

WATERSIDE



Autumn / Winter
Sep 26 – Feb 27

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Welcome to our Autumn/Winter season at Waterside. It's a pleasure to share a programme that brings together the breadth of what we do best - from theatre, comedy and live music to family shows, exhibitions and our popular 'Audience With' events.

This season invites you to discover new work, enjoy familiar favourites and spend time together in a place that feels welcoming and inspiring.

As we look ahead to the festive months, we're delighted to present our Christmas show *Mr Popper's Penguins*, alongside the return of Prism, our winter festival which transforms Waterside into an immersive celebration of light, sound and digital creativity.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Darren Adams
Waterside Manager

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& Gift Shop

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September

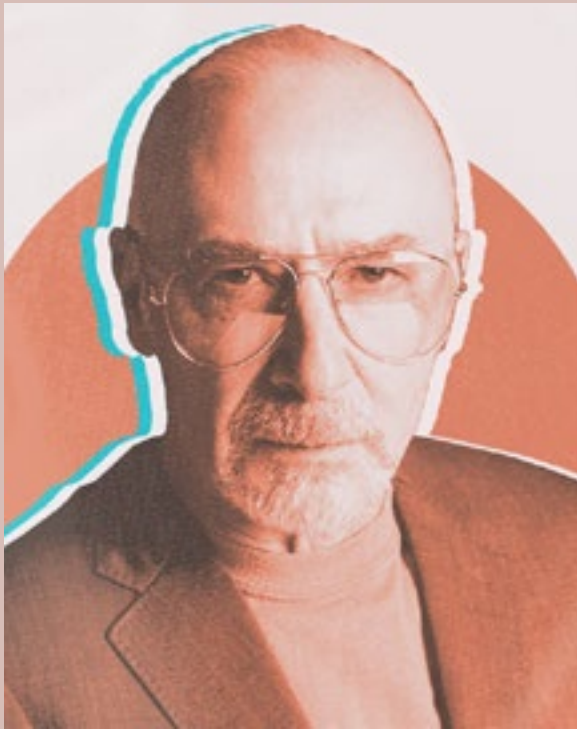
The 39 Steps

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. He plays man-on-the-run Richard Hannay, falsely accused of a murder he did not commit, who 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**





Graham Parker

Presented by The Gig Cartel

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the classic albums *Howlin' Wind* and *Heat Treatment*, Graham Parker presents his unique blend of soul, rock, wit and sharp storytelling in a way that few artists have matched, securing his place among the most enduring voices in rock and roll.

Tue 08 Sep Doors 19:30

£33.50

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Live/Wire – The AC/DC Show

Presented by The Gig Cartel

AC/DC, arguably the greatest rock band of all time, are brought to life by Live/Wire with the true passion you would expect from professional musicians who share your love of this legendary live act.

They deliver a critically acclaimed High Voltage rock 'n' roll set reliving some of those classic AC/DC concerts of the past.

Sat 19 Sep Doors 19:30

£26 | Age 14+

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



The Maes

The Maes bring their irresistible modern folk sound to Waterside for the first time. Expect lush harmonies and acoustic mastery on guitar, mandolin, fiddle and banjo with a timeless luminescence and simplicity to their songwriting.

Thu 17 Sep Doors 19:30

£16

The Chambers

LIVE MUSIC

MEMBERS 10% OFF



Harvest – A Celebration of Neil Young

Presented by Rikki Hansel

Exciting four-piece band Orange River Remedy take you on a journey down memory lane with their celebration of Neil Young's legendary album, *Harvest*. The album is performed in its entirety alongside many other Neil Young classics. The band will be joined by former Ocean Colour Scene member, Dan Sealey.

Tue 22 Sep Doors 19:30

£22

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC

MEMBERS 10% OFF



The Stars of Irish Country

Presented by JMG Music Group

Four of Ireland's most beloved entertainers come together for an unforgettable night of music, memories, and pure country magic. Featuring the legendary talents of John McNicholl, Shawn Cuddy, Sean Wilson, and Stephen Smyth, this spectacular live production celebrates the very best of Irish and country music.

Wed 23 Sep Doors 19:30

£28.50

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Paul Foot: The Future

Presented by Plosive Live

Pioneering alt-comedy hero and star of *Cats Does Countdown* Paul Foot is back with a brand new stand-up show. Remember when people were excited for the future with visions of jetpacks, friendly robots wheeling around, and solar-powered bidets? Well, we don't have visions like that anymore, do we?

Thu 24 Sep 20:00

£18 / £16 | Age 14+

The Chambers

COMEDY

Peter Green: Man of The World

Presented by Yardbird Arts

Guitarist Remi Harris will be joined by vocalist Dave Small, bassist Tom Moore and Shane Dixon on drums to celebrate the life and music of Peter Green, founder of the original Fleetwood Mac. Includes classics such as *Man Of The World*, *Black Magic Woman*, *Need Your Love So Bad* and *Albatross*.

Fri 25 Sep Doors 19:30

£21.50

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC MEMBERS 10% OFF



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Sat 26 Sep 18:30

£9 / £7 | Age 7+

The Chambers

FAMILY MEMBERS 10% OFF



Emmeline Pankhurst: Angel or Anarchist?

Presented by On A Role Ltd

A compelling one-woman drama exploring the life of suffragette leader Emmeline Pankhurst. She was one of the most influential and well-known British women to have ever lived and fought tirelessly for women to have the vote.

Sat 26 Sep 19:30

£17

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF



October



Jordan Wylie: Finding Purpose

Presented by Speakers from the Edge

Jordan's expeditions have taken him across all seven continents and to over 150 countries. Through extreme challenges and life changing experiences, he explores how the great outdoors can inspire better mental and physical well-being while empowering people to have a positive impact on the world.

Tue 29 Sep 19:30

£22

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH MEMBERS 10% OFF



Jane Eyre

Presented by Conn Artists Theatre Company

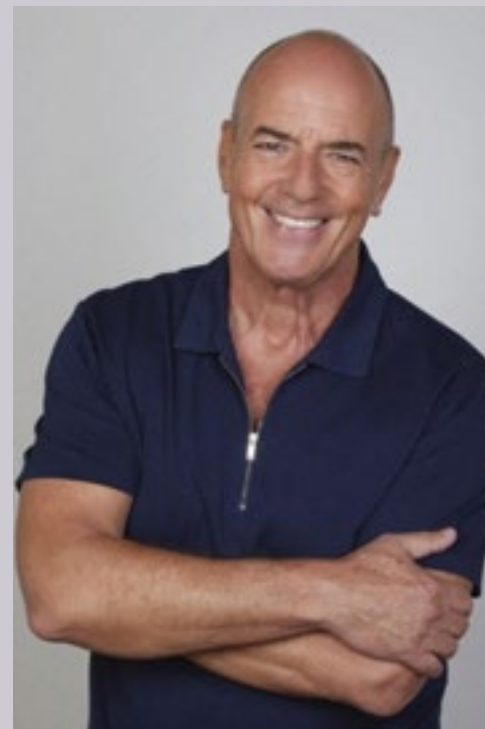
Charlotte Brontë's gothic romance, swept against the backdrop of the Yorkshire moors, with a haunting atmosphere and unforgettable emotion, tells a story of independence, resilience, and the courage to follow one's heart.

Wed 30 Sep 19:30

£23 / £21 / £16 Students | Age 12+

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF



An Intimate Evening with Peter Cox

Presented by A Way with Media Productions Ltd

Lead singer of Go West Peter Cox presents an evening of songs and stories from a remarkable career in music. Go West arrived on the charts like a comet and went on to receive multiple awards in a recording career that spanned four decades. In his intimate show, Peter Cox will revisit the hits while looking back on his stellar career.

Thu 01 Oct 20:00

Meet & Greet 18:15

£31 Standard /

£46 VIP/ £76 Meet & Greet

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH

The North West Duke Ellington Orchestra

A 15-piece big band of Ellington obsessed musicians directed by saxophonist and bandleader Phil Shotton. The orchestra celebrates the music of jazz legend Duke Ellington, performing pieces from his early 1920s days up to the dynamic and sophisticated suites of the 1950s.

Fri 02 Oct Doors 19:30

£16

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC MEMBERS 10% OFF





Waiting for Hamlet

Presented by Smokescreen

A dazzling Shakespearean comedy which imagines the Old King Hamlet arriving in the afterlife... only to discover he's been poisoned. There he meets his old court jester, Yorick, and what follows is a razor-sharp battle of wits between two fools. If you love Hamlet, you'll adore this bold, hilarious reimagining.

Sat 03 Oct 19:30

£15 | Age 12+

The Chambers

THEATRE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Ian Prowse & Amsterdam

Presented by Midnight Mango

Merseyside hero Ian Prowse is a guitarist, singer-songwriter, and frontman of Amsterdam and previously the frontman of indie cult band Pele. See the band play all your favourite Pele, Amsterdam and Prowsey songs along with new classics.

Sat 03 Oct Doors 19:30

£22

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Leveret

Presented by Alan Bearman Music

This highly acclaimed English folk trio bring a fresh, innovative approach to traditional music. Comprising celebrated folk musicians Andy Cutting, Sam Sweeney and Rob Harbron, they explore English tunes, drawing on their individual mastery of their instruments to create a sound that is both timeless and strikingly original.

Sun 04 Oct Doors 19:30

£20

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC **MEMBERS 10% OFF**

Sam Carter Sings Nic Jones

BBC Folk Award winner Sam Carter celebrates the music of Nic Jones, bringing intricate guitar work and expressive vocals to a stunning live tribute filled with warmth and respect. A one-off chance to hear songs from the back catalogue of one of folk music's most influential voices.

Thu 08 Oct Doors 19:30

£16

The Chambers

LIVE MUSIC **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



What Wood Victoria Do?

Presented by Paul L. Martin

How on earth have we all survived the past decade of modern living without Victoria Wood's observational wit and wisdom? Paulus The Cabaret Geek is on hand to help us find answers.

From the creators behind the critically acclaimed *Looking For Me Friend* comes a brand new show.

Fri 09 Oct 19:30

£19 | Age 12+

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Of Mice and Men

Presented by Makin Projects Ltd

Set against the harsh backdrop of the Great Depression, *Of Mice and Men* is the story of George and Lennie, two friends with a simple dream: to own a farm and live off the fat of the land. As they drift from job to job, trouble's never far away, until a tragic turn of events threatens to destroy their friendship.

Sat 10 Oct 19:30

£17 / £15 | Age 12+

The Chambers

THEATRE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Vonda Shepard

Presented by RLN Music

Best known for her work on Ally McBeal, Vonda Shepard will be returning to play a set of greatest hits and favourites: Tell Him, Maryland, I Only Want To Be With You, Baby Don't You Break My Heart Slow, Proud Mary, Walk Away Rene and You Belong To Me. This is one feel good evening filled with nostalgia not to miss!

Sat 10 Oct Doors 19:30

£36

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Animal Farm

Presented by Theatre Tours International

A solo adaptation of Orwell's barnyard masterpiece performed by the brilliant Sam Blythe, bringing all of Orwell's multiple characters vividly to life. A spellbinding performance that will shock, enchant, bewitch and bewilder, and linger long in the memory.

Thu 15 Oct 19:30

£17 / £12 Schools

Robert Bolt Theatre

THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF



The Luxurious Time: A Queer Love Story

Presented by Theatre North

When dementia strikes, can love survive? This true story gives a unique perspective about the impact of dementia on a long-term gay relationship. At times upsetting, sometimes funny, it's a very human story that resonates with everyone on many levels, and a queer call to action in the fight against dementia.

Thu 15 Oct 20:00

£16 / £14 | Age 14+

The Chambers

THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF



This Flight Tonight: The Songs of Joni Mitchell

Presented by The Gig Cartel

Experience the timeless music of Joni Mitchell with this intimate acoustic tribute celebrating one of the greatest songwriters of all time. The evening centres on a full, faithful performance of the album Blue followed by highlights from Joni's first eight albums. Performed by celebrated folk-rock artists Zervas & Pepper and their five-piece band.

Fri 16 Oct Doors 19:30

£26

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Close Enough to Touch

Presented by Red Ladder Theatre Company and Silent Uproar

This young man has a secret. He has a girlfriend, he's looking for work, and he spends his free time cruising in men's toilets. This one-person show is a funny, intimate and raw look at the pleasures and pains of desire. How long we can keep a secret before the world catches up?

Fri 16 - Sat 17 Oct 19:30

£16 / £14 | Age 16+

The Chambers

THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF



Russell Watson: An Intimate Evening with 'The Voice'

Presented by A Way with Media Productions Ltd

An unforgettable night with one of the world's most captivating performers. Russell takes you on a journey through the highs and lows of an extraordinary life - from chart-topping success to surviving not one, but two life-threatening illnesses. Expect powerful renditions of beloved classics, spine-tingling vocals, 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





It's Nice Up North

Presented by RBM Comedy

A 20th-anniversary screening tour of Graham Fellows' much loved comedy documentary *It's Nice Up North*. Starring his alter ego John Shuttleworth, this film is presented as a tribute to the late Martin Parr, the celebrated photographer who shot the movie and will be followed by a post-screening Q&A with Graham Fellows.

Sun 18 Oct 19:30

£16

Robert Bolt Theatre

FILM



Turn Your F***ing Phones Off

Presented by Hannah Maxwell

A dark, absurd and fiercely hopeful exploration of human connection, telling the story of how we got here. It recounts Maxwell's personal struggles with phone addiction, her bid for a life in analogue, and her bizarre chapter countering Kremlin-backed disinformation (cue Bond theme).

Tue 20 – Thu 22 Oct 20:00

£14 / £12 | Age 16+

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THEATRE

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Sat 24 Oct 18:30

£9 / £7 | Age 7+

The Chambers

FAMILY

MEMBERS 10% OFF



Andy Fairweather Low & The Low Riders

Presented by RLN Music

Legendary performer Andy Fairweather Low returns with his acclaimed band for an evening of rock, blues and soul, packed with classic hits, storytelling and exceptional musicianship. Expect a masterclass in live performance from a true industry icon.

Sat 24 Oct Doors 19:30

£31

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Not Now, Bernard

Presented by Roustabout Theatre

There's a monster in Bernard's garden... but his mum and dad are too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend it. A wildly funny, physical theatre adaptation of David McKee's much-loved picture book, bursting with chaos, live music made from instruments and household objects, and an ENORMOUS purple monster.

Sun 25 Oct 14:30

£14 / £12 | Age 3+

Robert Bolt Theatre

FAMILY

MEMBERS 10% OFF



Mark Thomas: 40 In Stand-Up Years

Presented by Phil McIntyre Live

Mark Thomas celebrates 40 years of fearless, political comedy with a sharp, provocative live show. Expect a taster menu of government and personal mayhem, jokes, rants and a personal state of the nation broadcast turned into a cogent hour of stand-up.

Sun 25 Oct 20:00

£21 / £15 | Age 16+

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY



Adventure Film Festival

Presented by Frontier Sapiens Ltd

An awe-inspiring line-up of films from some of the world's best filmmakers. This all-new collection of short films features epic adventures, cultural stories and environmental issues from around the world, all introduced by the festival team.

Wed 28 Oct 19:30

£17.50 / £16 | Age 12+

Robert Bolt Theatre

FILM MEMBERS 10% OFF



Eric & Ern

Presented by The Production Garden

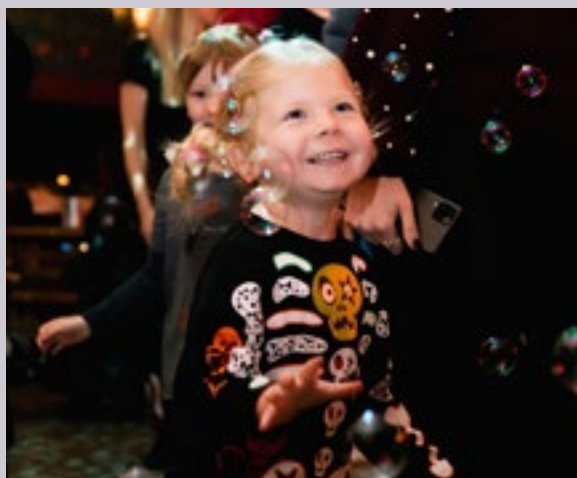
A brilliant homage crammed full of renditions of those famous comedy sketches, that hits all the right notes! From Greig's Piano concerto to Mr Memory, 'Arsenal!', it's a show full of Morecambe and Wise's most loved routines, songs and sketches. You'll feel you've experienced the real thing and been taken back to a world of sunshine and laughter.

Thu 29 Oct 19:30

£31

Robert Bolt Theatre

COMEDY MEMBERS 10% OFF



Dayglo of The Dead Family Rave

Presented by Our Kids Social

A celebration of colour, music and togetherness in this neon Day of the Dead inspired family rave, hosted by Our Kids Social. Come dressed to glow, bring the whole family and your best dance moves, with interactive glow up entertainers keeping everyone moving from start to finish. Don't forget your glow sticks!

Sat 31 Oct 14:30

£7 | All ages welcome

Robert Bolt Theatre

FAMILY MEMBERS 20% OFF



The Nick Cope Family Show 2026

Presented by Nick Cope

A brand new, delightful family concert, featuring all your favourite Nick Cope hits and more. With his charming songs and humour Nick engages, entertains and enthralls all generations. Nick's live performances are legendary. If you haven't heard his songs or seen his shows before, come along and find out what you've been missing.

Sun 01 Nov 14:00

£19 / £18 | Age 3+

Robert Bolt Theatre

FAMILY



Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage With Jon Thorne

Presented by Fancourt Music

Critically acclaimed folk duo Hannah Sanders and Ben Savage join forces with virtuoso double bassist Jon Thorne. With their vintage guitars and heartfelt harmony vocals, as well as Thorne's unmistakably rich tone, their live shows have always been a magical, intimate experience.

Sun 01 Nov Doors 19:30

£17

The Chambers

LIVE MUSIC MEMBERS 10% OFF

November



I Was a Teenage Bisexual

Presented by Polis Loizou

Junior just wants to be an ordinary guy. Bullies pick him apart, his dad wants him to be more masc and he wrestles with secret desires. Suddenly, bodies start turning up and suspicion falls on folkloric beings who sound uncannily similar to him. Vintage horror B-movie meets '90s teen flick in this one-of-a-kind show.

Tue 03 Nov 19:30

£15 | Age 14+

The Chambers

THEATRE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Patrick Monahan: The Good, The Pat & The Ugly

Presented by Makin Projects Ltd

A brand-new stand up show from a multi-award winning international stand up comedian, covering topics from life, love and mishaps with flat pack furniture to marathons and almost being scammed!

Thu 05 Nov 20:00

£17 | Age 16+

The Chambers

COMEDY



Danny Hart: Won't Sit Down

Presented by Speakers from the Edge

One of Downhill Mountain Biking's racing elite, Danny Hart brings his dry wit and cool composure to take audiences on a journey through his life and impressive racing career. He will also give a glimpse behind the scenes of what becoming a World Champion really takes.

Fri 06 Nov 19:30

£21

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH **MEMBERS 10% OFF**

Hannah James & Toby Kuhn

Presented by Kick Arts UK

Innovative folk artist Hannah James reunites with dynamic cellist Toby Kuhn. Together they weave a rich tapestry of song, story, and rhythm - Hannah's expressive voice, accordion, and percussive dance entwined with Toby's vivid, unorthodox cello delivery.

Fri 06 Nov Doors 19:30

£19.50

The Chambers

LIVE MUSIC **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



The Carrivick Sisters

Presented by Fancourt Music

Charlotte and Laura Carrivick bring their original songs and harmonies to Waterside, drawing inspiration from traditional American old time and bluegrass music, English folklore and the wide variety of instruments they play: guitars, mandolin, fiddle, banjo and dobro.

Thu 12 Nov Doors 19:30

£15

The Chambers

LIVE MUSIC **MEMBERS 10% OFF**



Behind Enemy Lines

Presented by Louise Jordan

Songwriter and storyteller Louise Jordan uncovers the lives of inspiring secret agents of WW2 - extraordinary women whose courage, daring, ingenuity and sacrifice defeated Nazi terror. Join her as she honours the inspirational lives of some of history's lesser known women in a solo performance of live music and storytelling.

Fri 13 Nov 20:00

£16 | Age 14+

The Chambers

THEATRE **MEMBERS 10% OFF**





Hugh Cornwell
Presented by The Gig Cartel

An opportunity to experience the legendary acoustic live performance of lead singer and songwriter of The Stranglers. Hugh Cornwell will be performing new songs as well as dipping into both The Stranglers and his own wealthy catalogue of songs with just a guitar and a microphone.

Mon 16 Nov Doors 19:30
£36

Robert Bolt Theatre
LIVE MUSIC



Prism: A Winter Festival of Music, Light & Digital Arts
Presented by Waterside

Waterside's ambitious annual winter festival transforms the venue inside and out into a vibrant celebration of light and immersive experiences. Using digital arts and ground-breaking performances Prism offers exciting events and activities for all ages.

Thu 19 – Sat 21 Nov
Waterside
FESTIVAL



Step Into Christmas
Presented by John Osborne

Step into a festive celebration of the music that makes Christmas. This theatre show explores the stories behind the songs we love - from Slade and The Pogues to brass bands and Ukrainian carols.

Funny, nostalgic and full of seasonal spirit, it's the perfect December night out, full of tinsel and warmth.

Sat 12 Dec 19:30
£15 | Age 14+

The Chambers
THEATRE MEMBERS 10% OFF

ComedySportz Improvised Panto

For Kids
Fri 18 Dec 18:00, Sat 19 Dec 16:30 & 18:30
£8.50 / £6.50 | Age 7+

For Tots
Sat 19 Dec 14:30
£6 / £4 | Age 6 & under

Heroes, villains, songs and silliness are guaranteed as the gang improvise a brand-new pantomime using only your suggestions and a sprinkling of fairy dust. The performers don't know their roles beforehand and might even get you involved in the action!

FAMILY MEMBERS 10% OFF



ComedySportz Improvised Adult Panto

Fri 18 Dec 20:00
£10 | Age 16+

And if you're fed up of the kids having all the fun, join the raunchier, bawdier adults only version of this all-improvised alternative panto show - with all the innuendo you can fit into a panto dame's nightie!

The Chambers
COMEDY MEMBERS 10% OFF





MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS

Book by PINS AND NEEDLES

Music by LUKE BATEMAN

Lyrics by RICHY HUGHES

Based on the novel by
RICHARD AND FLORENCE ATWATER

The creators of *Father Christmas* return this year with their international smash hit musical!

Painter and decorator by day, Mr Popper spends his time dreaming of Antarctic adventures. He is astounded when one day a packing crate arrives at his home and a penguin waddles out!

Featuring catchy songs and performing penguin puppets, this delightful, action-packed musical is based on the popular book. Filled with heart, invention and plenty of penguins, it's a perfect treat for the whole family!

Mon 30 Nov – Sun 27 Dec Times vary

£21.50* / £19.50* / £18.50 / £16.50

£10 low income tickets** / £13 schools

Age 3+ | 60 mins

Sat 05 Dec 11:00 BSL interpreted & relaxed performance

Robert Bolt Theatre

MEMBERS 10% OFF

Schools' performances:

Mon 30 Nov – Thu 17 Dec 10:30 & 13:30

*For performances between Sat 19 – Sat 26 Dec

**For performances on Sat 05, Sun 06 & Sun 27 Dec

OUR
FESTIVE
SHOW!



'this musical hits ALL the right
child-friendly notes'

★★★★

THE SUNDAY TIMES

'Outstanding puppetry, witty songs...
a show that radiates warmth throughout'

★★★★

THE STAGE

'If you get chance to see this show,
take your little ones or any penguin lovers!'

★★★★★

WHAT'S GOOD TO DO

'Pure entertainment...
warm enough to melt the iciest of hearts'

★★★★

MUSICAL THEATRE REVIEW



Rob Rouse: Funny Bones

Presented by Blackbird Touring

Funny Bones is Rob's brand-new stand-up show. This is a relentlessly funny and daft evening of comedy, from a one-man whirlwind who pulls the audience into his craftily spun tall tales with bucketfuls of manic energy, first-class stagecraft, eerily relatable characters and a barrage of brilliant one-liners.

Sat 23 Jan 19:30

£17 | Age 16+

The Chambers

COMEDY

January



Allie Bailey: Ultrarunning - Can You Hack it?

Presented by Speakers from the Edge

Ultrarunner, coach, speaker and podcast presenter Allie Bailey has run in some of the most extreme places in the world, with a number of world firsts to her name. In her show she offers a positive mindset masterclass for the modern runner, as well as insight into her big adventure runs.

Thu 11 Feb 19:30

£19.50

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH MEMBERS 10% OFF



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£9 / £7 | Age 7+

The Chambers

FAMILY MEMBERS 10% OFF

February



Ultimate Coldplay

Ultimate Coldplay feature a true look-a-like Chris Martin and are frequently described as the 'next best thing' to one of the UK's most famous bands, faithfully replicating note for note all the biggest hits including *Paradise*, *Fix You*, *Viva la Vida*, *My Universe* and *Yellow*.

Fri 05 Feb Doors 19:30

£26

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Katie Spencer

Folk artist Katie Spencer brings her distinctive sound to Waterside. Taking influence from Joni Mitchell, as well as jazz musicians Pharoah Sanders and John Abercrombie, this will be an intimate evening of powerful vocals, soundscapes and musicianship.

Sat 06 Feb Doors 19:30

£16

The Chambers

LIVE MUSIC MEMBERS 10% OFF



Paul Jones & Dave Kelly

Presented by GTA Music

Two giants of British blues unite: Paul Jones and Dave Kelly. From chart-topping fame to deep-rooted authenticity, their unrivalled musicianship, storytelling and passion bring the soul of the blues vividly to life in an unforgettable evening of acoustic blues.

Sat 13 Feb Doors 19:30

£36

Robert Bolt Theatre

LIVE MUSIC



Pinocchio

Presented by Indefinite Articles

Puppetry, shadows, illusion and specially composed music combine to create a show for all the family that's visually inventive and verbally witty. Pinocchio is carved live on stage as Geppetto uses objects from a carpenter's workshop to tell the tale of the puppet that wants to be a real boy.

Sun 21 Feb 14:30

£14 / £12 | Age 4+

Robert Bolt Theatre

FAMILY



Early Doors: Behind The Bar & Beyond

Presented by Phil Mealey

BAFTA award-winning writer and performer Phil Mealey, known for *Early Doors* and his work on *The Royle Family* and *Sunshine*, invites audiences for an evening of laughter, nostalgia, behind-the-scenes stories, favourite clips, unseen material and live music.

Sat 27 Feb 19:30

£31

Robert Bolt Theatre

AUDIENCE WITH

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



Exhibitions

Free Entry | Mon – Sat 10:00 – 17:00 | watersidearts.org/exhibitions

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.

Mon 17 Aug – Sat 03 Oct

Lauriston Gallery



Manchester Made Winter Craft Fair

Waterside's contemporary craft fair returns - the perfect opportunity to shop handmade! With jewellery, ceramics, textiles and print on offer, shop in a relaxed atmosphere then head to 'Sup Bar for festive drinks and cakes.

Sat 28 Nov 11:00 – 16:00

The Chambers

ADORN: Sculptural Jewellery / Wearable Art

As part of the inaugural Manchester Jewellery Week, this exhibition brings together a collection of contemporary jewellers who create statement pieces of art jewellery. Covering a range of disciplines, from precious metals to glass, expect to see statement pieces from artists such as Ange B Designs, Toby Cotterill, Emily Kidson and Katherine James.

Waterside is proud to be an exhibition venue for this first Manchester Jewellery Week, 10 – 16 Sep.

Mon 17 Aug – Sat 03 Oct

Gallery '74



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.

Animation at Waterside



Puppet Masters Animation Conference

Creative Industries Trafford and the Cosgrove Hall Films Archive present the latest edition of their popular animation conference, featuring masterclass talks and panel discussions from leading creative lights in the industry.

Sat 07 Nov 10:30 - 16:00
£25 / £15 / £5

Robert Bolt Theatre



Camera Obscura: Experiments In Animation

Camera obscura is a foundational device in the history of cinema, where light passing through a hole into a dark room projects an image of a scene from the outside world. This exhibition is a kaleidoscopic installation of animated shorts created by artists using experimental techniques to explore new ways of storytelling.

Based on real life stories, portraits and people, using novel, multi-disciplinary approaches to filmmaking, the artworks sit between film, documentary and animation where the animators distort and exaggerate their subjects for greater emotional effect and impact.

Sat 24 Oct - Sat 09 Jan
Lauriston Gallery & Gallery '74

Cosgrove Hall Films Archive

Step into the world of British animation at Sale Library with the Cosgrove Hall Films' internationally-acclaimed collection. From Danger Mouse and Count Duckula to Postman Pat, these beloved characters are showcased in a dedicated gallery celebrating the award-winning Manchester studio's legacy and creativity for visitors to enjoy. For opening times and info: cosgrovehallfilmsarchive.co.uk

Sale Library



Creative Industries Trafford

All events will be taking place at Waterside



Creatives Brunch Club

A relaxed chance to connect with others in the sector, discover exciting projects from local creatives and enjoy some delicious mid-morning treats.

Tue 15 Sep, 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 15 Dec, 19 Jan
10:15 - 11:30

FREE

Forge: Artists & Craftmakers Development Day

Develop your creative practice with expert-led workshops, practical advice and networking opportunities. Book individual sessions or join us for the full day.

Tue 15 Sep 10:15 - 16:00

Full day ticket £25 / Individual session prices below

Creatives Brunch Club Takeover

Connect with fellow artists in this informal session, including advice from the Waterside team on how to approach galleries and taking part in exhibitions.

10:15 - 11:30

FREE

Social Media Workshop

A session for artists and creatives seeking to understand which is the best platform for them and how to create simple and effective social media campaigns.

11:30 - 13:45 (includes lunch break)

£15

Photography on a Budget

Photographer and videographer Jason Lock leads this session for 2D & 3D artists, looking at how to create professional level product shots on low or no budget. Essential advice for how to make your work look its best.

14:00 - 16:00

£15



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.

Mon 02 Nov 19:00

£5

MEMBERS 10% OFF

Script School

For writers working on short film, television and cinema projects, this six-part course led by Ric Michael looks at how to structure your narrative, develop characters and create pitches.

Mon 05, 12, 19, 26 Oct, 02, 09 Nov 18:30 - 20:30

£200 (inc free entry to Meet The Producers)

Meet The Producers

A panel of TV commissioners and producers answer your questions about pitching proposals for television, also includes advice on developing stories via short form content for social media.

Tue 02 Feb 14:00 - 16:00

£20



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



Visit Sup Bar & Café

for a brew and cake or set up your laptop at one of our informal workstations



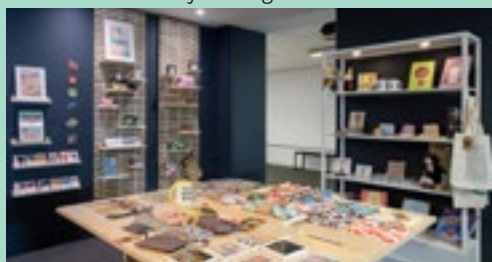
Take part in our amazing classes

(for kids & adults) from dance and drama to crafts and creativity for all ages and skill levels



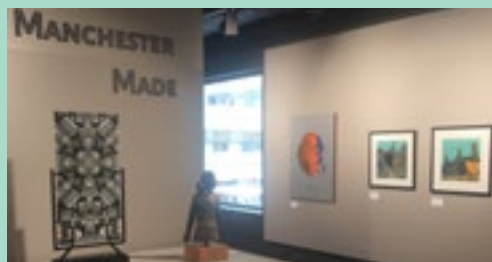
Drop in to our Open Mic Poetry Nights

let your inner poet shine!



Grab a gift from our gorgeous shop

full of beautiful, handmade and locally-sourced treasures



Visit our free exhibitions

inspiring artwork from brilliant local and national artists



Support your local am dram shows

community and local theatre productions



Come along to an accessible film screening

monthly, inclusive, welcoming, and full of nostalgia.

watersidearts.org/community

Autumn / Winter 2026/27

September

04	The 39 Steps	19:30
08	Graham Parker	19:30
09	Hamnet (Accessible Films for All)	14:00
17	The Maes	19:30
19	Live/Wire - The AC/DC Show	19:30
22	Harvest - A Celebration of Neil Young	19:30
23	The Stars of Irish Country	19:30
24	Paul Foot: The Future	20:00
25	Peter Green: Man of the World	19:30
26	ComedySportz	18:30
26	Emmeline Pankhurst: Angel or Anarchist?	19:30
29	Jordan Wylie: Finding Purpose	19:30
30	Jane Eyre	19:30

October

01	An Intimate Evening with Peter Cox	20:00
02	The North West Duke Ellington Orchestra	19:30
03	Waiting for Hamlet	19:30
03	Ian Prowse & Amsterdam	19:30
04	Leveret	19:30
08	Sam Carter Sings Nic Jones	19:30
09	What Wood Victoria Do?	19:30
10	Of Mice and Men	19:30
10	Vonda Shepard	19:30
14	Song Sung Blue (Accessible Films for All)	14:00
15	Animal Farm	19:30
15	The Luxurious Time: A Queer Love Story	20:00
16	This Flight Tonight: The Songs of Joni Mitchell	19:30
16-17	Close Enough to Touch	19:30
17	Russell Watson: An Intimate Evening with 'The Voice'	20:00
18	It's Nice Up North	19:30
20-22	Turn Your F***ing Phones Off	20:00
24	ComedySportz	18:30
24	Andy Fairweather Low & The Low Riders	19:30
25	Not Now, Bernard	14:30
25	Mark Thomas: 40 in Stand-Up Years	20:00
28	Frontier Sapiens Adventure Film Festival	19:30
29	Eric & Ern	19:30
31	Dayglo of the Dead Family Rave with Our Kids Social	14:30

November

01	The Nick Cope Family Show 2026	14:00
01	Hannah Saunders & Ben Savage with Jon Thorne	19:30
03	I Was a Teenage Bisexual	19:30
04	The Choral (Accessible Films for All)	14:00
05	Patrick Monahan: The Good, The Pat and The Ugly	20:00
06	Danny Hart: Won't Sit Down	19:30
06	Hannah James & Toby Kuhn	19:30
12	The Carrivick Sisters	19:30
13	Behind Enemy Lines	20:00
16	Hugh Cornwell	19:30
19-21	Prism: A Winter Festival of Music, Light & Digital Arts	times vary

December

30 Nov-27 Dec	Mr Popper's Penguins	times vary
12	Step Into Christmas: A Celebration of Christmas Music	19:30
18	ComedySportz Improvised Panto for Adults	20:00
18-19	ComedySportz Improvised Panto	times vary
19	ComedySportz Improvised Panto for Tots	14:30

January

23	Rob Rouse: Funny Bones	19:30
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February

05	Ultimate Coldplay	19:30
06	Katie Spencer	19:30
11	Allie Bailey: Ultrarunning - Can You Hack It?	19:30
13	ComedySportz	18:30
13	Paul Jones & Dave Kelly	19:30
17	High Society (Accessible Films for All)	14:00
21	Pinocchio	14:30
27	Early Doors: Behind the Bar & Beyond	19:30

Exhibitions

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What Is Precious? | Mon 17 Aug - Sat 03 Oct

ADORN: Sculptural Jewellery / Wearable Art
Mon 17 Aug - Sat 03 Oct

Camera Obscura: Experiments in Animation
Sat 24 Oct - Sat 09 Jan

Visit watersidearts.org
for more fantastic events coming up.

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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