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DIDSBURYARTS FESTIVAL 2023

Welcome to Didsbury Arts Festival (DAF) 2023, an exciting contemporary festival of art and creativity, working with local, national and international artists!

From 24 June to 2 July, we have over 100 events and activities taking place across Didsbury and neighbouring areas, with high calibre and professional talent from across the full spectrum of the arts. DAF2023 will deliver a rich and varied programme of Music, Film, Theatre, Visual Art, Dance, Spoken Word, and more - through Events, Performances, Exhibitions, Immersive Experiences. Creative Workshops, Family **Events and Club Nights** - whilst also providing opportunities to learn about creative careers, and even

become a DAF featured artist yourself!

DAF2023 celebrates the theme 'Your Festival : Your Voice', and gathered the thoughts of over 1000 residents, workers, and frequent visitors to the area to influence our programming. Didsbury is such a vibrant, diverse and multicultural area, and we have created a programme that is relevant to all ages, backgrounds and creative tastes.

A big thank-you for all of the support and collaboration of our artists, partners,

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sponsors, funders, donors, venues, volunteers, and of course to you - our audience and our inspiration. Let's go and create some 'Wow' moments!

Rodney Adams

Festival Director

KEY INFORMATION

Buy Tickets

Tickets are available via the festival website for all applicable events, as indicated in the listings.

Information is correct at the time of printing. Please check website for updates.

We will have an information point at Didsbury library during the festival, with brochures, maps and information about events taking place each day (within library opening hours).

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Complete a survey online at **didsburyartsfestival.org** from Saturday 24th June or look out for paper versions at events.

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Didsbury Superstar:

Showcase Your Talents!

ENTRY DEADLINE - WED 14 JUNE

DAF2023 presents Didsbury Superstar – a performance based competition for 6-16 year olds, where we invite young people to showcase their Singing, Dancing, Martial Arts, Comedy, or other "Performance Based" creative skills... Think 'Britain's Got Talent', but a Didsbury version!

Do you (or a young person that you know) have a talent that you would like to show to Didsbury and the world? From a variety of categories (e.g. best primary-aged entrants and best teenage entrants), a panel of judges will select a number of applicants who will be invited to perform on the main stage at our DAF Closing Event in Didsbury Park! There's no need to wait, practise can start immediately. You will then need to make a short video of your performance (60 seconds max) and email/whatsapp it for our judges to take a look at.

For details: www.didsburyartsfestival.org

Voices of Didsbury: Submit your Artwork. All are welcome!

ENTRY DEADLINE - WED 14 JUNE

DAF2023 presents The Voices of Didsbury an art competition where we invite children. families, the local community and everyone in-between to become artists within the festival. No previous experience as an artist is necessary (although experienced/amateur artists are also welcome to enter). We're not looking for masterpieces here - quality will be judged on creativity and effort, whatever your age or ability. You can submit art works as either an Image (e.g. a Painting or Drawing). a Video (e.g. a Short 3min Film) or Audio file (e.g. a Song or Poetry). All that remains is to use your creativity to express something that you would like to say about "Our World - The Good. The Bad. The Happy. The Sad". For full details, www.didsburyartsfestival.org



DAF Outdoor OPENING Event

SAT 24 JUNE | 12PM-5PM | FLETCHER MOSS PARK | FREE No ticket required

Come and join us at our official opening event, outdoors in the beautiful Fletcher Moss Park. Including: Art On The Railings / Live Music from the Interns and friends / Spoken Word / Poetry / Persian Drummers / Traditional Storytelling / Book Reading for Children / Face Painting / DJs / Community Stalls / and more!

Voices of Didsbury: Exhibition

SAT 24 JUNE - SUN 02 JULY | GALLERY NEXT DOOR + JULIAN WADDEN ESTATE AGENTS | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED | SEE VENUE WEBSITES FOR OPENING HOURS

DAF2023 launched The Voices of Didsbury where children, families, the local community and everyone in-between were invited to submit a piece of artwork (a painting. some poetry, a short film, or something else creative) becoming artists within the festival themselves. A panel of judges have selected the best entries, based on creativity and effort, and now present the official Voices of Didsbury Exhibition! Come down and witness how the community has used it's creativity to express their voices and opinions about "Our World - The Good, The Bad, The Happy, The Sad" - Hosted in two locations, at The Gallery Next Door and Julian Wadden Estate Agents. For full details, including How To Apply, see: www.didsburyartsfestival.org

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



FLIGHT: Darkfield

SAT 24 JUNE - SUN 02 JULY | VARIOUS, DAILY (SEE WEBSITE FOR TIMES) | DIDSBURY LIBRARY | £12 / £9 CONC.

DAF in association with DARKFIELD present FLIGHT - An internationally renowned, award winning, 360 degree immersive experience at the forefront of technology and theatre! DARKFIELD has been a highlight of major film and theatre festivals across the world including Venice International Film Festival, the BFI London Film Festival, IDFA, Tribeca Film Festival (New York), the Raindance Film Festival, and Edinburgh Fringe.

**** 'the terrifyingly brilliant alt-universe of Darkfield... an immensely vivid experience' Time Out

FLIGHT takes place in absolute darkness inside a 40ft shipping container. Its interior exactly resembles an Airbus 320 Aeroplane economy cabin and over 30 minutes explores the Many-Worlds Interpretation of quantum mechanics, taking audience members through two worlds, two realities and two possible outcomes to their journey. There are many worlds in which this plane lands safely.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we'd like to direct your attention to the on-board safety demonstration and ask that you give us your full attention. In the unlikely event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure alternative scenarios will be provided. Next of kin will be provided. Additional desserts will be provided. An extra pillow. Trumpets and gongs... We're not responsible for your final destination..."

Not recommended for those of a nervous disposition. Minimum age limit 14. Under 16's must attend with an over 18.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

International Street Art Exhibition From New York to Manchester



International Street Art Exhibition - From New York to Manchester:

DAF x ST-ART New York

SAT 24 JUNE - SUN 02 JULY | VARIOUS, DAILY (SEE WEBSITE FOR TIMES) | DIDSBURY LIBRARY | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

DAF presents an international collaboration and celebration of Street Art, working with ST-ART (New York). This exhibition brings together some of New York's finest, alongside some of Manchester's best, to celebrate an art form without boundaries that continues to captivate the world. From city streets to contemporary installations, the Street Art movement has spread across the globe giving both artists and communities a visual format through which all voices can be heard and all subjects can be addressed. From social justice to climate change and aesthetic images of skill and beauty to tributes and visual commentary about all aspects of the world that we live in For an art form once dismissed as vandalism, for many, Street Art represents a new renaissance that has turned our streets into wonderful public galleries of modern day masterpieces.

The Right to a Creative Life:

42nd Street / The Horsfall Gallery SAT 24 JUNE | 14:00 - 15:30 | DIDSBURY PARSONAGE + HOME CAFÉ FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

The Horsfall Gallery at 42nd Street (young people's mental health charity) works with 3 artists in residence who have all experienced parental loss in their early 20's. Each artist works in a different medium to explore feelings, emotions, changes and expressions of grief. Join us for an opening event at Didsbury Parsonage (2pm Sat 24 June) with works from artists Tilly Johnson, Sophie Carey and Caitlin LM.. Then visit our welcoming creative space at Home Café, accessible throughout the festival.

Light Graffiti Workshops! – Create Magical Artworks Using Light!

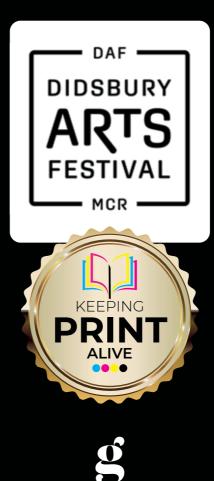
SAT 24 JUNE + SUN 25 JUNE | 10AM - 2PM | SIEMENS BUILDING FREE (BOOKING REQUIRED) | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

A Family Event / For Children and their Parents or Guardians. Group bookings from Schools and Groups are also welcome. Participants will leave with Free copies of the artwork that they have produced.

Light graffiti is a form of graffiti art which uses time-lapse photography and a source of light, to transform any space, yet leaves no trace.

Graffiti is a visual communication that uses symbols or phrases and can be traced back to ancient times, when people carved or painted messages on walls, rocks, and monuments. Graffiti can express political, social, or artistic views, serve as a way of claiming territory or identity – or simply be lots of fun! Graffiti can be created with different tools, such as spray cans, markers and stencils, or in this case, LIGHT!





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The Playhouse Project - Family Disco!

SUN 25 JUNE | 2PM-4.30PM | ST CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE £8 / £6 CONC. | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Who said that our clubbing days were over! Parents, Guardians and Children are invited to come on down and party together with the unmissable Playhouse Project - a daytime clubbing experience for the whole family, created by a crew of seasoned clubbers and DJ's from the Manchester scene that are now parents. With Soulful House & Disco goodness, alongside: The Conker Crew (immersive nature-play collective); Hula Hula Circus Workshops; Inflatables; Giant Balloons; Bubble Machines; Face Painting; Play Dough; Colouring Tables; and much more! All led by DJ Lil' Fee, aka Fiona Daniel (The Whip, Flex) who has enjoyed an international music career as the drummer in slick, dance-rock outfit, The Whip. Lil' Fee's DJ sets are finely crafted, rhythmic-roller-coasters, full of sonic energy for your dancefloor stomp. A fabulous family party that will create memories for life! (Activities are aimed at 3-11 year olds, however younger siblings are more than welcome)

Voices of Stone and Bone:

Professor Julian Thomas

SUN 25 JUNE | 5.30PM-7:30PM | BAPTIST CHURCH | ± 5 see daf website for details

A conversation on Monuments & Neolithic Society - Why did the earliest agricultural people of Britain leave behind massive monuments of earth and stone in the landscape - but few traces of every day life? What do those stones tell us about a world very different from our own, and the people who lived in it? Why are these edifices of stone, earth and timber such important National treasures? Join Professor Julian Thomas of Manchester University and Win Scutt, Senior Properties Curator, English Heritage, for a fascinating conversation full of unique insights into a past we are still unravelling.



A DAF2023 Classical Highlight (in support of Francis House Hospice)

MON 26 JUNE | 7PM-10PM | BAPTIST CHURCH | £15 See daf website for details

Not to be missed, this headline event for DAF2023 brings together Paul Barritt -20 years a player and permanent guest leader with the Hallé orchestra, Rachael Clegg – principal oboe with Manchester Camerata, and Belgian born concert pianist Ryan Drucker, in an exciting and versatile programme of classical music by Handel, Ravel, Schumann, Bach, Ridout, Shostakovich and Dorothy Howell. This superb concert will be a chance to get up close and personal with three uniquely talented artists at the top of their game.

This festival and concert is supported by Siemens, a longstanding friend and supporter of DAF, with Siemens staff also supporting Francis House as a chosen charity. We want to thank them for their kind support.

One World. One Mic. Young Musicians Showcase

TUE 27 JUNE | 7PM-11PM | COVE BAR | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Join us as we showcase some of the hottest up and coming young musical talent from across Greater Manchester and the north. Expect an eclectic mix of genres and remember the day when you saw them first!

Lights. Camera. Action... (and Caribbean Food!):

Adam Jowett, Colombina Luna Abarca, Cameron Lalor, Alice Diamond

THU 29 JUNE | 8PM-11PM | COVE BAR | £5 SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

It's Movie Night!... DAF proudly presents an innovative selection of short films from

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across Manchester. Be prepared to go on a journey through different styles, genres and subject matter. This event will require a sense of cinematic adventure and a willingness to explore the unknown... With popcorn, fully licensed bar and caribbean food on sale, lets get comfy and roll the reel. See website for listings and further info.

In conversation: Clover Stroud

THU 29 JUNE | 6PM-7.15PM | DIDSBURY LIBRARY | £10 / £8 CONC. See daf website for details

Clover Stroud is an acclaimed author, journalist and broadcaster, who recently wrote a powerful memoir about loss, following the untimely death of her sister. Author Sue Kaberry will lead this discussion with Clover, who once said that writing had given her a voice to tell her story when she couldn't speak for grief.

"Clover Stroud's memoir is a life-changing book that you will never forget. As a story it's a compulsive page turner; as a testament it's an inspiration." - The Oxford Times

"This redemptive memoir will steal your heart; it will return it bruised but emboldened." - Mail on Sunday

"Clover Stroud is a force of nature, and a woman who is fearless in the face of life and death. I loved it."

- Elizabeth Gilbert, author of Eat, Pray, Love"



Okechukwu Nzelu in conversation with Ayesha Choudhury

THU 29 JUNE | 6.30PM-8.30PM | ART OF TEA

Okechukwu Nzelu is a writer and University Lecture. In 2015 he was the recipient of a New Writing North Award. In 2020 his debut novel, The Private Joys of Nnenna Maloney, won a Betty Trask Award and was shortlisted for the Betty Trask Prize, the Desmond Elliott Prize, and the Polari First Book Prize. This event will be a reading and Q&A for his second novel, Here Again Now....

A Evening with Nell Stevens and Claire Dunham

THU 29 JUNE | 7.30PM-9PM | EMMANUEL CHURCH | \pm 7 / \pm 5 CONC see daf website for details

A favourite with Manchester audiences following the publication of her 2018 memoir. 'Mrs Gaskell and Me'. Nell Stevens returns to DAF to talk about her acclaimed debut novel. Briefly. A Delicious Life. In 1838 the writer George Sand and her children, along with the ailing composer, Frederic Chopin, travel from Paris to a monastery in Mallorca to work and to live a simple life. Witness to their arrival is the ghost of a 14-year-old girl, Blanca, whose life was cut short 300 years earlier. From the moment she sees George Sand, Blanca falls helplessly in love with this remarkable, spirited woman in male clothing. An exploration of music, desire, convention and creativity, Briefly, A Delicious Life is also a celebration of the marginalised voices that resonate powerfully in this haunting novel. Author, Nell Stevens, will be in conversation with Deborah Grace Manchester-based pianist, Claire Dunham, will perform works by Frederic Chopin to cast a musical spell over the evening. The event, including audience questions and book-signing, will last approximately 1.5hrs. Suitable for adults. Primarily a literature event, this will also appeal to music lovers.



Kurt Weill - I am a Stranger Here Myself:

Derek Blyth and Jill Taylor FRI 30 JUNE | 7.30PM-9.30PM | NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

(CHAPEL) | £8 / £6 CONC. | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS Kurt Weill was born in 1900, into a Jewish

Kurt Weill was born in 1900, into a Jewish family in Saxony, in what was then the German Empire. He died, almost exactly half a century later, in New York city, the hub of glitz. What happened in between, which established him as one of the most interesting and versatile composers of the twentieth century, is a tale almost worthy of one of his operas or musicals.

Derek Blyth will tell the story - with songs from Die Dreigroschenoper, Lady in the Dark and many others, performed by Jill Taylor - and with visuals on screen and anecdotes aplenty. Recitals by Jill and Derek (Edith Piaf, The Berlin Cabaret) are always very popular events, so early booking is advised. Derek was born near Edinburgh and studied music there and at the Universities of Aberdeen and Durham. A very experienced performer, lecturer, teacher and conductor, he is also president of the Wagner Society of Manchester, a member of the London Accordion Orchestra, and Chairman of the Almshouse Trust in his home town.

Learning to Fly:

James Rowland

SAT 01 JULY \mid 7PM-8.20PM \mid Baptist church \mid £12 / £9 conc. See daf website for details

Attic presents, Learning to Fly - a new show from James Rowland featuring his captivating mix of theatre, comedy and music.

***** A riveting, remarkable hour of theatre - The Guardian

Learning to Fly sees James tell the story of a remarkable friendship he made (when he was a lonely, unhappy teenager) with the scary old lady who lived in the spooky house on his street. It's about connection, no matter what the obstacles; about love's eternal struggle with time; about music and its ability to heal.



It's also about her last wish: to get high once before she dies. Uplifting, big hearted and hilarious, this brand new show is touring following a sell out run at the Edinburgh festival. Age guidance 14+.

******* He delivers his story with grace and self-deprecating humour - The Times

★★★★ Rowland is a natural storyteller...very funny, disarmingly honest and surprisingly tender - The Scotsman

Shlomo's Beatbox Adventure For Kids: SK Shlomo

SAT 01 JULY | 2PM-3PM | PARRS WOOD HIGH SCHOOL | £8 / £5 CONC. See daf website for details

World record-breaking beatboxer SK Shlomo makes amazing music with just a mouth and a mic and has performed around the world with legends like Bjork, Ed Sheeran and Rudimental. After another sell-out UK tour, and multiple 5 star reviews, Shlomo is back on the mission to empower the next generation of superstar beatboxers to find their true voice, no matter who they are. Anybody can become one of this sonic superhero's sidekicks in a world of funny sounds, brilliant noises, and cool music, whether they're aged 1 or 101!

******* A perfect show... sets young imaginations alight - The Times

***** Joyous...the parents were having just as good a time as their kids - BroadwayBaby.com

Mesmerising! - Primary Times

★★★ Outrageously talented
The List Edinburgh -





SK Shlomo - Breathe Talk

SAT 01 JULY | 8.30PM-10.30PM | DIDSBURY SPORTS GROUND £12 / £9 CONC. | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

International beatboxing star, SK SHLOMO, is a celebrated theatre performer and a well-respected collaborator with the likes of Biörk, Gorillaz, Imogen Heap and Rudimental. 'SHLO' travelled to Los Angeles to become the first ever World Looping Champion, brought Ed Sheeran on stage as a guest at Glastonbury, has been the first non-classical Artist in Residence at London's Southbank Centre, and the list of accolades continues... This summer, SK SHLOMO brings to DAF a special interpretation of the award-winning solo show. BREATHE! Described by The Times as a "one-person music festival". BREATHE is a rollercoaster love-letter to the lifesaving power of beats, bass & breathing.

★★★★ ABSOLUTELY SUPERB - BBC 5 Live

**** JOYFUL WORK ABOUT COMING TOGETHER... STANDOUT SHOW - The Scotsman

★★★★ "2022's PICK OF THE FRINGE - Merv Awards

Yes - a play that becomes a rave against suicide! Like the game of life - you need to know where your head's at - FELIX, BASEMENT JAXX

A riot of noise and light... SK Shlomo is a treat to watch - THE SCOTSMAN

Handwritten Miracles : Mike Garry and The Cassia String Quartet

SUN 02 JULY | 8PM - 10PM | DIDSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH £15 / £12 CONC. | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

This unique collaboration of gritty northern Poetry and Classical Music has won fans worldwide. They've collaborated with the likes of Philip Glass and New Order and their first single, St. Anthony - An ode to Anthony H Wilson, got to number one in three official UK charts. This is an event not to be missed. Described by iconic designer Peter Saville as "a genius", Mike Garry is an award-winning Poet, who's work focuses on the city and its people, championing the underdog and finding beauty amongst the ugliness and triumph amongst tragedy. He has performed his poetry since 1995, working Internationally across the UK, USA, Hong Kong, and throughout Europe.



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



Didsbury Superstar: The Finals

SUN 02 JULY | 12PM-6PM | DIDSBURY PARK | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED

Come on down to support the talented finalists of our Didsbury Superstar competition, as they take over the stage in Didsbury Park as part of our DAF 2023 Closing Event. Singing, Dancing, Martial Arts, Comedy, and other "Performance Based" creative skills... Think 'Britain's Got Talent', but a Didsbury version! See further information at: www.didsburyartsfestival.org



DAF Outdoor CLOSING Event

SUN 02 JULY | 12PM-6PM | DIDSBURY PARK | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED

To round off a week of immersive art, enjoy a day in Didsbury Park. Bring the family and pack a picnic or visit one of our food stalls. You can kick back and enjoy the finals of the Didsbury Superstars competition, get involved with some salsa dancing with La Suetre, try your hand at circus skills with the Circus House and have a natter with the roaming Tea Club. We also have performances from Didsbury Theatre School and traditional Persian daf drummers along with storytelling and face painting for the little ones. Live music from Midland Railway and a DJ set from Li'l Fee (the Whip, Flex) will soundtrack your afternoon.

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EVENTS BY GENRE CREATIVE / INTERACTIVE



Natural Dying - Textile Workshop

EMILY GUBBAY | SUN 25 JUNE | 1PM-3PM | EMMANUEL PARISH Lower Hall | £35 | see daf website for details

The activity is a natural dyeing workshop offering a creative and playful way to understand how colours are created from plants, participants will bundle dye a pair of sock or cotton scarf with flowers, foraged plants and food waste. The focus of the workshop is to offer sustainable ways of looking at fashion, textile and waste while exploring the colours created from plants.

Print Making: Emma Pinnock

SUN 25 JUNE | 1PM-3PM | EMMANUEL PARISH LOWER HALL | £35 See daf website for details

This technique is all about the process of cutting away the layers to reveal the image. You can never be sure how the design will work until the board is actually printed - enjoy being surprised by the results! The workshop will cover developing ideas into designs using safe cutting techniques alongside hand printing techniques. Single colour prints can also be developed by printing onto coloured backgrounds and exploring collages. There will also be advice on mounting, framing and developing ideas. Everyone who takes part will have a print to take home after the session along with the tools to carry on and create more pieces.

Day On The Tiles: SETT

MON 26 JUNE | 12PM-4PM | SETT | £12 SEE: WWW.SETTART.COM

Family-friendly acrylic-pouring! All materials are included, with artworks to take home! Walk-ins welcome. For further details, see: www.settart.com

EVENTS BY GENRE CREATIVE / INTERACTIVE

Night On The Tiles: SETT

MON 26 JUNE | 7PM-9PM | SETT | £25 SEE: WWW.SETTART.COM

Sett's super-popular sip-and-pour - where you can learn a whole host of fluid art techniques with expert guidance from our resident artist, Franky Clarke - whilst also enjoying a glass and a nibble with friends. All materials are included, with artworks to take home! For further details, see: www.settart.com

Nightingale and Sage Guided Walk

MON 26, TUE 27, FRI 30 JUNE | 1PM-3PM ON EACH DAY | MON 26TH FLETCHER MOSS PARK // TUE 27TH FOG LANE PARK // FRI 30TH DIDSBURY PARK | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED

A Resilience and Wellbeing Walk that encourages attendees to move slower, to contemplate and to reflect inwards - to find vour 'inner voice'. A gentle stroll around the local area using a walk 'recipe' to look for easily found items. Each item acts as a prompt for a related Resilience and Wellbeing activity. You will learn simple skills that build resilience, strengthen well-being, lessen anxiety and enhance mood. Everyone receives their own copy of the recipe, so that you can use the 'take away' skills in the future. Walk 1: Mon 26th June: Meet 1pm at the Wilmslow Rd entrance to Eletcher Moss Park Walk 2: Tue 27th June: Meet 1pm by the Tennis Courts at Fog Lane Park Walk 3: Fri 30th June: Meet 1pm outside the Pavilion Café in Didsbury Park



Fake News! Collage Workshop: Sam Selley

WED 28 JUNE | 6:30PM-8PM | SAISON | FREE | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Collage based workshop focusing around the idea of fake news. In the workshop, participants will create bizarre imagery using a range of found imagery from a variety of magazines and printed matter. After creating the image, they will then create a headline for it by cutting up existing headlines. The workshop will be aimed at adults, and older children but can be made accessible for younger children coming as part of a family group by having material more suitable for them. www.samselley.co.uk

Sett Screens: SETT

TUE 27 JUNE | 12PM-2PM + 1PM-5PM | SETT | £15 SEE: WWW.SETTART.COM

Family friendly stencil, screen-print and spray painting session with resident artist Franky Clarke and local legend Al Livesey. All materials included, plus artworks to take home. Walk-ins welcome. For further details, see: www.settart.com

Sett Street – Spray Tech Edition

TUE 27 JUNE | 7PM-9PM | SETT | £22.50 | SEE: WWW.SETTART.COM

Learn spray paint techniques to create weird and wonderful alien landscapes. Suitable from ages 8+. All materials included, plus A1 boards to take home at the end of the evening.

Sett x Brush n Beats: SETT

WED 28 JUNE | 2PM-4PM (AGES 14+) 7PM-9PM (ADULTS) | SETT | £30 | SEE: WWW.SETTART.COM

Brush n Beats take over Sett for a day of acrylic-on-canvas painting under the expert tutelage of resident artist @yasminshima with @benny_blanco_mcr and @brownnathan (Platoon) spinning up the decks. All materials included, A3 canvases to take home.

EVENTS BY GENRE CREATIVE / INTERACTIVE

Sett Street Art – Graffiti Edition:

THU 29 JUNE | 2PM-4PM (FAMILY) 7PM-9PM (ADULTS)" | SETT | £30 | SEE: WWW.SETTART.COM

Learn how to design and create your very own graffiti piece with expert tuition from Franky and AI, with special guest writers and dj's. Comes with free pre-class design activity pack and zoom meeting. All materials included, plus you will have large 1.2m x 1.2m boards to take home. All safety equipment provided. For further details, see: www.settart.com

Embodied Sound: Alina Sygiel

SUN 02 JULY | 3PM-4PM | THE PARSONAGE (ROOM 1) | £12 See daf website for details

Enter a relaxation sound healing journey that offers a fantastic way to leave behind the stresses of modern life, facilitating a remarkable healing proceses. The Gongs are played gently along with Himalayan Bowls, Frame Drum, Vast Pan, Koshi and percussion instruments. Sound is a simple and natural means to lull you into an Altered State of Consciousness (similar to deep meditation) inducing a deep, restorative, relaxation. Bringing balance and harmony to your physical body, aura and energy pathways. As your brainwayes slow down, you may start to journey inward, and access the inner realms of your being. Heightening your intuition, creativity and inner wisdom. Allowing your body to perform some essential maintenance on your memory, hormones and immune system, whilst lowering blood pressure, improving brain and heart functions, and even giving a relief of pain in some circumstances. Come to regain a sense of inner peace and tranguillity, feeling relaxed, refreshed and restored

Circus House

SUN 02 JULY | 2.30PM-4.30PM | DIDSBURY PARK

Roll up, roll up, to learn all the skills and trickery you'd need to run away with the circus. Based just down the road in Longsight, The Circus House are offering you the chance to take part in an amazing circus skills workshop. Covering skills ranging from spinning plates to juggling and even giving you the opportunity to get up in the air on an aerial hoop.

Flash Fiction Workshop: David Gaffney

SUN 02 JULY | 1.30PM-3.30PM | THE OLD PARSONAGE | £7 / £5 CONC SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Can you tell a story in less than 500 words? David Gaffney thinks you can, and in this workshop you will learn how to reduce ideas to an ultra-short format – how to condense while keeping your story effective, powerful and easy to understand, how to manage character, description, point of view and dialogue, and how to reduce a thousand words to 150 without losing a thing. Full of practical, fun exercises, this session will leave you wondering why anything has to be longer than a side of A4.

David Gaffney is the author of the novels Never Never (2008), All The Places I've Ever Lived (2017) and Out Of The Dark (2021), and the flash fiction and short story collections Sawn-Off Tales (2006), Aromabingo (2007), The Half-Life of Songs (2010) and More Sawn-Off Tales (2013). He has published two graphic novels with Dan Berry – The Three Rooms In Valerie's Head (2018) and Rivers (2021) – and is working on a third. He has just published a chapbook, The Country Pub, with Nightjar Press, and this year publishes a new short story collection with Salt Publishing, Concrete Fields, and a pamphlet, Whale, with Osmosis Press.

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PARTY /SOCIAL EVENTS

Sett's Early Starty Arty Party

SETT | FRI 23 JUNE | 12PM-MIDNIGHT | SETT | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED

A day of art, music, drinks and dining to get everyone in the mood for DAF!

Phenomena 2023

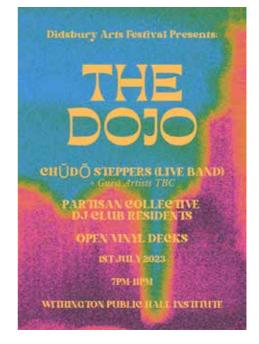
PHENOMENA RESIDENT DJS | SAT 24 JUNE | 8PM TIL LATE | COVE FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

In the late 90's and into the 00s, an R&B. HipHop, Garage, Drum & Bass, and Classic House clubnight named Phenomena was born into the city of Sheffield, showcasing some of the artists that have since become UK urban music legends (including The Artful Dodger, Trevor Nelson, DJ Luck & MC Neat, Groovrider, Mis-teeg, Damage, and many more). Phenomena became a monthly sensation and the first urban clubnight to be broadcast live across the Galaxy Radio network and to host an MTV Base northern music showcase, whilst attracting a regular monthly audience from both north and south. Now for the first time in 20 years, Phenomena's resident DJ's re-unite to represent the old-skool and heat up the dancefloor one more time. Hosted on the night by Cove Manchester resident DJs. with DJ's Mellzo (London), Katt (Bristol), D-ablo (Leeds) and Tenn (Huddersfield), plus live Percussionists!... Let's get ready to drop it like it's hot!

DAF x Settiquette: SETT (Festival Opening Party)

SETT | SAT 24 JUNE | 7PM-2AM | SETT | FREE (OPTIONAL £7.50 Bonus offer detailed below) | No ticket required

Didsbury Arts Festival combines with local arts and social event "Settiquette" for an alternative OPENING party - with arty shenanigans, top DJ's and licensed bar!... This event is Free but we have a £7.50 promo ticket available that offers A Free Drink, Artwork to take home, and Entry/Exit stamps



guaranteeing entry before 11pm (so you can go and check out Burton Road safe in the knowledge that you'll have an ace party at the end of the night!). For further details, see: www.settart.com

Sunday Funday: SETT

SUN 25 JUNE | 10AM-6PM | SETT | FREE (OPTIONAL £10 BONUS OFFER DETAILED BELOW) | NO TICKET REQUIRED

A fun-filled day of mixed media for all the family, with hot chocs and pancakes for the bairns and Bloody Mary's and toasties for the big kids. Entry is Free or £10 for art sessions, with everybody welcome to pop in for refreshments. For further details, see: www.settart.com

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Sunday Settiquette: SETT

JUN 25 JUNE | 6PM-10PM | SETT | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Arty Adults evening with random art demos, nice music and fine drinks - art materials included with bar purchase.

DAF x Settiquette: SETT (Festival Closing Party)

SAT 01 JULY | 7PM-2AM | SETT | FREE (OPTIONAL £7.50 BONUS OFFER DETAILED BELOW) | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Didsbury Arts Festival combines with local arts and social event "Settiquette" for an alternative CLOSING party - with arty shenanigans, top DJ's and licensed bar!... This event is Free but we have a £7.50 promo ticket available that offers A Free Drink, Artwork to take home, and Entry/Exit stamps guaranteeing entry before 11pm (so you can go and check out Burton Road safe in the knowledge that you'll have an ace party at the end of the night!). For further details, see: www.settart.com

The Dojo

SAT 01 JULY | 7PM-9PM | WITHINGTON PUBLIC HALL INSTITUTE FREE | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Chūdō steppers are a three piece band consisting of drums, bass, and guitar, boasting a wide variety of styles. Think soul with a hint of grime, jazz with a side of trap, an expert blend of both old-school and newage influences.

Partisan Collective DJ Club Residents are one of the city's most exciting and innovative DJ collectives. Think healthy doses of traditional African rhythm merged with uplifting and soulful grooves, 2 step shuffles and heart melting bass-lines.

It's a night you surely don't want to miss!

Didsbury Comedy Club

SUN 02 JULY | 7PM-10PM | ST CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE £12| BOOK TICKETS VIA WWW.DIDSBURYCOMEDY.CO.UK

Didsbury Comedy Club Sun 2 July 2023 Doors 7pm Show 7:45pm £12 //John Bishop, Rangesh Ranganathan and Sarah Millican have all performed at Didsbury Comedy Club and 2023 saw a surprise appearance from 'Meet The Richardson's star Lucy Beaumont! // Sunday 2 July sees Jamie Hutchinson and Jo Caulfield preview their 2023 Edinburgh Fringe shows as part of Didsbury Arts Festival // Jamie Hutchinson - Waterslide Podcast hero Jamie Hutchinson (Have A Word Hot Water Green Room etc.) is one of the brightest sparks on the UK circuit. // "His life is pathetic and it's so funny" Adam Rowe "Absolutely hilarious" Seann Walsh // Jo Caulfield Razor-Sharp. Razor-sharp. Sarcastic. Outrageous. Jo has appeared on Have I Got News For You. Mock The Week and The John Bishop Show // 'One of Britain's smartest comics' ***** Scotsman // Didsbury Comedy Club is booked, marketed and produced by Comedy In A Van

Settle Down (DAF Closing Social): SETT

SUN 02 JULY | 12PM-MIDNIGHT | SETT | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

As DAF2023 comes to an end, we invite you to the Sett wrap party - with wholesome food, coffees, hot chocs, replenishing Bloody Mary's and art for all (adults only after 7pm). All contributors, artists, local businesses, and the public are warmly welcome to join the DAF2023 volunteers and festival team.

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EVENTS BY GENRE THEATRE AND DANCE

Voicing the Unvoiced:

Real and Present Theatre

SUN 25 JUNE | 6.30PM-9.30PM | ST JAMES AND EMMANUEL, PARISH CENTRE, LOWER HALL | £8 | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

VOICING THE UNVOICED' - Real and Present Theatre, 'RaPT' is a local improvising theatre company. Based in the ideas of Playback Theatre (a form of Psycho-drama), we listen to and re-enact true stories, challenges or dilemmas which hold personal significance to audience members. RaPT embraces the rich diversity of people's backgrounds and perspectives, seeking to give voice to and respond to your voiced, half voiced or unvoiced stories. We enact mirror or perhaps interpret moments and memories, often finding universal themes in our shared humanity, affirming and honouring them. We welcome you to witness and collaborate in this experiential performance, which promises to move, intrigue and inspire you.

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It's Never Too Late!: ExEl Theatre Company

TUE 27 JUNE | 7PM-9PM | THE ALBERT CLUB | £5 SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

It's Never Too Late! An entertaining programme of drama, comedy, and music brought to you by The ExEl Company, a group of emerging North West writers and artists from the baby boom generation.

Owen and Slater

TUE 27 JUNE | 7.30PM-9.30PM | THE DAF LOUNGE (ABOVE PIZZA EXPRESS, LAPWING LANE) | £8 / £6 CONC | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

What do we choose to share? How do we disquise our vulnerability? Delving into human relationships. TRY|TRYING|TRIED is a captivating journey of two people who share meetings, smiles, and a desire to just be. Created and performed by Shelley Owen and Josh Slater, this dance duet explores the places we've been, conversations we have, and vulnerability we feel. Constant choices are made about who and what we present, in what moment, Shelley Owen is an independent performance artist, researcher and mentor. Creating dance and interdisciplinary work internationally. she is also a founding member of WHAT IIIF. Her research interests include; gender and identity, womanhood, and cognition. Josh Slater is a Senior Lecturer and Programme Leader for Dance at De Montfort University. as well as a contemporary dance artist, theatre maker and performer. Josh's research interests are focused on choreographic practices, risk taking, Dance Theatre, improvisation and collaborative practices.

La Suerte Dance School:

Michal Niezgoda

SUN 02 JULY | 2.30PM-3.30PM | DIDSBURY PARK | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED

Get ready to spice up your life with our incredible salsa demonstration by the talented students of our dance school! Our students have been practicing hard and are ready to show off their moves and bring the party to you!

If you're ready to dive into the world of salsa yourself; look no further than our dance school! We offer classes every day for dancers of all levels, so whether you're a seasoned pro or a total newbie, we've got you covered. Salsa is the perfect way to connect with others and get a workout at the same time.

So what are you waiting for? Don't miss out on the fun - come and join us for our sizzling

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salsa demonstration and get ready to move and groove like never before! For more info, check out our Instagram and Facebook, La Suerte Dance School. Or our website www.salsa-manchester.co.uk

Tea Club: Axial Dance

SUN 02 JULY | TBC | DIDSBURY PARK | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Tea Club is a piece of strolling dance theatre. Two tea ladies and their musical trolley offer tea dances and a good old chin wag over a cuppa ...old school passing on of information and data.

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EVENTS BY GENRE SPOKEN WORD / POETRY

I am a poet!: Malcolm Allum

SAT 24 JUNE | 4PM-6PM | MOOR COTTAGE | FREE | RESERVATION REQUIRED | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Fresh voices and the experienced share their work.

Fool, said my Muse to Me, Look in Thy Heart and Write. Philip Sydney (1554 -1586)

Confingo Publishing

TUE 27 JUNE | ART OF TEA| FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Join Didsbury publishing house Confingo for a relaxed evening of spoken word from local authors, Elizabeth Baines, Nicholas Royle, David Gaffney, Sarah-Clare Conlon, Zena Barrie, Jo Howard, Imogen Tomlinson, Anne Worthington & Adrian Slatcher. Books will be available to buy so make some space on your shelves!



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My Poet's Boots:

Ali Davenport

WED 28 JUNE | 7PM-10PM | SAISON | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Join emerging Manchester poet Ali Davenport as she shares her amazing journey, throwing off old layers and ways of being and stepping into her poet's boots. Other poets will be part of the gathering; people working out what they want to say about the world. In all the noise, how do you find your voice? It'll be a warm and welcoming experience, encouraging conversation and connection. Gather from 7pm when the doors open, with a start at 7.30pm.

Find out more about Ali's work on her website: www.soulsurvivalguide.co.

VoYce-Is:

Chris Jam THU 29 JUNE | 7.30PM-9.30PM | ALBERT CLUB

VoYce-Is is a spoken word event honouring those we have lost - a compassionate, creative opportunity for poets and public alike to give voice to the voiceless through the power of the spoken word. It is hosted by Chris Jam, alongside some of Manchester's finest poets and a live band. Open Mic slots available - mail: mancuniverse@gmail.com (all subject matter welcome).

Science tells us that everything in our universe is vibration. Many cultures believe that when a loved one dies, their vibration does not cease - it changes frequency. VoYce-Is seeks to unite and strengthen the vibrational bond of the living and the dearly departed, through the power of the spoken word. If these beliefs resonate with you, come along and together we shall honour and celebrate those we have lost, love and are eternally connected to.

Entry fee: donate what you feel. After artists expenses, VoYce-Is will donate to a brain cancer charity.

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Flight Patterns:

Sarah-Clare Conlon

SAT 01 JULY | 2PM-3PM | PARSONAGE (ROOM 1) | £7 / £5 CONC

Flight Patterns is a unique performance. premiering poems inspired by the legendary Emily Williamson and her Wear No Feathers campaign, created for the Festival by Didsburybased writer Sarah-Clare Conlon. Join the poet as she explores the life and legacy of Emily, who co-founded the Society for the Protection of Birds (now the RSPB) at The Croft in Fletcher Moss Park, where a statue is set to be unveiled in her honour. Sarah-Clare Conlon was inaugural Writer-in-Residence at Manchester's Victoria Baths 2019-21, Apprentice Poet in Residence for Ilkley Literature Festival 2022 and a contributing writer to Lancashire Stories 2022-23, and has published three acclaimed poetry pamphlets and a short story collection, with Broken Sleep Books

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1. Christ Church, West Didsbury Darley Avenue, M20 2ZD

2. Cove Bar 158 Burton Road, M20 1LH

3. Didsbury Baptist Church School Lane, M20 6SX

4. Didsbury Cricket Club 860 Wilmslow Road, M20 2ZY

5. Didsbury Library 692 Wilmslow Road, M20 2DN

6. Didsbury Mosque 271 Burton Road, M20 2WA

7. Didsbury Park Gillbrook Road, M20 5LS

8. Didsbury Sports Ground Ford Lane, M20 2RU

9. Emmanuel Church 6 Barlow Moor Road, M20 6TR

10. Expo Lounge 766 Wilmslow Road, M20 2DR

11. Fletcher Moss Gardens 18 Stenner Lane, M20 2RQ

12. Fog Lane Park Fog Lane, M20 6ED

13. Folk 169-171 Burton Road, M20 2LN

14. Home Cafe6 Barlow Moor Road, M20 6TR

15. Nazarene Theological College Dene Road, M20 2GU

16. Next Door Gallery 238 Burton Road, M20 2LW

17. Number 6 - Lounge 6 Barlow Moor Road, M20 6TR

18. Oxfam Didsbury778 Wilmslow Road, M20 2DR

19. Parish Centre Behind Number 6 Barlow Moor Road, M20 6TR

20. Parrs Wood High School Wilmslow Road, M20 5PG

21. Parsonage Gardens Stenner Lane, M20 2RQ



VENUE MAP

22. Pizza Express Didsbury 95 Lapwing Lane, M20 6UR

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23. Red Lion Withington 530 Wilmslow Road, M20 4BT

24. Saison 236 Burton Road, M20 2LW

25. Sett, Arts Cafe/Gallery 174 Burton Road, M20 1LH

> 26. Siemens Building Princess Road, M20 2UR

27. St James Church Stenner Lane, M20 2RQ

28. St Nicholas Church 408 Kingsway, M19 1PL

29. The Albert Club 39 Old Lansdowne Rd, M20 2PA

30. The Art of Tea 47 Barlow Moor Rd, M20 6TW

31. The Dog & Partridge 665 Wilmslow Rd, M20 6RA

32. The Northern Lawn Tennis Club Palatine Road. M20 3YA

33. The Parrswood Pub 356 Parrswood Road, M20 6JD

> **34. The Parsonage** Stenner Lane, M20 2RQ

35. The Railway Inn 3 Lapwing Lane, M202NT

36. The Slug and Lettuce 651 Wilmslow Road, M20 6QZ

37. The Wishing Well 1 School Lane, M20 6RD

38. The Woodstock Arms 139 Barlow Moor Road, M20 2DY

> **39. Wine and Wallop** 97 Lapwing Lane, M20 6UR

40. Withington Baths 30 Burton Road, M20 3EB

41. Withington Public Hall Institute 2 Burton Road, M20 3ED

> 42. Ye Olde Cock Inn 848 Wilmslow Road, M20 2RN

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The Interns

SAT 24 JUNE | 3PM-5PM | FLETCHER MOSS GARDENS | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED

The Interns are a 3 piece covers band based in Didsbury. We play music from all different eras, from the 60s to the naughties, Joni Mitchell to the Dandy Warhols. John and Tim were the original members of the team. They have been entertaining on a semi professional for a number of decades. Kath is a more recent addition, adding a range of singing styles and harmonies to an already successful formula. The Interns can be found throughout the summer, around Didsbury playing both indoor and outdoor venues. We play for charities, but also on request for special occasions. We are looking forward to entertaining you in this year's Didsbury Arts festival

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Dislocation Dance

SAT 24 JUNE | 8PM-10PM | RED LION | FREE | NO TICKETS REQUIRED

Dislocation Dance: cult indie-pop pioneers from Manchester, and favourites of the late John Peel, Formed in Manchester in late 1978. making their live debut at the celebrated Factory Club, the band released a series of inventive, eclectic jazz-tinged pop records on New Hormones (the label founded by Buzzcocks). After touring the UK. Europe and North America the band relocated to Rough Trade for their third long player. Midnight Shift which featured the near-hits Show Me and Violette. Think Cardigans, think Belle and Sebastian. Sadly the original group split in 1984, with Runacres founding new band Brightside, and Andy Diagram joining chartbound James Dislocation Dance reformed for a Japanese tour in 2000, followed by albums, Cromer, The Ruins of Manchester and Are We There Yet? With Runacres now ioined by bassist and writing partner Phil Lukes, the group have recorded a brand-new album. Discombobulation.



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Matt Hartless and the Maverick 7

SAT 24 JUNE | 8.30PM-10.30PM | YE OLDE COCK FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Matt Hartless and the Maverick 7 bring you a bucket of folk and ska punk joy and highly danceable tunes from Manchester. Complete with fiddle, three part harmonies, chunky rhythms and extremely rock star solos, they have come to rock your socks off and will not be dissuaded!

Sarah Murphy and Sarah Simmonds

SAT 24 JUNE \mid 7PM-9PM \mid EMMANUEL CHURCH \mid £10 / £8 conc see daf website for details

Working as an ensemble for many years, these two performers are looking forward to their second appearance as part of the Didsbury Arts Festival. They have performed extensively throughout the UK in varied venues and are keen to present programmes which explore the many different styles of song - they are particularly keen on presenting music which is often overlooked and underperformed. For this year's Festival, their programme will include light classical song, ranging from opera favourites to the intimacy of Romantic lied - including British composers Vaughan Williams, Britten, and Madeleine Dring, Alongside this, there will be many well-known numbers celebrating musicals and popular song, including songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein, George Gershwin, Stephen Sondheim, and a celebration of the music of Burt Bacharach. paying homage to the legendary songwriter who died earlier this year.

Watson and Locket

SUN 25 JUNE | 7PM-9PM | WINE AND WALLOP | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Watson & Lockett are an alt-folk duo based in West Didsbury made up of multiinstrumentalists Hazel Watson (viola, guitar, piano, vocals) and Georgie Lockett (violin, mandolin, piano, vocals). As well as drawing from folk traditions, their music is influenced by baroque pop, soul, and classical and is characterised by their multi-instrumentalism, close vocal harmonies, themes of nature and social change conveyed through poetic lyricism, and a performance style described as joyful and uplifting.

Silvetrain Duo

SUN 25 JUNE | 5.30PM-7.30PM | NORTHERN TENNIS CLUB | FREE No Ticket Required | see daf website for details

Silvertrainduo is an acoustic duo from Manchester focussing upon subtle harmonies and a clever remodelling of famous songs to create some unexpected arrangements and beautiful renditions of tunes from the 50s to present day.

The duo is made up of professional performer, teacher and event organiser Mike Healey who has fronted a number of local bands including Backbeat, Sundance , Westpoint and The Clik . Also multi instrumentalist and vocalist Jan Sumara who brings a wealth of experience being a member of Glor a Chorlton based choir and also LCB band who raise money for Cancer Research playing live music. www.silvertrainduo.co.uk

A Beautiful World: Laurence Perkins

MON 26 JUNE | 1PM-3PM | PARSONAGE | £10 / £8 CONC. See daf website for details

Beautiful World is an inspiring one-hour musical journey around the world, featuring the expressive and versatile sound of the solo bassoon. Join UK soloist Laurence Perkins in an evocative musical exploration which includes a Scottish mountain, the English Malvern hills, a Serenade from Mexico, Latin American tango, a train journey from Vienna, a love song in Italy, and the high Alpine pastures of Switzerland.

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ZunZun + Nodha

TUE 27 JUNE | 7.30PM-9.30PM | ST NICOLAS CHURCH FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Nodha are a duo led by multi-instrumentalist Calum Macleod which fuses multiple musical styles including Traditional Scottish Gaelic, Folk, Jazz & Electronica. Through the involvement of electronic, Nodha are able to take inspiration from any musical culture, exploring boundaries that were once in place due to distance but are now non-existent in this connected world. With a focus on Scottish Gaelic, this project looks at a how a minority language can survive in a world that shows very little interest or respect to languages from a cultural perspective.

ZunZun have been singing and playing Afro-Cuban music together for 10 years. Afro-Cuban music developed from the African people who were enslaved and brought to Cuba to work on the plantations. The songs and rhythms are dedicated to the orishas or gods worshiped in various religions from Africa. They are sung in Yor and Spanish in the style of call and response. The music is polyrhythmic and played on conga drums, bat drums, cat's and shakers. We love performing and always have a great response from the audience.

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Kaleidoscope Big Band

TUE 27 JUNE | 7PM-9PM | DIDSBURY CRICKET GROUND | £10 See daf website for details

The Kaleidoscope Big Band are based in South Manchester and have been playing gigs throughout the North West for many years. The band, under the leadership of the well known teacher and multi-instrumentalist Phil Shotton, play an exciting mixture of classic big band sounds from Count Basie and Duke Ellington, funk, blues and more modern tunes by composers such as Chick Corea.

For the Didsbury Arts Festival gig we will be featuring award-winning vocalist, Marilyn Royle, singing songs from the Great American Songbook.

We look forward to seeing you at the gig and can guarantee that the audience will come away from the gig tapping their feet !

JazzWorks

WED 28 JUNE | 7PM-9PM | DIDSBURY SPORTS GROUND | FREE SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

JazzWorks are a local 6 piece modern jazz band that play arrangements of lively latin tunes and cool jazz standards. https://jazzworksband.co.uk/

Recital by Harpist Isla Hallewell

WED 28 JUNE \mid 1PM-3PM \mid PARSONAGE (ROOM 1) \mid £10 / £8 conc. See daf website for details

Isla Hallewell is a harpist and mezzo-soprano based in Manchester and Glasgow, currently studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Music has hugely enriched my life, it's challenged me, inspired me and given me direction. I'm passionate about singing and playing the harp and feel privileged to be sharing my music with others. As part of Didsbury Arts Festival, I'm excited to present a recital of classical harp music and folk melodies for voice and harp.

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Isla studied at the Junior Royal Northern College of Music and received the Lindley Parker Hamer Prize and Rose Goulding Scholarship. She performied in the Hallé Youth Choirs, the Fairey Band, the Opera North Orchestra Academy and with the Gorton Philharmonic Orchestra.

Counterpoint

WED 28 JUNE | 7PM-9PM | FOLK | FREE SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Counterpoint are a jazz duo , with Carole Williams on piano /vocals and Helen Pillinger on Saxophone. They perform a wide range of contemporary styles, including their own original material and lesser known jazz standards . Counterpoint often feature music written by female artists such as Joni Mitchell, Carla Bley and Emily Remler . Expect lush harmonies and strong melodies.

Women in Music

THU 29 JUNE | 7.30PM-9.30PM | EXPO LOUNGE | FREE SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Niamh Finan presents 'Women in Music' an intimate live-music event showcasing the work and performance of three femaleidentifying singer-songwriters making art in the Manchester area. Audiences will experience a night of original, live music. Women have been underrepresented in the music industry for so long, but this night will be a night of joy, highlighting the talent of female-identifying musicians on the Manchester music scene are.

Pete McSloy Sextet

THU 29 JUNE | 8PM-10PM | THE NORTHERN | FREE (DONATIONS ON DOOR) | FREE (DONATIONS ON DOOR) | SEE DAF WEBSITE

The Pete McSloy sextet is a group of some of the top jazz musicians in Manchester and the Northwest, playing original songs and instrumentals in blues, funk, bossa and straightahead jazz styles. Witty and origimal songs, a couple of standards by the likes of Horace Silver and Eddie Harris, great solos, vocals, a driving rhythm section, and songs on relationships, food, dreams, dancing, Italy, Manchester and other things.jazz musicians in Manchester and the Northwest, playing original songs and instrumentals in blues, funk, bossa and straightahead jazz styles. Witty and origimal songs, a couple of standards by the likes of Horace, Silver and Eddie Harris, great solos, vocals, a driving rhythm section, and songs on relationships, food, dreams, dancing, Italy, Manchester and other things. www.petemcsloy.co.uk

Joshua Valters

THU 29 JUNE | 6.30PM-8.30PM | SAISON | FREE SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Singer, songwriter, and guitarist Josh Valters draws inspiration for his own songs from great British folk artists such as Nick Drake and John Martyn, weaving his intricate acoustic fingerpicking with gentle yet powerful vocal lines to create a modern blend of folk, blues, and soul. Equally adept on an acoustic or electric guitar, Valters is often to be found busking on the streets of Manchester singing his own new material as well as a variety of popular classics, turning heads as he goes from hammering out note-for-note Hendrix to flamenco reinterpretations of Amy Winehouse on his acoustic guitar.

Manchester Womens Songwriters

FRI 30 JUNE | 7PM-9PM | NORTHEN TENNIS CLUB | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Born in beloved Didsbury at 'The Art of Tea' café-bar in January 2016, Manchester Women Songwriters now host regular all-female, curated showcases throughout the city. The concept sprang from the realisation that there was a lack of female representation on the Manchester open mic scene. Often,

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on any given night founder, Heidi Dewhirst, would be the only woman performing. Heidi recently partnered with fellow songstress, Emily Mercer, to help grow the success of MWS. Together they are now endeavouring to expand the initiative to include online promotion of more local women and gender non-conforming artists, as well as various new in-person events. Expect an evening of the very finest musical talent that Manchester has to offer, spanning a variety of genres!

Sharing Voices and Lives in Concert: Carole Isis and Gulcin Bulut

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Carole Isis, Alabama born singersongwriter, moved to Didsbury in 1999. She hasperformed over the years in many places as far flung as Siberia and Hawaii, in large & smallfestivals, concert halls, living rooms and even San Quentin Prison in San Francisco. Carolewrote her first song in 1971 inspired in part by the growing tradition of the greatsinger/songwriters that herald from Portland, Oregon. Her lyrics come from her "Ahas" about world peace, love, shifts & changes, both personally and globally

Gulcin Bulut found a passion for singing at an early stage and studied Turkish classical and folk music and then later fell in love with inspiring Sufi music. A music which touched her heart "so beautifully that it breathed a new life into it". Gulcin is a singer, frame drum & guitarplayer and has just written her first two English language songs. She is, as well, apsychotherapist, an artist and a traveller on the path of mysticism. Carole and Gulcin share a belief in the healing and transforming power of art and music.



Quinta - Contemporay Jazz with a twist

FRI 30 JUNE | 7.30PM-9.30PM | YE OLDE COCK | FREE SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

With a wide repertoire, ranging from Clifford Brown to the contemporary sounds of KennyWheeler and the early 60s funk of Wes Montgomery, and incorporating music fromSouth Africa and original compositions. Quinta have been plaving for many yearsin the Manchester area. Featuring a lineup of saxophone (Mike Dale), trumpet (Bob Dinn), piano (Barry Mansfield), bass (WarwickStevenson) and drums (Huw Owens). Quinta have been regulars at the CreativeSpace jazz nights in Manchester, the Hillary Step in Chorlton, and Mash Guru in Macclesfield, and in recent years have featured at the Didsbury Arts and Congleton Jazz and Blues Festivals.

Swingin Affair

FRI 30 JUNE | 7.30PM-9.30PM | ST CATHERINE'S | FREE SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

'Swingin' Affair started life as a Manchester Music Service band. A place where young musicians could put their lessons into practice and come together to perform. The band started under the leadership of

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Johnnie Lawton. A Trumpet player and teacher. Johnnie was an ex member of the N.D.O (Northern Dance Orchestra) and a founding member of The Syd Lawrence Orchestra to name a few.

After Johnnies Death another colleague John Bellares took over the leadership. After John became ill Johnnie's former student Ian Cottrell took up the baton.

The band have progressed a lot from those early days almost 40 years ago and are now taking on Professional Level arrangements playing a combination of arrangements by previous leaders and lan Cottrell has been prolific in arranging many of the great 'standards' for the band to play. With a repertoire of over 50 songs to pick from you will be sure to find something you like. Swingin Affair is mainly a practice band and normally have 4 or 5 gigs a year. The highlight is usually the Didsbury Beer Festival but hoping DAF will meet that!

If you have not seen a live big band/show band then this is your chance to enjoy the hospitality of St Catherine's social club alongside some great music. "

Jigsaw

FRI 30 JUNE | 8.30PM-10.30PM | DOG AND PARTRIDGE FREE | NO TICKETS REQUIRED

'Jigsaw 'are 2 singer/guitarists who play a relaxed mix of classic cover songs - and a few own songs - accompanying their vocals on acoustic and electric guitars. Both musicians are also members of a 4 piece rock band ("Obsidian") who are also performing at Didsbury Arts Festival this year. As "Jigsaw" we play a different style of music. It could be described as gentle, "chilled" music with at times some slight jazzy/bluesy influences. You will hear this in our versions. of classics such as "Georgia on my Mind" or "Summertime" which have obviously been covered by countless artists. However hearing these songs both live and in a new setting is of course a different experience to hearing

perfected recorded versions of the songs and this will hopefully add an interesting vibe to our evening performance. Our original songs adopt a similar style to these cover songs and are laid back, rhythmical "offbeat" love songs.

Hamsaz

FRI 30 JUNE | 7.30PM-9.30PM | ST NICOLAS | FREE No ticket required

Blossoms Of Freedom: An Exploration Of Iranian Folk Music. Join us on Friday 30th. June for a night full of music from the mystical land of Iran and lose yourself in the melodies of resilience, togetherness, and hope.

With the recent uprising in Iran against theocracy, Hamsaz Ensemble will dedicate this concert to the people of Iran, who fight for a three-word slogan: WOMEN, LIFE, LIBERTY.

FAQ

SAT 01 JULY | 7.30PM-9.30PM | YE OLDE COCK | FREE SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

FAQ mix jazz, funk and rock inspired by the fusions of the 60s and 70s, and feature originals and covers of music from artists including Hancock, Corea, Crusaders, Metheny, Stern, Zappa and Zawinul, The bad consists of Tim Franks on drums. John Sandham on bass. Carole Williams on keys, Sam Lightwing on Sax/flute and Dave Kissack on guitar. Tim is a well-known drummer both on the Manchester and wider music scenes whose passion for the funkier side of jazz is a driving force for the band. John's fluency in many genres and Carole's multi-instrumental and compositional skills help the band explore a range of styles. They are also pleased to welcome talented RNCM alumnus Sam to the sax chair and have played previous Didsbury Arts Festivals to audiences of jazz fans and festival-goers alike.

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Evelyn Pretty & The Sapphire Starlets

SAT 01 JULY \mid 8PM-10PM \mid The woodstock \mid £7 / £5 conc. See daf website for details

Evelyn Pretty is an international vintage inspired singer. Still fairly new to the singing scene, she has in the short amount of time gained a singing residency, gone international and formed the fabulous Starlets! The Sapphire Starlets made up of Ethel Starlet, Bonnie Starlet, Eva Starlet, Vivian Starlet, Rose Starlet and Penelope Starlet to create the best in Postmodern Jukebox and vintage experience! With Evelyn Pretty taking the role of singer and the Sapphire starlets bringing all the dance moves giving the audience a full live show!

Obsidian

SAT 01 JULY | 3PM-5PM | PARRS WOOD PUB | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED

Obsidian are a four piece band playing rock/ pop music from the 60's to contemporary chart hits.//They have years of experience of playing to live audiences, adding harmonica and mandolin to the traditional rock band sound for dynamic effect. They always encourage audiences to dance and sing along. See more about Obsidian on Facebook: obsidianacousticrock/

Midland Railway

SUN 02 JULY | 5PM-7PM | DIDSBURY PARK | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED

Having met each other through a combination of gigs around Manchester University, Magic The Gathering Tournaments, and the LTA Local Tennis Leagues, Midland Railway have developed their unique brand of melodic nerd-rock that combines Weezerinspired guitar sounds with some Bright Eyes-inspired misery, Magnetic Fields-esq dark humour, and some extremely specific references to the band's interests, hobbies, and experiences, leading to songs about topics such as Pokémon, online football management, and serial killers. Midland Railway are Nick (vocals + guitar), Sarah (bass + vocals, Andy (lead guitar), Rob (guitar + vocals) and Kate (drums). All the best bands are named after railway companies, and Midland Railway are on track to join this exclusive club.

OBS!

SUN 02 JULY | 7.30PM-9.30PM | DIDSBURY SPORTS GROUND FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

OBS! are Annelie (the sister) and Edwin (the brother), a mix of folk-pop-rock with massive on-stage energy, powerful vocals, and fierce guitar style. Having spent time growing up in misty Welsh valleys, then dusty Middle Eastern deserts, industrial Salford is now base. Come and catch a performance that will make you want to whoop, smile, and be dancing in the aisles. The DAF23 show will feature new tracks due for release very soon!

Schubert's 'Death and the Maiden'

FRI 30TH JUNE | 1:30PM-2:30PM| EMMANUEL (HURCH fl0 / f8 CONC | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS Schubert's 'Death and the Maiden' string quartet has been referred to as 'one of the pillars of the chamber music repertoire' for a reason... Please see DAF website for full details

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In conversation with:

Caroline England

SAT 24 JUNE | 3PM-4PM | SAISON | £7 / £5 CONC. SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Join Didsbury author Caroline England in conversation with journalist Deborah Grace. Caroline will be talking about her road to the publication of five psychological thrillers as Caroline England and four gothic-tinged suspense novels as CE Rose, as well as all things writerly and answering audience questions.

CWA Dagger shortlisted and known as the 'Duchess of dark domestic noir', Caroline's books include the top ten kindle bestseller MY HUSBAND'S LIES and Didsbury vicarageset (entirely fictional!) THE SINNER, published last year. THE STRANGER BESIDE ME will be out on 3rd August.

CE Rose's first gothic suspense, THE HOUSE OF HIDDEN SECRETS was set in Cheshire and her latest, THE ATTIC AT WILTON PLACE, was published in March

Elizabeth Baines

SAT 24 JUNE | 4PM-6PM | PARSONAGE (ROOM 1) \pounds 7 / \pounds 5 CONC. | SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

What if the stories you've been brought up with hide the real truth? And what if, once you're on to it, you are silenced? Elizabeth Baines reads from her latest novel, Astral Travel, in which a daughter struggles to write about her troubled relationship with her complicated and sometimes violent father, only to uncover a secret that others will not want to be told. Followed by a Q&A and a chance to discuss the issues.

'Intricately beautiful and abruptly brutal ... one of the most memorable and brilliant books I've read this year' - Bookmunch www.elizabethbaines.co.uk

Writing Your Working Class:

Louis Glazzard

SUN 25 JUNE | 4PM-6PM | WINE AND WALLOP | ± 7 / ± 5 Conc. See daf website for details

As working class writers, it's common that the work we produce is informed by our identities - whether we speak about them directly or use them for character inspiration. How can we tell these stories authentically in our writing?

This workshop is designed to help writers tell those authentic stories. In the workshop we will look at writing materials and respond to them, take part in a prompted writing session and work together for a goal setting exercise. The workshop will end with some networking and linking up to the Working Class Writers Circle.

Louis Glazzard is a working class writer based in Manchester who will be running the workshop. Towards the end of 2021, Louis' debut poetry collection Human Men was released. More recently, Five Stages was commissioned in partnership with BBC Arts and Tyneside Cinema and was published on BBC Radio 6 in May 2022. He is currently Writer in residence for Melbourne City of Literature and Geelong Regional Libraries.

In converation: Susan Kaberry Wed 28 JUNE | 6PM-8PM | DIDSBURY LIBRARY | £7 / £5 CONC. SEE DAF WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Sue Kaberry is a local author, who came to writing when she retired after a lifetime working in the NHS. She has written two historical novels based in Mediaeval France and a memoir. Currently she isworking on another historical novel.

A Sting in the Tale:

Iris Skipworth

SAT 01 JULY \mid 4PM-6PM \mid ST JAMES AND EMMANUEL PARISH CENTRE (LOWER HALL) \mid 47 / 45 conc. \mid see daf website for details

An enthralling afternoon with the two times National Storytelling Champion, Iris Skipworth. Come along to experience a

magical mix of traditional tales from across the globe - despite what you may think, this is NOT a children's event! Prepare to be swept away by Iris breathing new life into stories that have existed for centuries; there will be murder and deception, creation and adventure, and of course, laughter. Suspend your disbelief and leave carrying these tales in your mind to spread far and wide - it's what humans have been doing for millenia after all.

Live to tell the Tale:

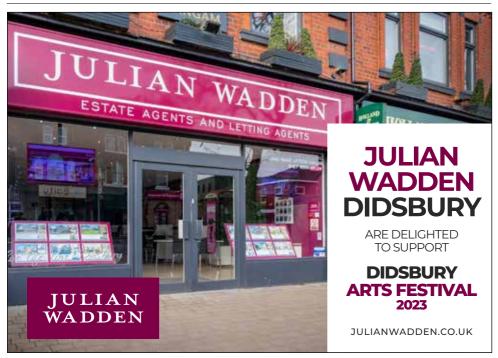
Helen Stewart

SAT 01 JULY \mid 6PM-8PM \mid ST JAMES and Emmanuel Parish Centre (Lower Hall) \mid 67 / £5 conc. \mid see daf website for details

A Storyteller with years of experience telling tales to anyone who will listen, Helen brings warmth and humour to her wide repertoire of traditional tales, myths and legends. Hear stories about kings, good and bad, How Truth and Story go hand in hand, why 1 wish is sometimes better than 3 and how a Storyteller escapes the executioner by telling a good tale!

Having been Storyteller in Residence at Chethams Library, Little Moreton Hall and Warrington Museum Helen has had the opportunity to hone her craft and delight audiences with her stories. Everyone loves a good story.

Recently booked to tell 'Jack the Mighty Killer of Giants' at Festival at the Edge, Storytelling Festival in Shropshire and 'Ancient Egyptian Stories Brought to Life' at The Petrie Museum in London Helen travels far and wide taking the Oral Tradition everywhere.



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Art on the Railings:

Janet Higgins SAT 24 JUNE | 12:00-17:00 | FLETCHER MOSS GARDENS | FREE NO TICKET REQUIRED

Come and listen to a great lineup of musicians in the park, and admire the art of local artists. The Cafe Terrace is the place to have tea, cakes and ices, whilst enjoing the ambiance. If you are an artist and would like to participate, just bring your work along at 11:30 and attach it to the railings. Everyone is welcome to exhibit.

SALIM: Samir Salim

SAT 24 - SUN 25 JUNE & SAT 01 - SUN 02 JULY | 10AM-5PM Sangam Restaurant | Free | No ticket required

A selection of works that investigate the continued significance of the religious in our secularised contemporary society. The works are pictorially represented through my own idiosyncratic painting style consisting of simply acrylic paint, oil stick and collage. In accordance with my belief that fine art should emphasise ideas of beauty, I invite the viewer to enjoy the visual phenomenon created through the juxtaposition of patterns and colours. To enhance the visual effect further, paint is implied impasto and forms are often applied in collage to establish relief. As society moves towards secularisation, the traditional redemptive quality which religious art originally sought to provide is viewed as ever insignificant. However, instead of indulging in popular radical individualism and the folly of utopianism, my intention is to reemphasise the importance of traditional values through recourse to religious narratives that are contextualised in contemporary settings and spaces.

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Sally Cartwright

SAT 24 JUNE - SAT 01 JULY | MD CONLEY HAIR AND BEAUTY, 214 BURTON RD, M20 2LW | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

A beautiful display of mosaiced vases Holding decoupage inspired flower arrangements. Playing with colour and china, complete with expressions from near and far.

Sophie Cosgrove

SAT 24 JUNE - SAT 01 JULY | TIMES: VARIOUS. SEE VENUE WEBSITE The Parsonage | Free | No Ticket Required

Sophie is a multidisciplinary artist living in Salford. To pay the bills, she makes coffee and a damn good flat white (if she does say so herself). Sophie is primarily a painter, but also likes to print using lino and illustrate. You'll always catch her looking up at the sky and daydreaming, whether it be a cloudy day, blue skies or pitch black trying to make out



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stars in this ever so light polluted city. The sky is a constant. It's something people can rely on. It calms and soothes, yet it can also be contrastingly terrifying. A void. For Sophie, dusk is her favourite time to look and the best time time to take a moment and drown out surrounding voices. The way the clouds fall against the sunset, colours start to glow and the moon makes an appearance. It's a bit of Sophie, and she likes it a lot.

Michelle Taube

SAT 24 JUNE - SAT 01 JULY | TIMES: VARIOUS. SEE VENUE WEBSITE THE PARSONAGE | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

A visual artist, working with oils and mixed media on canvas. Known for producing several images of Didsbury and from around the city, some of which will feature in a new art book, called 'The Manchester Art book'. Michelle works in both paint and photography, often capturing people that live in the area, who in turn become part of the painting. This exhibition is suitable for all ages and has a strong Manchester theme especially having previously lived in Didsbury, with strong links and nostalgic memories of the area. www.michelletaube.com

Katie Patel

SAT 24 JUNE - SAT 01 JULY | TIMES: VARIOUS. SEE VENUE WEBSITE THE PARSONAGE | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Katie believes in the powerful, uplifting impact of art, and the important roles that colour and light can play in the resonance felt by the viewer. She paints instinctively, seeking images with emotion and atmosphere. As such, the subject matter of her work is wideranging. Painting predominantly in acrylics, using brushes, palette knives and pens, she enjoys making strong, bold marks and lines along with subtle, intricate detail to create energetic contrast. Allowing her work to develop intuitively, Katie's paintings range from representational to abstract.



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Didsbury Good Neighbours

SAT 24 JUNE - SUN 02 JULY | 10AM-5PM | PAVILION CAFE AND DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE | FREE | NO TICKET REQUIRED

An exhibition of work produced by Didsbury Good Neighbours, together with two Mindful Art workshops, showcasing work produced by older members of the Didsbury community. The art works are for all ages to view. The workshops are designed for adults, with older young people welcome to join in. The workshops will include a mindful drawing session to live music, where people can meet and share their creativity. Our aim is to showcase what we do and involve the public in sharing ideas, conversation, and supporting each other and our mental health.

Didsbury Good Neighbours are a group of over 50s that share a love of being creative. They meet weekly and share a space that is safe, fun, supportive, friendly and where they can be theirselves. If you have limited mobility they may be able to help with transport, please ask.

The drop-in Mindful Workshops will take place on Weds 28 June from 10am-2pm, and Sun 02 July form 11am-3pm. Exhibitions throughout the week, 10am-5pm."

Cecile Elstein: Dreamstudio.io

SUN 25 JUNE AND SAT 01 JULY | 3PM-6PM | THE ARTIST'S HOME AND STUDIO | ± 7 | see daf website for details

Local sculptor, printmaker and environmental artist, Cecile Elstein returns to the festival with a Presentation and Q&A session (based on the exhibition of her work and an enquiry into the festival subject - Voices). Cecile's presentation is called The Unarticulated Voice. There will be a chance to view Cecile's artwork and a drinks reception. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. The local Didsbury location will be given after booking. Wine (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and Nibbles will be provided on arrival.



Remembering Rachel: SETT

FRI 30 JUNE | 12PM-MIDNIGHT | SETT | FREE (DONATIONS WELCOME) | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Memorial day celebrating the life of Rachel Jackson, local artist, walking rainbow and very good friend who our community tragically lost recently. Local artists will be contributing with window paintings up and down Burton Road, with artworks created throughout the week and especially on this day to a charity auction starting at 7pm. Please come and show as much support to Rachel's family and their choice of charity. Entry is Free, with all donations gratefully received and beverages available to purchase on the day.

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VISUAL ARTS PLUS

Here we take a closer look at some of the exciting Visual Artists who feature in this year's festival. Check the website for further details.

David Hancock and Iain Andrews

David Hancock has participated in a number of solo and group exhibitions both in the UK, Europe, Asia and North America including the John Moores 21 and the BP Portrait Prize. In 2002, he embarked upon a one-month artist residency and exhibition, funded by the Arts Council and British Council, at DDM Warehouse in Shanghai. This led on to exhibitions across the UK, in China, USA and Italy. David will have a solo exhibition at Salford Museum & Art Gallery.

lain Andrews was born in 1974 and lives in Manchester, UK. He studied painting at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth and art psychotherapy at Sheffield University. Andrews' work mixes the colour palette of contemporary abstract painting with the cracked paint and varnish associated with Renaissance masters and nostalgic Victorian painting, from which he also appropriates various compositional and figurative elements. He has exhibited nationally and internationally, with his most recent show being in Beijing, China

Zoleikha Mian Delgado

Zoleikha Mian is a Manchester based artist, who goes under the name of "Seereyez". Her most recent art "An expression of the Inner Child" is the expression of in-depth inner child work and soulful conversations. Zoleikha uses art to portray emotions and feelings that want to be out on display but struggle to be expressed in spoken words. The viewer may notice the presence of the "eye", which for her goes beyond what the eye can see, depicting all which cannot be seen, but it is heard and felt by all of her senses instead. With her art, she hopes to encourage others who may struggle to easily feel and express all their emotions and feelings, to do it through art, in a form that feels comfortable, loving and safe.

Gemma O'Brien - Shine a light on your safe space.

This project is part of the 'FUTURE IS OURS' festival, working with the Horsfall Gallery and 42nd Street to support creativity in young people with mental health difficulties. Working with Dave Draws, Gemma has created a map of Manchester highlighting 'safe spaces'. These include cafes, libraries, parks and shops. All have been submitted by people involved in the project as somewhere they go to feel calm or safe. The artist plans to continue the project, adding to the map as more places are put forward.

Gemma O'Brien



VISUAL ARTS PLUS



Allie Crewe

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A Winner of Portrait of Britain by the British Journal of Photography in 2023 & 2019. Allie Crewe had a number of solo exhibitions including international shows with Diffusion at Fotogallery Wales and Photo London and has been commissioned twice by Arts Council England. Recent work was featured in The Guardian, The Observer and BBC News.

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Jean Maudsley

Jean Maudsley is a landscape artist, painting scenes of places she has visited in which she has fond memories. She studied philosophy at the University of Manchester and has been a spiritual healer for about 30 years. Jean's work is heavily influenced by her partner and artist, Kenneth Lawson who sadly passed in 2008. Since his passing, Jean has dedicated her time to promote his work, and has gained interest of multiple North-West galleries, exhibiting within their permanent collections. 'This gave me a sense of purpose'.

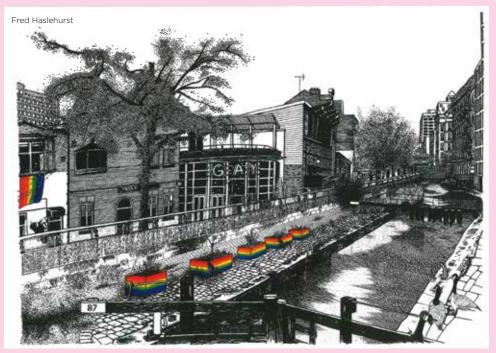
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Jean Maudsley



Fred Haslehurst

Fred H is a self-taught artist from Manchester, briefly transplanted to the plains of mid-Cheshire, now back in the city centre being inspired by its everchanging landscape. Fred works in ink with no pencil preamble, and loves architecture and Manchester... except for the Arndale. "That's an eyesore".





Filum: Fiona Daniel FREE (DONATIONS WELCOME) | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Filum (Flex, The Whip) can be spotted behind the decks at some of DAF's festival highlights. Her artwork will be on display throughout the week at various locations.

Alongside her passion for music, Fiona has a love for geometry and mathematics. She is fascinated by the way shapes and patterns can be created using simple mathematical concepts. This interest in geometry led her to discover string art, which allows her to combine her love for music, geometry, and art in a unique and creative way. Fiona has quickly become obsessed with string art and spends hours experimenting with different patterns and designs. Her designs are inspired by everything from nature to music to mathematical concepts.

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Scartography: Daisy Lee

FREE (DONATIONS WELCOME) | NO TICKET REQUIRED

Scartography, suitable for adults, maps an abrupt journey from cancer diagnosis, though surgery and into recovery, using powerful images and words, playing on the idea of the what three words location app and how three words can pinpoint where you are; phyiscally, emotionally, mentally and even socially. This is an exploration into how suddenly life can be out of your control.





FOR SCHOOLS, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Schools and Children's Organisations are invited to contact us for a free "Young DAF" Mini Guide and Resource Pack - which summarises the events and activities that we are delivering specifically for children, young people, schools and youth focussed organisations.

To request a "Young DAF" Mini Guide and Resource Pack (available individually or in bulk), please email us at: **info@didsburyartsfestival.org**

DAF IN SCHOOLS

Didsbury Arts Festival is committed to engaging with people of all ages, including the placing of professional artists into a range of local schools, such as:



The Girl and the Dragon - A theatrical performance by the Suitcase Storytelling Company,. Taking place in selected primary schools across Didsbury and Withington. This heartfelt and hilarious adventure explores themes of identity, change, loss and compassion. Niall Moorjani and Minnie Wilkinson's award winning show makes big ideas accessible to a young audiences, appealing to those that don't often see themselves represented on stage, whilst fostering empathy and a love of stories and literature. See the DAF website for more details.

Art Over The Counter - Keep your eyes open during the festival for remarkable art appearing in unlikely places. Pieces of art are selected from local schools and displayed in shop windows throughout Didsbury and even clamped to railings outside Parrs Wood High School, East Didsbury train station and East Didsbury tram stop. So whether shopping, strolling or en route elsewhere, the imaginative, creative and technical skills of students will amaze and delight.

Creative Workshops - We commission artists to go into schools and deliver interactive sessions with young people. Workshops can be based around any artform, and this exciting series of visits is being coordinated across the area, aiming to bring DAF to as many schools as possible. See DAF website for more details.

DAF IN THE COMMUNITY

DAF also presents a selection of events and activities that have been curated for children and young people, in an open/ community format, allowing direct and inclusive access to children from all schools and youth settings. These include: The Playhouse family rave | SK Shlomo's Beatbox Adventure for Kids | Didsbury Superstars talent competition | Light Graffiti at the Siemens building | Didsbury Theatre School performances | Art Over The Counter - art by young people in unexpected Didsbury locations | And all kinds of fun at DAF's opening event in Fletcher Moss Park, and closing event in Didsbury Park. You can find full details for all of these within our "Young DAF" Mini Guide and Resource Pack, on the DAF website, and dotted throughout the programme.

People, Planet, Place

2ND JULY | 12PM - 6PM | DIDSBURY PARK

Sustainability at DAF 2023

Didsbury Arts Festival is taking steps towards becoming a sustainable event. Measuring how we operate and considering the environmental impact of our many events is just the start of a journey to improvement. We ask that our attendees walk, cycle or use public transport where possible. We are reducing our own carbon footprint by deciding against the use of generators at our outdoor events, printing only when necessary and avoiding single use plastics



where possible, including water bottles. We hope to reduce waste at our events and engage with the many venues and businesses to promote sustainable values. We are teaming up with PPP who will be present at our closing event, come on over for a chat about how we can improve.

People Place Planet Didsbury are proud to support Didsbury Arts Festival.

PPP is a group created by and for the people of Didsbury to work together towards a zero-carbon future. Come and have a chat with us at the DAF closing event in Didsbury Park on 2nd July. To find out more about us visit www.pppdidsbury. org or mail us on pppdidsbury@gmail.org

Workshops: Painting with Light

AT A GLANCE

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Didsbury Superstar: Showcase Your Talents!	Mon 01 May - Wed 07 June			Free	4
Voices of Didsbury: Submit your Artwork. All are welcome!	Mon 01 May - Wed 14 June			Free	4
DAF Outdoor OPENING Event	Sat 24 June	12pm-5pm	Fletcher Moss Park	Free	4
FLIGHT : Darkfield	Sat 24 June - Sun 02 July	Various (see website)	Didsbury Library	£12/£9	5
Voices of Didsbury: Exhibition	Sat 24 June - Sun 02 July	See venue websites for Opening Hours		Free	4
International Street Art Exhibition - From New York to Manchester	Sat 24 June - Sun 02 July	Daily (see website)	Didsbury Library	Free	6
The Right to a Creative Life	Sat 24 June - Sun 02 July	Daily (see website)	Withington Insitute Public Hall	Free	6
The Playhouse Project - Family Disco!	Sun 25 June	2pm-4.30pm	St Catherine's Community Centre	£8/£6	9
Voices of Stone and Bone	Sun 25 June	5.30pm-7pm	Baptist Church	£5	9
A DAF2023 Classical Highlight (in support of Francis House Hospice)	Mon 26 June	7pm-10pm	Baptist Church	£15	10
One World. One Mic. Young Musicians Showcase	Tue 27 June	7pm-11pm	Cove Bar	Free	10
Lights. Camera. Action (and Caribbean Food!)	Thu 29 June	8pm-11pm	Cove Bar	£5	10
In converation with Clover Stroud	Thu 29 June	6pm-7.15pm	Didsbury Library	£10/£8	10
An Evening with Nell Stevens and Claire Dunham	Thu 29 June	7.30pm-9pm	Emmanuel	£7/ £5	11
Okechukwu Nzelu in conversation with Ayesha Choudry	Thu 29 June	6.30pm-8.30pm	Art of Tea	TBC	11
Kurt Weill - I am a Stranger Here Myself	Fri 30 June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Nazarene Theological College (Chapel)	£8/ £6	11
Shlomo's Beatbox Adventure For Kids	Sat 01 July	2pm-3pm	Parrs Wood High School	£8/£6	12
SK Shlomo - Breathe Talk	Sat 01 July	8:30pm-10:30pm	Didsbury Sports Ground	£12/£9	13
Learning to Fly (James Rowland)	Sat 01 July	7pm-8.20pm	Baptist Church	£12/£9	12
Didsbury Superstar: The Finals	Sun 02 July	12pm-6pm	Didsbury Park	Free	14
DAF Outdoor CLOSING Event	Sun 02 July	12pm-6pm	Didsbury Park	Free	14
Handwritten Miracles - Mike Garry and The Cassia String Quartet	Sun 02 July	8pm - 10pm	Didsbury Baptist Church	£15/£12	13

CREATIVE / INTERACTIVE

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Natural Dying - Textile Workshop	Sun 25 June	1pm-3pm	Emmanuel Parish Lower Hall	£35	16
Print Making WIth Emma Pinnock	Sun 25 June	1pm-3pm	Emmanuel Parish Lower Hall	£35	16
Day On The Tiles	Mon 26 June	12pm-4pm	SETT	£12	16
Night On The Tiles	Mon 26 June	7pm-9pm	SETT	£25	17
Nightingale and Sage Guided Walk	Mon 26, Tue 27, Fri 30 June	1pm-3pm on each day	Mon -Fletcher Moss Park Tue - Fog Lane Park Fri - Didsbury Park	Free	17
Fake News! Collage Workshop	Tue 27 June	3.30pm-5.30pm	Didsbury Cricket Club	Free	17
Sett Screens	Tue 27 June	12pm-2pm + 1pm- 5pm	SETT	£15	17
Sett Street - Spray Tech Edition	Tue 27 June	7pm-9pm	SETT	£22.50	17
Sett x Brush n Beats	Wed 28 June	2pm-4pm (ages 14+) 7pm-9pm (Adults)	SETT	£30	17
Sett Street Art - Graffiti Edition	Thu 29 June	2pm-4pm (Family) 7pm-9pm (Adults)	SETT	£30	18
Embodied Sound	Sun 02 July	3pm-4pm	The Parsonage (Room 1)	£12	18
Circus House	Sun 02 July	2.30pm-4.30pm	Didsbury Park	Free	19
Flash Fiction Workshop	Sun 02 July	1.30pm-3.30pm	The Old Parsonage	£7/ £5	19
	Sun 02 July Sun 02 July	2.30pm-4.30pm	Didsbury Park		

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Sett's Early Starty Arty Party	Fri 23 June	12pm-Midnight	SETT	Free	20
Phenomena 2023	Sat 24 June	8pm til Late	Cove	Free	20
DAF x Settiquette (Festival Opening Party)	Sat 24 June	7pm-2am	SETT	Free/£10	20
Sunday Funday	Sun 25 June	10am-6pm	SETT	Free/£10	20
Sunday Settiquette	Sun 25 June	6pm-10pm	SETT	Free	21
DAF x Settiquette (Festival Closing Party)	Sat 01 July	7pm-2am	SETT	Free/£7.50	21
The Dojo	Sat 01 July	7pm-9pm	Withington Public Hall Institute	Free	21
Didsbury Comedy Club	Sun 02 July	7pm-10pm	St Catherine's Community Centre	£12	21
Settle Down (DAF Closing Social)	Sun 02 July	12pm-Midnight	SETT	Free	21

THEATRE AND DANCE

Event	Day	Time	Venue	Cost	Page
Real and Present Theatre: Voicing the Unvoiced	Sun 25 June	6.30pm-9.30pm	St James and Emmanuel, Parish Centre, Upper Hall	£8	22
It's Never Too Late!	Tue 27 June	7pm-9pm	The Albert Club	£5	22
Owen and Slater	Tue 27 June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Christ Church West Didsbury	£8/ £6	22
La Suerte Dance School	Sun 02 July	2.30pm-3.30pm	Didsbury Park	Free	23
Tea Club	Sun 02 July	tbc	Didsbury Park	Free	23

SPOKEN WORD / POETRY

Event	Day	Time	Venue	Cost	Page
l am a poet!	Sat 24 June	4pm-6pm	Moor Cottage	Free	24
Confingo Publishing	Tue 27 June	6pm-8pm	Art of Tea	Free	24
My Poet's Boots	Wed 28 June	7pm-10pm	Saison	Free	24
VoYce-Is	Thu 29 June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Albert Club	TBC	24
Flight Patterns	Sat 01 July	2pm-3pm	Parsonage (Room 1)	£7/ £5	25

MUSIC

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The Interns	Sat 24 June	3pm-5pm	Fletcher Moss Gardens	Free	28
Dislocation Dance	Sat 24 June	8pm-10pm	Red Lion	Free	28
Matt Hartless and the Maverick 7	Sat 24 June	8.30pm-10.30pm	Ye Olde Cock	Free	29
Sarah Murphy and Sarah Simmonds	Sat 24 June	7pm-9pm	Emmanuel Church	£10/£8	29
Watson and Locket	Sun 25 June	7pm-9pm	Wine and Wallop	Free	29
Silvertrainduo	Sun 25 June	5.30pm-7.30pm	Northern Tennis Club	Free	29
A Beautiful World	Mon 26 June	1pm-3pm	Parsonage	£10/£8	29
ZunZun + Nodha	Tue 27 June	7.30pm-9.30pm	St Nicolas Church	Free	30
Kaleidoscope Big Band	Tue 27 June	7pm-9pm	Didsbury Cricket Ground	£10	30
JazzWorks	Wed 28 June	7pm-9pm	Didsbury Sports Ground	Free	30
Recital by Harpist Isla Hallewell	Wed 28 June	1pm-3pm	Parsonage (room 1)	£10/£8	30
Counterpoint	Wed 28 June	7pm-9pm	Folk	Free	31
Women in Music	Thu 29 June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Expo Lounge	Free	31

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Pete McSloy Sextet	Thu 29 June	8pm-10pm	The Northern	Free	31
Joshua Valters	Thu 29 June	6.30pm-8.30pm	Saison	Free	31
Manchester Womens Songwriters	Fri 30 June	7pm-9pm	Northen Tennis Club	Free	31
Sharing Voices and Lives in Concert	Fri 30 June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Christ Church	Free	32
Quinta - Contemporay Jazz with a twist	Fri 30 June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Ye Olde Cock	Free	32
Swingin Affair	Fri 30 June	7.30pm-9.30pm	St Catherine's	Free	32
Jigsaw	Fri 30 June	8.30pm-10.30pm	Dog and Partridge	Free	33
Hamsaz	Fri 30 June	7.30pm-9.30pm	St Nicolas	TBC	33
FAQ	Sat 01 July	7.30pm-9.30pm	Ye Olde Cock	TBC	33
Evelyn Pretty & The Sapphire Starlets	Sat 01 July	8pm-10pm	The Woodstock	£7/£5	34
Obsidian	Sat 01 July	3pm-5pm	Parrs Wood Pub	Free	34
Midland Railway	Sun 02 July	5pm-7pm	Didsbury Park	Free	34
OBS!	Sun 02 July	7.30pm-9.30pm	Didsbury Sports Ground	Free	34
Schubert' Death and the Maiden	Fri 30th June	1.30p,-2.30pm	Emanuel Church	£10/£8	34

LITERATURE

Event	Day	Time	Venue	Cost	Page
In conversation with: Carloline England	Sat 24 June	3pm-5pm	Saison	£7/£5	35
Elizabeth Baines	Sat 24 June	4pm-6pm	Parsonage (room 1)	£7/£5	35
Writing Your Working Class	Sun 25 June	4pm-6pm	Wine and Wallop	£7/£5	35
In converation with Susan Kaberry	Wed 28 June	6pm-8pm	Didsbury Library	£7/£5	35
A Sting in the Tale	Sat 01 July	4pm-6pm	St James and Emmanuel Parish Centre	£7/£5	35
Live to tell the Tale	Sat 01 July	6pm-8pm	St James and Emmanuel Parish Centre	£7/£	36

VISUAL ART

Event	Day	Time	Venue	Cost	Page
Art on the Railings	Sat 24 June	12:00-17:00	Fletcher Moss Gardens	Free	37
SALIM	Sat 24 - Sun 25 June & Sat 01 - Sun 02 July	10am-5pm	Sangam Restaurant	Free	37
Sally Cartwright	Sat 24 June - Sat 01 July	TBC	MD Conley Hair and Beauty, 214 Burton Rd, M20 2LW	Free	37
Sophie Cosgrove	Sat 24 June - Sat 01 July	See Venue Website	The Parsonage	Free	37
Michelle Taube	Sat 24 June - Sat 01 July	Times: Vari- ous. See Venue Website	The Parsonage	Free	38
Katie Patel	Sat 24 June - Sat 01 July	Times: Vari- ous. See Venue Website	The Parsonage	Free	38
Didsbury Good Neighbours	Sat 24 June - Sun 02 July	10am-5pm	Pavilion Cafe and Neighbourhood Centre	Free	39
Cecile Elstein	Sun 25 June and Sat 01 July	3pm-6pm	The Artist's Home and Studio	£7	39
Remembering Rachel	Fri 30 June	12pm-Midnight	SETT	Free	39
Filum: Fiona Daniel	-	-	-	Free	40
Scartography	-	-	-	Free	40

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