



Welcome

We are delighted to present our dazzling autumn season.

Join us for one of our fascinating Audience With evenings – **Alice Roberts, Doug Allan, Alan Johnson** – and other stars. And do not miss a one off special **Wilderland Film Festival** this October, bringing breath taking stories from the natural world to the big screen.

If theatre is your thing, you won't be disappointed with shows such as John Godber's **Gym & Tonic, The Turn of the Screw, BRAWN** and much more.

We are thrilled to welcome **Kiki Dee** to Waterside in October, plus **John Hegley, Eduardo Niebla** and **Kris Drever** make up a fantastically varied programme to satisfy all music tastes.

This Autumn we will be celebrating our fifteenth birthday, with a special performance from **Thea Gilmore**. Thea was the first artist to perform in our newly opened Robert Bolt Theatre back in 2004.

Waterside favourite **Mark Thomas** is back trying out new material in November and fresh from *Britain's Got Talent* **Barbara Nice** returns to delight us this Christmas!

Families are well catered for this autumn with lovely shows such as **Christopher's Caterpillars, Alice in Wonderland** and **Stick Man**.

We have recently welcomed over 25 original puppets from Cosgrove Hall's *Wind in the Willows* to add to our archive here at Waterside. We'll be showcasing these, along with other friends from the collection in our **Frame by Frame** exhibition throughout December.

Finally, as we look to the festive season, direct from the West End and Broadway, **Mr Popper's Penguins** is our spectacular Christmas production from Pins & Needles – the perfect family treat!

On behalf of the team here at Waterside, we look forward to welcoming you to Waterside soon.

Darren Adams **Waterside Manager**



A CHRISTMAS FAMILY TREAT!

A Pins & Needles Production

Mr Popper's Penguins

Tue 26 Nov – Tue 31 Dec | Times vary

Based on the book by **Richard & Florence Atwater**. Adapted for the stage by **Pins & Needles Productions**. Music by **Luke Bateman**. Lyrics by **Richy Hughes**. Presented by arrangement with **Kenny Wax Family Entertainment** and **TC Beech**.

Direct from a smash hit **New York and London West End** season.

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

With original songs and performing penguin puppets, this delightful, action packed musical adaptation of Richard and Florence Atwater's popular book (also made into a Hollywood film starring Jim Carrey) is the perfect family treat!

'Thoroughly hummable score and snappy lyrics, ingenious life size puppets and plenty of surprises... ITS CUTENESS IS HARD TO RESIST' **New York Times**

'This is high class storytelling with huge heart and some lovely surprises' **What's On Stage** ★★★★★

'A 60-minute blast of pure entertainment, warm enough to melt the iceiest of hearts' **Musical Theatre Review** ★★★★★

'Strong characters, foot tapping tunes, superb singers and skilful puppetry' **Manchester Evening News** ★★★★★

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Jo Sarsby Ltd presents

An Evening with Alice Roberts: Digging Into Britain's Past

Fri 6 Sep | 19:30

SOLD OUT

Anthropologist, author and broadcaster Professor Alice Roberts has been delving into Britain's past, and making archaeology programmes, for nearly twenty years. Alice joined *Time Team* as a bone expert before going on to present anthropology and archaeology stories on BBC Two's immensely popular *Coast* series.

She has explored the history of our towns and cities in *Britain's Most Historic Towns* on Channel 4 - which was back with a second series this year.

In this exclusive tour, Alice will share insights, anecdotes and behind-the-scenes stories from her personal journey to explore Britain's past, with footage from her programmes and excerpts from her books.

The show will finish with 20 minutes Q&A.

TICKETS: £20*In the Robert Bolt Theatre*

Speakers from the Edge presents

Hazel Findlay: The Climb Within

Mon 9 Sep | 19:30

One of the best young climbers in the world, Hazel Findlay presents a talk about her life. Hazel will explore how we can use a sport such as climbing to put us in hard places that push us beyond what we thought we were capable of; how in this struggle we can discover the way our minds work and how to 'hack' them, so that we can enjoy the experiences we want and not be limited by fear.

TICKETS: £17*In the Robert Bolt Theatre*

Speakers from the Edge presents

Greg Minnaar: Size Matters

Mon 7 Oct | 19:30

Three-time UCI Downhill World Champion, three-time UCI Downhill World Cup Champion, with 21 World Cup race wins and multiple podium positions, Greg Minnaar is unarguably one of the greatest mountain bikers in the history of the sport. In this brand new show, Greg takes audiences on the journey of his incredible enduring racing career and the story of his life, covering everything from the early days of riding enthusiasm to his rise to the very top, the bikes that helped get him there and the teams behind the legendary rider!

TICKETS: £18*In the Robert Bolt Theatre*

Jo Sarsby Ltd presents

Doug Allan: Wild Images, Wild Life

Wed 23 Oct | 19:30

Join multi-award winning wildlife cameraman Doug Allan for an evening of behind the scenes stories for all the family, with highlights from the most challenging assignments of his 35 years' filming wildlife in the remotest places on Earth. Find out if snow leopards or leopard seals are the most scary; discover how to get close to the biggest fish in the sea and whether your eyeballs freeze at minus 50.

This new presentation traces Doug's personal journey as he discusses how he's seen pollution and climate change affect the natural world.

TICKETS: £18*In the Robert Bolt Theatre*

A Way with Media Productions Ltd

Alan Johnson: In My Life

Fri 15 Nov | 19:30

Alan Johnson is one of the most popular politicians of recent times and now a best-selling author, his memoirs selling half a million copies to date.

Inspired by his latest book, *In My Life*, in this highly entertaining show Alan tells his personal story with the help of some of the music that has soundtracked his life, from growing up as an orphan in a West London slum in the 50s to becoming a postman before rising through the Labour Party ranks to hold several cabinet posts, including Home Secretary.

TICKETS: £18*In the Robert Bolt Theatre*

National Production Company Ltd presents

Michael Morpurgo's Private Peaceful

Fri 20 Sep | 13:30 matinee / 19:30

'I've had nearly eighteen years of yesterdays and tomorrows, and tonight I must remember as many of them as I can. Tonight, more than any other night of my life, I want to feel alive!'

Private Peaceful relives the life of Private Tommo Peaceful, a young First World War soldier awaiting the firing squad at dawn. During the night, he looks back at his short but joyful past: his exciting first days at school; the accident in the forest that killed his father; his adventures with Molly, the love of his life; and the battles and injustices of war that brought him to the front line.

TICKETS: £16 / £12.50/ Schools £10 (teachers free) | £8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 8+ | 75 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Seabright Productions present

Sinatra: Raw

Tue 1 Oct | 19:30

Written and performed by Richard Shelton.

Richard Shelton's masterful show revealing the man behind the music is now on tour following a sold-out West End season.

You are invited to Palm Springs, California, 1971. Frank Sinatra faces retirement. The air is electric and the crowd jockey for position at Sinatra's last intimate show. But times are changing as the Rolling Stones and David Bowie dominate the charts. Sinatra's blue eyes are bloodshot and his face craggy with booze, cigarettes and memories. Things take an unexpected turn when he drinks *One for My Baby* too many.

This is the 2am Sinatra you dream of meeting. Dangerous. Unpredictable. Brilliant.

TICKETS: £20 / £18

AGE: 12+ | 90 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



The John Godber Company & Theatre Royal Wakefield present

Gym & Tonic

Thu 3 - Sat 5 Oct | 19:30

Written & directed by John Godber.

Scardale Hall Health Farm has the best staff in Europe, happy to pamper you, massage you and put you through your paces. But when Don and Shirley arrive to fix their failing marriage, even the coolest therapists start to lose their karma. When the sanctuary is broken, it's not only the clients who need to lay back and relax.

From the writer of *Scary Bikers*, *Teechers*, *Up N Under* and *Bouncers*, *Gym & Tonic* is a laugh out loud comedy about trying to find a moment of calm in these challenging times.

TICKETS: £17.50 / £15.50

AGE: 13+ | 90 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



The Cosmic Shambles Network and Footprint Theatre Company present

Signals

Sat 12 Oct | 20:00

Directed by Sale's own Elin Schofield.

Alone on the night shift, two data analysts monitor radio waves for signs of alien contact. Every shift is the same. But tonight is different. Tonight is the night they've been waiting for.

The award-winning Footprint Theatre presents *Signals*, a show about human connection, space exploration and Jaffa Cakes. A new dark comedy that asks how it feels to be lost in the cosmos with only each other for company.

TICKETS: £10 / £8 / £8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 14+ | 50 mins no interval
In The Chambers



Box Tale Soup presents

The Turn of the Screw

Tue 29 Oct | 19:30

'...there are depths... the more I see in it, the more I fear...'

At an isolated estate, a young governess begins to fear there is something darker in the depths of Bly House.

Award-winning Box Tale Soup present a new adaptation of Henry James' disturbing story, featuring puppetry and a haunting original soundtrack. An Edinburgh Fringe 2018 sell-out show.

'They are wonderful.' **The Times**

'...beautifully crafted...' **Fringe Guru** ★★★★★

TICKETS: £15 / £13 / £8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 12+ | 60 mins no interval
(plus post show Q&A)
In the Robert Bolt Theatre

The B Collective presents

Murder Ballads

Thu 31 Oct | 20:00

Meet the regulars of O'Malley's bar, Millhaven, West Texas 1882. The town has not been the same since a stranger turned up at the Lee family cabin, and disappeared without a trace. The curse of the Stranger ripples through the town; Mary Lee thinks she's herself from 16 years ago, Stephen Lee starts calling himself Stagger Lee and turns into a murdering brute, and little Lottie is the prime suspect in a string of violent murders.

TICKETS: £10 / £8 / £8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 16+ | 80 mins plus interval

In The Chambers



Full Circle Productions present

Outside the Box

Fri 8 Nov | 20:00

A one woman show from Liz Rothschild and Full Circle Productions - *Outside The Box* asks its audience to embrace mortality and look on the bright side of life, with a weave of untold and surprising stories, a hint of history and some pithy commentary on the funeral industry (from one who knows!).

Liz is a performer, celebrant and award winning burial ground owner. Her unique and original new show combines mercurial tales and miraculous truths collected over the years from life's finishing line. Part theatre, part spoken word; an intimate theatrical conversation 'beautifully performed' and the result is a taboo busting affair that expertly handles the 'elephant in the room' with humour and grace.

TICKETS: £10 / £8 / £8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 12+ | 60 mins (plus post show Q&A)

In The Chambers



Too Write Productions present

The Incident Pit

Sat 9 Nov | 20:00

There have been so many deaths at this massive, old, flooded quarry over the years they've nick-named it 'The Incident Pit'. The bottom of it has never been reached and so there's an obsession by divers to be the first to get there. And as the authorities threaten to close the place as a dive site for good, this obsession is intensified as the chance to be the conqueror of the Pit is gone forever.

TICKETS: £12 / £10 / £8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 14+ | 95 mins plus interval

In The Chambers

Christopher Wollaton presents

BRAWN

Fri 15 Nov 20:00

Once a smart kid in the classroom, Ryan is trapped in a life he doesn't want to lead. He feels increasingly suffocated in a world obsessed by self-image and measures his self-worth in muscle mass.

Ryan spends every day in the gym, but what began as fitness-based self-improvement has transformed into dangerous self-destruction.

A raw, emotional and illuminating piece of theatre, *BRAWN* explores the powerful desire for physical perfection, and the silent, anxious struggles of the men who experience it today.

TICKETS: £10 / £8 / £8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 14+ | 55 mins no interval

In The Chambers

Mark Croasdale presents

Staying In

Mon 18 Nov | 19:30

Co-commissioned by hÅb, STUN + Contact for Works Ahead. Developed with support from Waterside Arts.

'Young, gay, fabulous — it's all about being out and going out... isn't it?'

Fuelled by internalised homophobia and beset by social anxiety, Mark agonises over the 'correct' way to be a 'good gay', to be himself, and to connect with others.

Exploring the social pressures impacting young gay men, *Staying In* (italics) examines identity, anxiety and internalised homophobia through psychology, physical theatre and a good dose of absurdity.

Supported by Superbia at Manchester Pride.

TICKETS: £10 / £8 / £8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 14+ | 60 mins

In the Robert Bolt Theatre

Victoria Firth presents

How to be Amazingly Happy!

Fri 29 Nov | 20:00

How do you find a new 'once upon a time' after the 'happy ever after' never turned up?

Victoria is on a quest to discover how you make a new life when you can't have the one you imagined. In this big hearted, big thinking show of storytelling and physical comedy our heroine's mid-life search for joy, identity and belonging features public displays of playfulness, private truths and sheer bloody mindedness. Join Victoria as she asks - is it possible to be happy without kids?

TICKETS: £10 / £8 / £8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 14+ | 60 mins no interval

In The Chambers



John Hegley: New and Selected Potatoes

Thu 3 Oct | 20:00

On the 25th anniversary of National Poetry Day **ONLY** at Waterside. No word of a fib or a squib. This year's theme is Truth.

Poet, comic, singer, songwriter and glasses-wearer, John Hegley has captivated and devastated audiences all over the country. He returns to Waterside on National Poetry Day with an exuberance of material drawn from 30 years of writing and drawing experience, accompanied by the many keyboard voices of the fascinating Clare Elstow. An interactive evening with some prizes and baroque dancing.

TICKETS: £15 / £13

AGE: 10+ | 80 mins plus interval
In The Chambers



Unique Gravity presents

Kris Drever

Sat 12 Oct | 19:30

Kris Drever is a Scottish folk singer songwriter, who has won multiple awards including an incredible seven BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and has had two shortlist nominations for Scottish Album of The Year (with his trio Lau).

Drever's voice and guitar form a part of the backbone of today's contemporary roots and folk scene. He is hugely admired as a solo artist, a collaborator and is one of Scotland's finest and most in demand musicians.

TICKETS: £15

AGE: 90 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Eduardo Niebla in Concert

Sun 6 Oct | 19:30

Hailed by the Guardian for his 'exquisite guitar playing, the formidable virtuoso Eduardo Niebla presents his amazing repertoire of 'stunning flamenco jazz' with his internationally acclaimed trio. A master of today's generation, Eduardo has traversed the worlds of jazz, classical, world and pop music, collaborating with such diverse partners as Craig David, Juno Reactor, sitar maestro Nishat Khan, Lol Coxhill (sax) and the Dante String Quartet.

A spellbinding evening of passion, verve and fleet fingered virtuosity from one of the most potent forces in flamenco jazz fusion.

TICKETS: £17.50 | 90 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre

RLN Music presents

Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri

Fri 18 Oct | 19:30

For almost two decades, Kiki and Carmelo have been touring their spellbinding acoustic live show across the UK and Europe. Performing in this stripped back fashion allows each of their exceptional talents to shine through and create a wonderful and warm sense of intimacy for the audience.

Join Kiki and Carmelo for an acoustic journey of stories and song which include unique covers of songs by artists such as Kate Bush and Frank Sinatra and of course Kiki's own hits *Don't Go Breaking My Heart* and *I Got The Music In Me*.

TICKETS: £20 | 120 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



RLN Music presents

The Snake Davis Band: Classic Sax Solos

Tue 22 Oct | 19:30

Snake Davis is one of the world's most respected and in demand saxophone players, working with some of music's biggest artists such as Eurythmics, M People, George Michael, Take That, Cher, Tina Turner and Beyonce.

Snake and the band will give you 25 classics, including *Baker Street*, *Careless Whisper*, *Respect*, *Yakety Yak*, and his own solos from *A Million Love Songs*, *Moving on Up*, *Search for the Hero*, and Lisa Stansfield's *Change*.

Keyboards, guitar, bass, drums, sultry sax, searing sax, screaming sax, sexy sax, soulful sax, this show has it all.

TICKETS: £20 | 90 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre

Rush Theatre Company presents

RUSH: A Joyous Jamaican Journey

Sat 26 Oct | 19:30

Join us as we tell the story of Reggae music from the arrival of the Windrush Generation from Jamaica - bringing their stories, history and music with them - and hear how their music evolved through the decades to take the world by storm.

Narrated by comedian John Simmit the show features ska, rock steady, calypso, gospel, lovers rock, dancehall and reggae - all played live by the JA Reggae Band.

Get ready to dance to the music of Desmond Dekker, Jimmy Cliff, Toots & The Maytals, Prince Buster, Bob Marley & The Wailers, Lord Kitchener, Millie Small and many more.

TICKETS: £20 / £18 | 120 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre

The Pitmen Poets

Thu 31 Oct | 19:30

From *Billy Elliott* to *Auf Wiedersehen Pet* and *When the Boat Comes In* to *The Likely Lads*.

Be enthralled and entertained by *The Pitmen Poets*; Billy Mitchell, Bob Fox, Benny Graham and Jez Lowe.

This is a night of songs and stories laced with North Eastern humour and humanity.

'Whoever's idea it was to bring these four together for a show should be awarded a gold medal for services to music.'

John Wilson 'Well, bonny lads, you gave wor lass and me one of the best nights out since we left Ashington in 1978'

David Attenborough 'See these boys before they become extinct!'

TICKETS: £20 | 100 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



DMF Music presents

Thea Gilmore

Tue 19 Nov | 19:30

An artist of enduring international acclaim (Bruce Springsteen regularly names her as a favourite) and a justly revered lyricist, Gilmore's musical settings have taken many ingenious detours in recent years.

Small World Turning nails its colours to a very different wall from the get-go. Acoustic guitars are back to the fore, and a quintessentially rootsy array of instruments frame them - fiddles, whistles, mandolins, tenor banjos are all in abundance.

A gifted and exceptional artist at the peak of her powers, Thea Gilmore has delivered a vibrant and deeply resonant album, rooted in folk music but completely transcending any genre related limitations.

TICKETS: £20
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Laughing Dog Music presents

Christmas Shopping with Chris Difford

Wed 11 Dec | 19:30

Chris Difford is a Grammy nominated and double Ivor Novello Award winning lyricist who has brought us characters and sketches from everyday life, and has successfully turned the mundane into the beautiful, the urbane into the exquisite for over 40 years.

With his collaborator, Squeeze co-founder Glenn Tilbrook, Chris has written some of the most enduring and best-loved songs of our time such as *Up The Junction*, *Cool For Cats* and *Labelled With Love*.

This December, Chris is on tour with his stand up sit down book and music tour telling stories and singing songs.

TICKETS: £19.50 | 90 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



GreenMatthews present

A Christmas Carol: In Concert

Sun 22 Dec | 19:30

This unique retelling of Dickens' heart-warming tale uses an array of traditional and modern instruments and authentic musical arrangements. It brims with warmth, wit and wonder.

Modern-day balladeers GreenMatthews take the well-loved festive adventure back to its Victorian fireside roots, painting a vivid and evocative picture of Dickens' world.

Chris Green (voice, guitar, mandocello, piano), Sophie Matthews (voice, flute, English border bagpipes) and special guest Jude Rees (voice, oboe, melodeon) use a magical blend of new lyrics, traditional midwinter English folk tunes and carol melodies to illustrate the transformation of flinty-hearted Ebenezer Scrooge into the epitome of the Christmas spirit - warm-hearted, generous and loving.

TICKETS: £12.50 / £10.50
AGE: 8+ | 90 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre

Best Of Buzz Comedy

Waterside's legendary monthly comedy night showcasing brand new and established talent

TICKETS: £13 / £11 | AGE: 18+
In the Chambers

Sat 7 Sep | 20:00

El Baldiniho returns with his mind-bogglingly daft magic and spoof mind-reading.

Peter Flanagan gets big laughs from the limited opportunities he finds when living in Ireland.

Canadian **Nick Martinello** brings wry observational humour focussing on the disappointments that life brings.

Wouter Meijs brings a Dutch perspective to the quiriness of the English, and has some light-hearted remedies.



Sat 2 Nov | 20:00

Self-confessed geek **Barry Dodds** brings a disarming wit and affability to the stage and uses evocative imagery as a smokescreen for some surprisingly dark subject matter.

Philip Simon is a delightfully polished performer with a flair for wry observational humour delivered in his inimitably laconic style.

Sean Heydon is a must-see supreme showman with a madcap way of presenting fascinating and unbelievable magic tricks.



Sat 5 Oct | 20:00

Cutting edge comedy star **Njambi McGrath** is originally from Kenya and now has five Edinburgh Festival shows to her name, her latest in 2018 was 'Breaking Black'.

Cerys Nelmes is cheery, charming, and chatty: renowned for her fantastic stage presence, story-telling style, and flawless audience interactions.

Lee Kyle is a former professional wrestler turned stand-up. He veers between quirky physical demonstrations and very clever wordplay routines.



Sat 7 Dec | 20:00

Steve Gribbin is a guitar-wielding satirist from Liverpool whose original and topical scabrous comedy songs combine razor-sharp lyrics with tunes that put their foot in the door of your mind and refuse to leave.

Award-winning Hull act **Jack Gleadow** is simultaneously surreal, visual, and physical, with wonderful use of modern technology and old-school audience participation.

Andre de Freitas is the first Portuguese stand-up to do the Edinburgh Festival and to tour Britain, where he opened for Ed Byrne in London.

Comedy & Curry Deal £24.95

Enjoy a starter, main course with rice/naan (from the meal deal menu) at Massala Lounge (opposite Waterside) - all for just £24.95. Available before or after the show. Book via Box Office on 0161 912 5616

Phil McIntyre Entertainments Ltd present

Mark Thomas: 50 Things About Us

Tue 12 Nov | 20:00

In his new show *50 Things About Us*, Mark Thomas combines his trademark mix of storytelling, standup, mischief and really, really well researched material to examine how we have come to inhabit this divided wasteland that some of us call the United Kingdom.

Mark picks through the myths, facts and figures of our national identities to ask who do we think we are? It is a show about money, history, songs, gongs, wigs, unicorns, guns, bungs, sods of soil and rich f*****s. And how we have so much feeling for such a hollow land. (In the vein of the Manifesto meets a swearsy history channel).

TICKETS: £12 / £10

AGE: 12+ | 90 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Gag Reflex Management present

Barbara Nice Festive Special

Sun 15 Dec | 19:30

Fresh from *Britain's Got Talent*, Barbara Nice is back by popular demand with her annual festive shindig complete with raffle, tombola and mince pies. Join her in a bumper bundle selection box of seasonal fun with all the trimmings.

This will make the perfect 'festive do' in the company of lovable Barbara, Mother of Five, who believes in bargains and getting the most out of life. Ergonomically correct, she doesn't drive and travels the country by National Express coach - her husband knows nothing of her burgeoning comedy career - he thinks she's either at Bingo or dog sitting.

'You are a comedy whirlwind. Everything was funny. I felt like tonight we watched as a star was born.' -

David Walliams

TICKETS: £14.50

AGE: 14+ | 80 mins plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Family Rave

Sat 14 Sep | 11:00 – 12:30

The ultimate family party returns with all your fave 90s and noughties tracks.

TICKETS: £4 / Under 12 months £1
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



ComedySportz 4 Tots

Sat 14 Sep, Sat 26 Oct,
Sat 16 Nov | 15:00

BIG laughs for little kids are guaranteed with an hour of silly songs, stories and adventures with the ComedySportz players.

TICKETS: £5 / £3 | **AGE:** 6 & under | 45 mins
In The Chambers

ComedySportz

Sat 14 Sep, Sat 26 Oct,
Sat 16 Nov | 18:30

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

TICKETS: £7 / £5 | **AGE:** 7+ | 2 hrs inc interval
In The Chambers

Topsy Turvy Theatre presents

Christopher's Caterpillars

Sun 22 Sep | 14:30

Topsy Turvy Theatre return with everyone's favourite guinea pig in his latest adventure - *Christopher's Caterpillars*. Christopher Nibble and his best friend Posie have been busy growing plants and food in their garden whilst taking care of their six hairy pet caterpillars.

TICKETS: £9 / £7 / Family Club £4.50
AGE: 2 – 7 years | 60 mins
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Dommy B presents

The Dragon Who Hates Poetry

Sun 6 Oct | 11:30 & 14:00

Armed with only a pen and paper, Dommy B returns to Waterside needing YOUR help to bring this fearful dragon's reign to an end! Expect lyrics, laughs, and lots of joining in!

TICKETS: £9 / £7 / Family Club £4.50
AGE: 5+ | 70 mins plus interval
In The Chambers

M6 Theatre Company presents

Mission... Save The World

Sat 12 Oct | 13:30

A highly visual, fun, energetic play about sibling rivalry, strengths, weaknesses and superheroes!

As Captain Clever and Captain Conker race against the clock, a tadpole catching competition challenges the dynamic duo to harness their strengths and overcome their differences. Working as a team, can they save the world...together?!

TICKETS: £9 / £7 / Family Club £4.50
AGE: 5+ | 45 mins
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Scott Ritchie Productions Ltd presents

Alice in Wonderland

Sat 19 Oct | 14:00

Join Alice down the rabbit hole in her magical adventures through Wonderland in this brand-new staging of Lewis Carroll's family favourite. Come and join the tea party and meet the Mad Hatter, White Rabbit, Cheshire Cat and the Queen of Hearts plus many more exciting colourful characters!

TICKETS: £13 / £11 / Family Club £7.50
AGE: 4+ | 90 mins incl. interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre

Filskit Theatre presents

Kaleidoscope

Sun 20 Oct | 11:00, 12:00, 13:30, 14:30

Blink. Blink again. What do you see?

Day by day your world is filling up with colour, little one.

Reds and blues, yellows and greens. Twinkling lights that glisten and gleam.

Your reflection is staring back at you. Wide eyed and full of hope. Mirrors, lights, colours and sounds. The world is your Kaleidoscope.

Inspired by research into how a baby's sense of sight develops and how they instinctively begin to categorise colour, watch as a multi-coloured Kaleidoscope is brought to life for you and your baby.

TICKETS: £9 / £7 / Family Club £4.50
AGE: 6 – 18 mths | 25 mins plus 15 min after-show play
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Freckle Productions present

STICK MAN

Thu 24 Oct 13:30 & 16:00
Fri 25 Oct 11:00 & 13:30

Touching, funny and utterly original, Freckle Productions' delightful adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's *STICK MAN* is back!

What starts off as a morning jog becomes quite the misadventure for Stick Man: a dog wants to play fetch with him, a swan builds a nest with him, and he even ends up on a fire! How will Stick Man ever get back to the family tree?

TICKETS: £14 / £12 / Schools & Nurseries £10
AGE: Age 3+ | 60 mins
In the Robert Bolt Theatre

Part of Big
Imaginations
Festival 2019

Matthew Linley Creative Projects In association with Action Transport Theatre and Eastern Angles presents

Murray Lachlan Young's The Mystery of the Raddlesham Mumps

Wed 30 Oct | 14:30

Part of Big Imaginations Festival 2019

Celebrated poet and broadcaster MURRAY LACHLAN YOUNG (Radio 4, Radio 2 and BBC 6 Music poet in residence) stars in this thrilling new family performance perfect for audiences young and old!

After the windswept double funeral of his parents, 7-year-old Crispin (or Crispin de Quincy de Faversham Clumps to give him his full name) inherits his ancestral home – Raddlesham Mumps. He finds himself in a huge empty house with only an ancient butler for company. And when that butler, Kenilworth, begins to tell him about the bizarre and hilarious deaths of his deeply eccentric ancestors the story takes flight on darkly comic wings.

TICKETS: £9 / £7 / Family Club £4.50

AGE: 7+ | 60 mins

In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Matthew Linley Creative Projects presents

The Stitch Brothers, Patchwork Wonders

Sun 3 Nov | 11:30 & 14:30

Part of Big Imaginations Festival 2019

Welcome to Patchwork Wonders a genre-bursting mix of beatboxing, live drawing, animation, jazz, hip hop and South Asian folk music.

Get ready to be transported into the wonky, magical, dreamlike world of the Stitch Brothers as they take you on a journey of discovery.

TICKETS: £9 / £7 / Family Club £4.50

AGE: 5 - 8 yrs | 60 mins

In The Chambers



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A Little Angel Theatre and Goblin Theatre co-production

Emily Rising

Sun 17 Nov | 11:30 & 14:00

'That's beautiful. Sparks in the air. Like glitter hanging in the sky.'

Emily wakes up one bright autumn morning to find that her feet can't touch the ground, and no one can understand why. To everyone's surprise Emily keeps rising higher and higher.

From sleeping upside-down on her ceiling and flying above her school playground, to soaring over a starry-skied London, Emily's adventure is just beginning when she discovers a world that looks completely different.

She's not scared at all – it's fun being high up. But she's not coming down...

TICKETS: £10 / £8 / Family Club £4.50

AGE: 7 - 11 years | 60 mins

In The Chambers



ComedySportz Improvised Panto

Juniors Panto: Fri 13 Dec 19:00

Sat 14 Dec 17:00 & 19:00

Tots Panto: Sat 14 Dec 15:00

Heroes, villains, songs and silliness are guaranteed as the gang improvise a brand new pantomime every show using only your suggestions and a sprinkling of fairy dust. Every adventure will be jam-packed with gags, games and unexpected delights – oh yes it will! Don't miss this alternative family friendly festive fun – it's a cracker!

Juniors

TICKETS: £7.50 / £5.50 | **AGE:** 7+ | 60 mins

Tots

TICKETS: £5 / £3 | **AGE:** 6 & under | 60 mins

In The Chambers



Half Moon Theatre Company presents

Glisten

Thu 19 – Sun 22 Dec

11:15, 13:15, 15:15 (no 15:15 on Sun 22 Dec)

The perfect alternative family Christmas experience for babies and their grown-ups, *Glisten* is performed to a small audience creating an intimate and welcoming theatrical experience.

The audience is taken on a sparkling and shimmering immersive journey exploring the world of reflective materials wrapped up in an ambient soundscape of evocative yet laid-back music. Watch as the empty space of the theatre fills with colour, sounds and surprises, creating a sensory landscape ready to explore after the performance is over.

TICKETS: £9 / £7 | **AGE:** 0 - 18 mths | 20 mins

plus 15 min after-show play

In The Chambers

Chantry Dance presents

ALICE: Wonderland Through the Looking Glass

Fri 27 Sep | 19:30

Alice is an aspiring writer working in a tea-shop. Overworked and underpaid, life seemed much more exciting when she was a child.

The Looking Glass has remained in Wonderland as a portal to our world, which the Queen of Hearts accidentally crosses when chasing a croquet ball. Entering this new reality, she develops a dastardly plan to seize power by opening a casino where she can create an Army of Cards.

Hatter and his gang of concerned Wonderland characters pursue the Queen, and on their journey they are delighted to find Alice again! Together, they resolve to stop the Queen, but first they must try to make sense (or non-sense!) of the world.

Featuring exceptional dancers, puppetry, acrobatics and more, this is a must-see show for the whole family!

TICKETS: £14 / £12 / Family Club £7

Schools £8.50 (Buy 9 tickets get 1 teacher free)

£8 (Theatre Offer see page 2 for details)

AGE: 6+ | 130 mins including interval and post show Q&A
In the Robert Bolt Theatre

Tickets just £5

Family films £2.50 for Family Club members

Dementia friendly film screenings

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

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953)

(U; 1h 31m) Wed 11 Sep | 14:00

Showgirls Lorelei Lee and Dorothy Shaw travel to Paris, pursued by a private detective hired by the suspicious father of Lorelei's fiancé, as well as a rich, enamored old man and many other doting admirers.

Stan & Ollie (2019)

(PG; 1h 38m) Wed 16 Oct | 14:00

Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a grueling theatre tour of post-war Britain.

Casablanca (1942)

(U; 1h 42m) Wed 13 Nov | 14:00

A cynical American expatriate struggles to decide whether or not he should help his former lover and her fugitive husband escape French Morocco.



FAMILY FILMS

How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (2019)

(PG; 1h 44m) Wed 25 Sep | 16:30

Hiccup must seek 'The Hidden World', a secret Dragon Utopia.

Dumbo (2019)

(PG; 1h 52m) Fri 11 Oct | 16:30

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus.



Peterloo (2018)

(12A; 2h 34m) Wed 11 Sep | 19:00

The story of the 1819 Peterloo Massacre in Manchester.

Stan & Ollie (2019)

(PG; 1h 38m) Wed 16 Oct | 19:00

Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, embark on what becomes their swan song.

Fisherman's Friends (2019)

(12A; 1h 52m) Wed 13 Nov | 19:00

Ten fishermen from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of Sea Shanties.



AFTER
SCHOOL
TREAT!

Jo Sarsby Ltd presents

Wilderland Film Festival

Tue 8 Oct | 19:30

An evening of outstanding wildlife films from around the world.

Wilderland is a brand new film festival bringing important, breathtaking stories from the natural world to the big screen, made by independent filmmakers from around the globe.

These ground-breaking short films will offer audiences unparalleled insight into some of the world's most incredible wildlife, from snow leopards to orangutans to humpback whales.

Wilderland founders Dan O'Neill and Isaac Rice will host and introduce each film live on stage.

TICKETS: £14.50 / £12.50

AGE: Suitable for all ages | 90 min plus interval
In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Cosgrove Hall: Frame by Frame

Fri 15 Nov – Sat 4 Jan 2020

Cosgrove Hall Films Archive takes you right back to the basics of animation detailing the processes behind some of the best loved children's animation.

The exhibition will break down the most complex Cosgrove Hall series, such as *The Wind in the Willows*, looking at the finer details of production, with original puppets, costumes, production material and inside stories. The exhibition focuses on stop motion production and techniques, inspiring a new generation of animators to draw inspiration from Cosgrove Hall classics.

Free entry
The Lauriston Gallery



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Make Your Mark

Until Sat 14 Sep

This exhibition brings together work from local community groups and visual artists. The work focuses on mark making and print techniques to explore pattern, colour and texture. Through the use of domestic objects and found materials, unexpected shapes and playful designs are revealed.

Works by Trafford MS Society, FitzRoy, Reece Mcdowell, Jessica Loveday.

Free entry
Gallery 74



Enso

Fri 20 Sep – Sat 9 Nov

Exhibition of new works by three Manchester based print makers, Paulette Bansal, Suzanne Bethell and Lesley Harry exploring a range of styles and approaches to the medium.

Free entry
Gallery 74

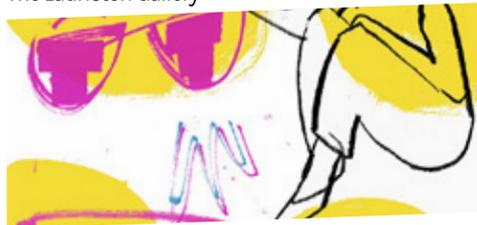
Waterside is proud to present a contemporary programme of work in our two gallery spaces.

Re:flect

Until Sat 14 September

Re:flect is an interactive experience created and curated by Chloe Knights and Ella Boston, two fresh graduates from Manchester School of Art's Three Dimensional Design course. Together Chloe and Ella will create a 'please do touch' experience which provides an escapism for audiences, focusing on being present and connected to the senses and to others.

Free entry
The Lauriston Gallery



One Year On

Fri 20 Sep – Sat 2 Nov

Featuring four of the winning artists from the 2018 Waterside Open, this group exhibition showcases recent works by Sandra Bouguerch, Angela Herd Hall, Alison Scott and Carol Duhaney.

Free entry
The Lauriston Gallery



Creative Industries Trafford

Creative Industries Trafford (CIT) is Waterside's artist and professional development strand, providing talks, masterclasses, opportunities and mentoring for artists. creativeindustriestrafford.net

Puppet Masters Animation Programme

Animation Masterclass with Barry Purves

Mon 2 Sep | 14:00 - 16:00

Join Oscar and BAFTA nominated animator and director Barry Purves (Tim Burton's *Mars Attacks!*, Peter Jackson's *King Kong*, *The Wind In The Willows*) for this session exploring the process of animating and bringing life to stop motion puppets.

TICKETS: £20 / £15

Character Design with Curtis Jobling

Mon 16 Sep | 14:00 - 16:00

Curtis Jobling, (character designer of *Bob The Builder*, Tim Burton's *Mars Attacks! Wallace & Gromit* and author of best-selling children's books) reveals the secrets to designing memorable characters for both 2D and 3D animation.

TICKETS: £20 / £15

Directing Animation with Nina Gantz

Mon 28 Oct | 14:00 - 16:00

In this session, Nina Gantz (BAFTA winner for Best Animated Short and Sundance Festival Short Animation Jury Award for *Edmond*) explains her approach to directing animation in this practical look at how to turn puppets into believable, life-like characters.

TICKETS: £20 / £15

Material In Motion Symposium

Fri 1 Nov | 10:00 - 17:00

Sat 2 Nov | 10:00 - 12:00

In partnership with Manchester Animation Festival, this international symposium comes to Waterside in a special event looking at preserving animation heritage. In-depth talks focus on the film cels, puppets, sketches, scripts and techniques needed to preserve animation production materials for generations to come.

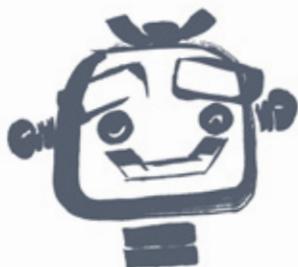
TICKETS: £35 / £25

Meet The Puppet Masters Conference

Sat 2 Nov | 13:00 - 18:00

CIT's popular conference for animation fans, practitioners and students returns for a fifth time. Featuring talks and discussions with leading figures from the world of animation, including Jo Chalkley (*Cosgrove Hall Films*, *Aardman Animation*), Factory's Phil Chalk (*The Clangers*, *Strange Hill High*) and other special guests.

TICKETS: £15 / £12



Northern Lights Writers' Programme



Northern Lights Writers' Conference 2019

Sat 21 Sep | 11:00 - 17:00

CIT's popular writers' conference returns with a mix of talks, masterclasses, panel discussions, practical sessions and drop-in advice for writers. Featuring keynote speaker Jane Rogers (BAFTA nominee for *Mr Wroe's Virgins*, Arthur C Clarke award winner, *Body Tourists Radio*, BBC Radio 4) plus guests from Society of Authors, New Writing North, Route Publishing and many more.

TICKETS: £35 / £25

CIT Writers' Group

Mondays 21 Oct, 18 Nov, 20 Jan
18:30 - 20:30

These two hour creative writing workshops are open to all and aim to facilitate new writing through a combination of reading and discussion, guided writing exercises, free writing time, and facilitated group workshop.

TICKETS: £5 per workshop

Script School with Ric Michael

Mondays 28 Oct, 11 Nov, 25 Nov,
9 Dec, 20 Jan, 10 Feb | 18:30 - 20:30

Ric Michael (ex Head of Development, Baby Cow TV Manchester) leads this in-depth six week course for TV script writers. This course takes a structured approach to key areas of script development including story-lining, characters arts and pitching your project. *Places are limited and payment by instalment is available.*

TICKETS: £200 for the six week course

Visual Arts

Portfolio Surgeries for Contemporary Visual Artists

Tue 19 Nov | 11:00 - 17:00

Join us for these in-depth portfolio sessions in partnership with Castlefield Gallery. Discuss your work with specialist curators, arts professionals and gallerists in a one-to-one 45 minute portfolio review.

For full details on how to apply, visit creativeindustriestrafford.net/portfolios

TICKETS: £10 / £8



Photo: Castlefield Gallery

Classes for Adults of all Abilities

See our families brochure for young people and family classes!

MONTHLY CLASSES

Tuesday

Write Out Loud Open Floor Poetry Evenings

17 Sep, 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec
19:30 | £3 / £2

A casual evening to try out your poetry on a crowd, or just enjoy a drink and listen! writeoutloud.net

Thursday

Tea Dance

12 Sep, 10 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec
13:30 - 15:30 | £3 (price includes tea and biscuits). There's tuition as well as social sequence dancing.

WEEKLY CLASSES

Monday

Life Story

10:30 - 12:30 | £3

A music and memory project for adults with a learning disability and/or memory loss.

Wild Colours Art Group

13:00 - 15:00 | £3 (price includes materials)
Art class suitable for all abilities including adults with learning disabilities.

Body Control Pilates

18:00 - 19:00, 19:00 - 20:00 & 20:00 - 21:00

For more information, call Laura on 07867 914054

Classes are term-time only.

For further details call Waterside on 0161 912 5616 unless stated otherwise.

Tuesday

Visible Dance

10:30 - 12:00

(integrated session, open to all) £3.50
Dance for adults with learning disabilities.

Sing & Sign

13:30 - 15:00

(integrated session, open to all) £3.50
A sign-along choir session for adults of mixed abilities.

Wild Colours Art Group

10:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 15:00

£3 (price includes materials)
Art class suitable for all abilities including adults with learning disabilities.

Wednesday

Dance Discovery

10:30 - 12:30 | £4

Over 50s creative dance class.

Artful Voices Choir

19:30 - 21:15 (incl. tea break) £7

Join Artful Voices and sing songs arranged specifically for you. Learn music, make friends and have fun! No audition necessary. Info on 0161 438 2012 or info@artfulplayground.co.uk



Autumn Season Sep - Dec 2019

September

6	An Evening with Alice Roberts	19:30	26	ComedySportz	18:30
7	Buzz Comedy	20:00	26	RUSH: A Joyous Jamaican Journey	19:30
9	Hazel Findlay	19:30	29	The Turn of the Screw	19:30
11	Gentlemen Prefer Blondes	14:00	30	The Mystery of Raddlesham Mumps	14:30
11	Peterloo	19:00	31	The Pitmen Poets	19:30
14	Family Rave		31	Murder Ballads	20:00
14	ComedySportz 4 Tots	15:00	November		
14	ComedySportz	18:30	1	Material in Motion Symp.	10:00 - 17:00
20	Private Peaceful	13:30 & 19:30	2	Material in Motion Symp.	10:00 - 12:00
21	Northern Lights Writers' Conf.	11:00 - 17:00	2	Buzz Comedy	20:00
22	Christopher's Caterpillars	14:30	2	Puppet Masters Conference	13:00 - 18:00
25	How To Train Your Dragon 3	16:30	3	The Stitch Brothers	11:30 & 14:30
27	Alice - Wonderland Through the Looking Glass	19:30	8	Outside The Box	20:00

October

1	Sinatra: Raw	19:30	9	The Incident Pit	20:00
3	John Hegley	20:00	12	Mark Thomas	20:00
3 - 5	Gym & Tonic	19:30	13	Casablanca	14:00
5	Buzz Comedy	20:00	13	Fishermen's Friends	19:00
6	The Dragon Who Hates Poetry	11:30 & 14:00	15	Alan Johnson	19:30
6	Eduardo Niebla	19:30	15	BRAWN	20:00
7	Greg Minnaar	19:30	13 & 14	ComedySportz Panto	times vary
8	Wilderland Film Festival	19:30	14	ComedySportz Panto (Tots)	15:00
11	Dumbo	16:30	17	Emily Rising	11:30 & 14:00
12	Mission...Save The World	13:30	18	Staying In	19:30
12	Kris Drever	19:30	19	Thea Gilmore	19:30
12	Signals	20:00	29	How To Be Amazingly Happy	20:00
16	Stan & Ollie	14:00 & 19:00	26 Nov - 31 Dec	Mr Popper's Penguins	times vary
18	Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri	19:30	December		
19	Alice in Wonderland	14:00	7	Buzz Comedy	20:00
20	Kaleidoscope	times vary	11	Chris Difford	19:30
22	The Snake Davis Band	19:30	13 & 14	ComedySportz Improv Panto	times vary
23	Doug Allan	19:30	14	ComedySportz Improv Panto (Tots)	15:00
24-25	Stick Man	times vary	15	Barbara Nice	19:30
26	ComedySportz 4 Tots	15:00	19 - 22	Glisten	times vary
			22	A Christmas Carol in Concert	19:30

Exhibitions

LAURISTON GALLERY Reflect until 14 Sep | One Year On 19 Sep - 2 Nov
Cosgrove Hall 14 Nov - 4 Jan 2020

GALLERY '74 Make Your Mark until 14 Sep | Enso 19 Sep - 9 Nov

Visit watersidearts.org for more fantastic events coming up.

How to Book

In person

Mon - Sat 10:00 - 17:00

Event and term time class nights 10:00 - 19:00.

Online

watersidearts.org

Powered by Ticketline

8% booking fee. 50p min per ticket.

Handling/postage fees apply.

By phone

0161 912 5616

Times as above. £2.50 transaction fee per booking.

By textbox

0161 912 2102

(option 4). Ext 5899

Please note this is not an SMS service.

Concessions & group bookings

16s and under; students in full-time education; over 60s; retirees; visual and hearing impaired people; disabled people in receipt of benefits; those claiming Jobseeker's Allowance; Active Trafford pass holders. Buy 10 tickets and get the 11th free.

For details on ticket collection, lost tickets, ticket refunds or exchanges and latecomers please visit watersidearts.org/howtobook

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.

Access

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

Location

Waterside, 1 Waterside Plaza, Sale, Trafford, M33 7ZF

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 at Box Office.

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

Our galleries are open Mon - Sat 10:00 - 17:00 and later on event nights.

Free entry, donations welcome.

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