watersidearts.org

By phone

0161 912 5616

We do not charge booking fees online, in person or over the phone.

For details on ticket collection, concessions and group bookings, lost tickets, ticket refunds or exchanges and latecomers please visit FAQs at watersidearts.org/FAQs

Seating

The majority of shows in the Robert Bolt Theatre are reserved seating. Any shows taking place in the Chambers or standing events are generally unreserved. For more details contact Box Office.

Access

Waterside is a fully accessible venue, with a ramp to the entrance and wheelchair spaces in the theatres. Accessible seating bookable online. For further information call 0161 912 5616, visit watersidearts.org/access or email access@watersidearts.org

Galleries

Our galleries are open Mon - Sat 10:00 - 17:00 and later on event nights. Free entry, donations welcome.

Location

WATERSIDE

1 Waterside Plaza, Sale, Trafford, M33 7ZF

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We are located next to the Town Hall and Bridgewater Canal in Sale town centre, 20 minutes from Manchester city centre. We are directly opposite Sale Metrolink station and just off the A56 (Junction 7, M60). A 300-space Q-Park multi-storey car park is within easy walking distance on Broad Road.

Claim your 20% discount voucher at Box Office. (Applies to physical tickets only).

For sat nav directions, please use Q-Park's postcode M33 2AE.

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