

NAC

Newhampton Arts Centre

Spring 2023 Season



Inside...

JAZZIE B, ROBERT FORSTER,
MIKI BERENYI, LADY MAISERY,
JAZZ, FOLK, COMEDY,
THEATRE AND MORE...

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Welcome

Welcome to the NAC (Newhampton Arts Centre), a creative venue in the heart of Wolverhampton that nurtures new talent and new ideas. Boasting a wide range of facilities, we offer opportunities for everybody to enjoy and engage in the arts.

As a creative hub, we support over thirty resident artists and organisations. NAC is a registered charity and is accessible and open to the whole community. Our main facilities include:

- Dance Studios / Fitness Studios
- Studio & Office Space / Music Studios
- Large Conference Rooms
- Multi-purpose Theatre (with state of the art sound & licensed bar)
- Gallery Hall & Exhibition Space
- Workshop Rooms & Artist Studios
- On-site Café & Catering Services

If you want your organisation to thrive in a friendly and supportive arts network or if you have an exciting idea you want to make into a reality, then we will find the perfect space for you.

For viewing and costs please e-mail: office@newhamptonarts.co.uk

A message from our CEO

*Our spring season is the strongest we have had at NAC for several years. We kick off welcoming two musical legends **Jazzie B (Soul 2 Soul)** & **Miki Berenyi (Lush)** to talk as part of **Wolves LitFest 2023**. Our live concerts includes **Robert Forster (ex-Go-Betweens)**, the welcome return of **Kingdom of Madness** & **the Julie July Band**. **Lady Maisery**, one of the hottest acts in the UK right now, features in our folk programme and **Xhosa Cole** makes a welcome return to the spring Jazz in Wolverhampton season. Theatre & spoken word features favourites **Spoken Lyrik** & **Peter Chand** together with the visit of **Pentabus Theatre** and their new show **One of Them Ones**. For families we have **Lempen Puppets** entertaining young and old during half-term, and **Kitchen Zoo** doing the same over Easter with **Hey Diddle Diddle**. Finally a save the date at the end of May sees NAC hosting the second **Wolverhampton Film Festival**, more details in the spring. We're really proud of the work our team has done to get such a great range of events for audiences in Wolverhampton, and look forward to welcoming you in 2023.*

Trevelyan Wright
Chief Executive

NAC News

Enjoy a bite to eat or coffee at NAC

The Arts Cafe is managed by Helen the owner of No 5 Events Catering and offers a great selection of breakfast & lunchtime treats. Firm favourites include Harissa Chicken wraps & homemade falafel. The specials Board changes weekly with great seasonal dishes such as Goats cheese & caramelised onion ciabatta with homemade coleslaw & fries. Helen also offers business packages for corporate and outside catering. Visit no5events.info to see what's on offer.



Never miss a ticket Sign up to our newsletter

Be the first to receive information about season announcements, events and offers in our email newsletter straight to you inbox. Simply scan the QR code and enter your email. We won't spam you and we don't pass on any of your details.



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NAC is delighted to announce that it has been awarded National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) funding from Arts Council England to support our work from 2023-2026.

We thank Arts Council England for its continued investment of £251,145 per year in our work providing cultural opportunities for the citizens of Whitmore Reans and Wolverhampton.

Buy Tickets

Visit our website: newhamptonarts.co.uk

Box Office: 01902 572090 – Open Mon–Fri 9am–4pm



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Live and Picking

Friday 17 February, 7.30pm **D**

Admission £5

This year marks 10 years of Live and Picking! Come celebrate with fresh new talent (13-21yrs) and the very best in local Rock, Indie, Punk and Metal in the first show of the year.



Xhosa Cole Quartet

Saturday 18 February, 8pm **S**

Admission £14.50

A brand new ensemble 'Rhythm-a-ting' exploring the compositions of Thelonious Monk with the Xhosa Cole fingerprint perfect for a live setting.

Xhosa Cole - sax, Steve Saunders - Guitar, Josh Vadivelloo - Double Bass, Nathan England Jones - drums & Liberty Styles - Tap Dance.

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Tom Petty Legacy Band

Saturday 25 February, 8pm **S**

Admission £18.50

Europes No. 1 tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. A full two hour show of an American song writing icon and together with the heartbreakers recognised as one of the finest live bands to have come out of the US.



Kingdom of Madness **S**

Friday 10 March, 8pm

Admission £20

Members of MAGNUM's classic-era line-ups and other top-drawer rock alumni unite to perform Classic Magnum songs – Mark Stanway (keyboards), Micky Barker (drums), Richard Bailey (keyboards/flute), and Mo Birch (vocals/percussion).

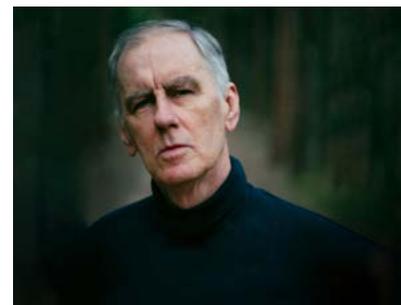


Ladyland - All Girls Sounds

Saturday 11 March, 8pm **D**

Admission £7.50 advance / £10 door

Join us for Ladyland, for a night of righteous female-led DJ sets to celebrate International Women's Day 2023. This event will be raising funds for Wolverhampton-based charity, The Haven.



Robert Forster

Thursday 16 March, 8pm **S**

Admission £25

Brisbane based singer-songwriter, and co-founder of acclaimed pop/rock band The Go-Betweens. Robert Forster will be playing NAC, Wolverhampton as part of his spring tour.



Vera Van Heeringen

Saturday 18 March, 8pm **S**

Admission £14

Vera Van Heeringen tours with a watertight acoustic trio featuring Andy Seward on double bass and Dave Luke on guitar, vocals and mandolin. Her live performances are intimate, understated affairs, allowing the music to speak for itself. Stripped back, potent, and full of groove.

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Trichotomy Trio

Thursday 23 March, 8pm **S**

Admission £14

Inspired by a diverse range of influences, Trichotomy's music combines a dense rhythmic focus with a refined melodic clarity. Featuring; Sean Foran on piano John Parker on drums and Samuel Vincent on double bass.

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Live Music



Sound Fest 2023 – Base 25 Fund-raiser

Friday 24 March, 7pm

Admission £8, U 18's £5

Sound Fest 2023 is a Base 25 charity fundraising event featuring: The Britannia Beat, The Shaun Tobar Band, Alex Vann and DJ Curtis.



Jack Rutter

Saturday 1 April, 8pm Admission £14

Jack Rutter has established himself as one of the stand-out voices of the folk, roots & acoustic music scene in recent years. A hugely engaging stage presence, his soaring vocal, powerhouse guitar & bouzouki playing & masterful arrangements have enthralled audiences.

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Jasmine Myra

Thursday 20 April, 8pm

Admission £15

Saxophonist, composer and band leader Jasmine Myra has a euphoric and uplifting sound, influenced by artists as diverse as Bonobo, Olafur Arnalds and Kenny Wheeler, artists whose music shares an emotive quality.

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StillMarillion

Saturday 22 April, 8pm

Admission £13 Adv £16 Door

StillMarillion are Europe's established tribute to British rock legends Marillion. Focussing on the classic EMI Era of Marillion and primarily on the years when the band was fronted by the charismatic figure of Fish on vocals.



The Jack Fletcher Band

Friday 28 April, 7.30pm

Admission £8

The Indie-rock four piece from Wolverhampton are what can only be described as real- with their stripped back guitar music, midlands twang and their live for the moment attitude. Don't miss their return to NAC for this hometown gig!

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VERA VAN HEERINGEN

Sat 18th March, 8pm

Tickets: £14

JACK RUTTER

Sat 1st April, 8pm

Tickets: £14



LADY MAISERY

Sat 27th May, 8pm | Tickets: £16

NEW
HORIZONS
stage



David Preston Quartet

Thursday 4 May, 8pm **S**
Admission £16

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A new inception for London-based guitarist & composer, David has been active on the underground London jazz scene as both a sideman and bandleader for many years. David Preston Quartet features Kit Downes (Enemy Trio), Seb Rochford (Sons of Kemet) & Kevin Glasgow (AsafSirkis).



Live and Picking **D**

Friday 5 May, 7.30pm
Admission £5

Showcasing a variety of young bands and fresh new talent (13-21yrs), Live and Picking has brought the very best in local Rock, Indie, Punk & Metal for 10 years and now returns for the spring show.



Lady Maisery plus support

Saturday 27 May, 5pm **D** Admission £16

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This award-winning vocal trio celebrate over 10 years of innovation at the forefront of the English folk scene with their unique approach to harmony singing, intelligent and thoughtful arrangements of both traditional repertoire and original compositions.



Julie July Band

Friday 2 June, 7.30pm **D**
Admission £18.50

A celebration and tribute to Sandy Denny's defining role in British Folk-Rock Music. The Julie July Band have built a substantial reputation with reinterpretations and arrangements of the work of singer-songwriter Sandy Denny.



NEW
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XHOSA COLE QUARTET

18TH FEB
8PM £14.50

A BRAND NEW ENSEMBLE 'RHYTHM-A-TING' EXPLORING THE COMPOSITIONS OF THELONIOUS MONK WITH THE XHOSA COLE FINGERPRINT, FEATURING; XHOSA COLE ON TENOR SAX, STEVE SAUNDERS ON GUITAR, JOSH VADIVELOO ON DOUBLE BASS, NATHAN ENGLAND JONES ON DRUMS AND LIBERTY STYLES ON TAP DANCE.

TRICHOTOMY TRIO

23RD MAR
8PM £14

INSPIRED BY A DIVERSE RANGE OF INFLUENCES, TRICHOTOMY'S MUSIC COMBINES A DENSE RHYTHMIC FOCUS WITH A REFINED MELODIC CLARITY, FEATURING; SEAN FORAN ON PIANO JOHN PARKER ON DRUMS AND SAMUEL VINCENT ON DOUBLE BASS.

JASMINE MYRA

20TH APR
8PM £15

SAXOPHONIST, COMPOSER AND BAND LEADER JASMINE MYRA HAS A EUPHORIC AND UPLIFTING SOUND, INFLUENCED BY ARTISTS AS DIVERSE AS BONOBO, OLAFUR ARNALDS AND KENNY WHEELER, ARTISTS WHOSE MUSIC SHARES AN EMOTIVE QUALITY.

DAVID PRESTON QUARTET

4TH MAY
8PM £16

FEATURING KIT DOWNES,
SEB ROCHFORD & KEVIN GLASGOW

A NEW INCEPTION FOR LONDON-BASED GUITARIST & COMPOSER, DAVID NOW LEADS A NEW QUARTET FEATURING ECM RECORDING PIANIST KIT DOWNES, SEB ROCHFORD (SONS OF KEMET, PULLED BY MAGNETS) AND BASS VIRTUOSO KEVIN GLASGOW PLAYING ALL-ORIGINAL MATERIAL.

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THEATRE & SPOKEN WORD AT NAC



Jazze B: A Happy Face, A Thumpin Bass for a Lovin Race

Fri 3 February 7.30pm **S** £15

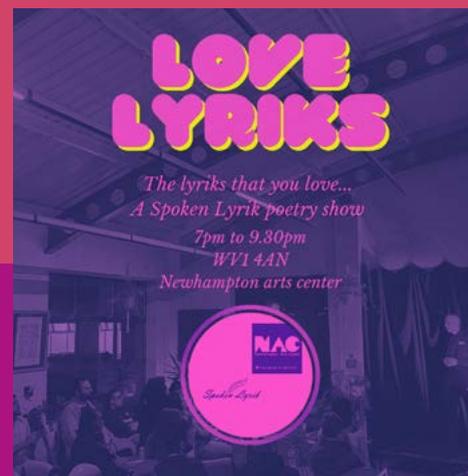
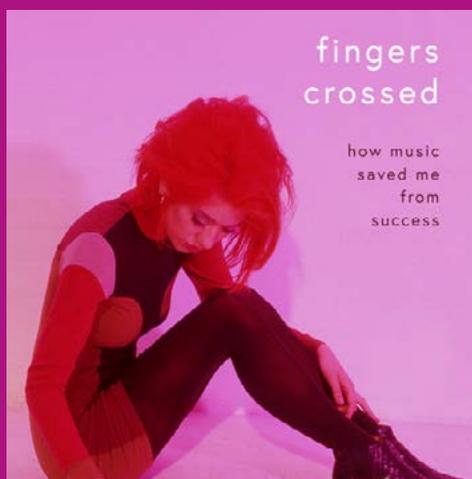
Jazze B's Soul II Soul became the biggest sound system in the world. They redefined contemporary culture as they went to number one and won two Grammy Awards, while selling millions of records. We are excited to welcome Jazze to Wolverhampton Literature Festival to share his reflections on a unique and remarkable journey.



Miki Berenyi: Fingers Crossed

Sat 4 February 7pm **S** £7.50

Miki Berenyi is a singer, songwriter & guitarist, formerly of Lush and now Piroshka. Described as 'an extraordinary life story' by MOJO Magazine, her critically acclaimed autobiography, *Fingers Crossed: How Music Saved Me from Success*, tracks the trials and tribulations of being a female singer-songwriter rising to fame in the 90's.



Spoken Lyrik presents, Love Lyriks

Thu 23 February 7.30pm **S**

(The Arts Cafe) £5

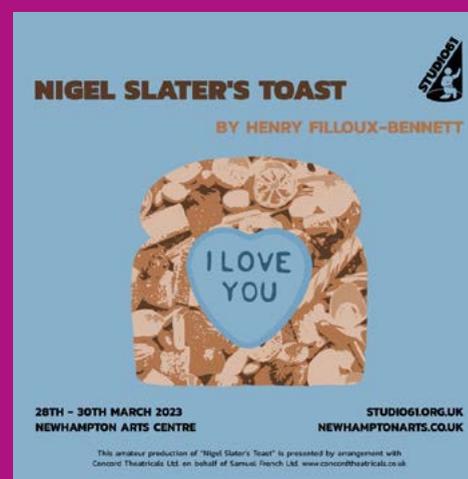
A poetry show bringing the lyriks that you love to the stage. This will be Spoken lyriks 3rd poetry show at the NAC in Wolverhampton featuring poets from across the UK. All are welcome so please come along for the evening. Additionally we have 6 spaces for people to sign up on the day for the open mic segment. Each open mic sign up gets a chance to share a poem so make it one that you love.



Pentabus presents: One Of Them Ones

Wed 26 April, 7.30pm **S** £9/8 cons

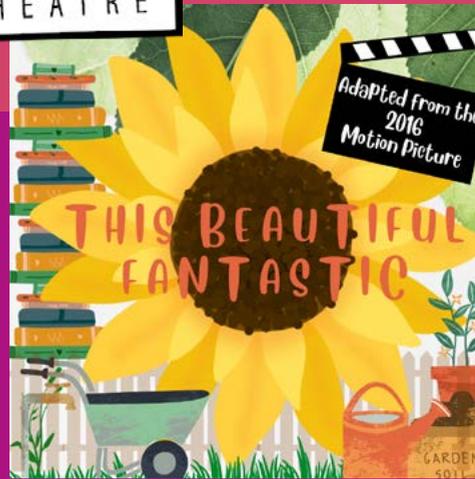
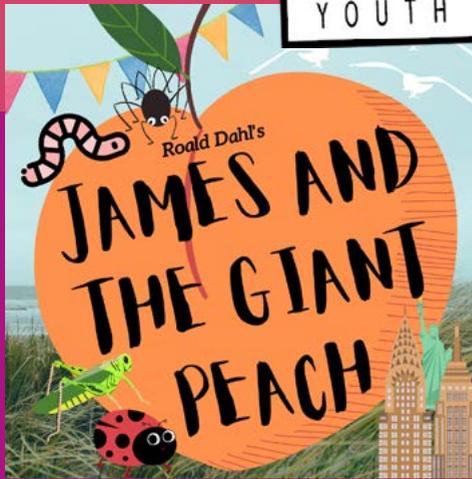
A dazzling new play by Charlie Josephine, about two siblings living in a rural community trying to get their heads around gender identity. Frankie is desperate to be understood, accepted, loved. But LGBTQ alphabet soup has got Michael's head spinning. Why's it gotta be so complicated? Why can't they understand? Why can't things go back to the way they always were? Unpicking the complexities of identity and the fierce family love that hopefully holds us together. *Suitable for ages 12+*



Studio 61 presents: Nigel Slater's Toast by Henry Filloux-Bennett

Tue 28 - Thu 30 March 7.30pm **S** £10

Based on the British Book Awards Biography of the Year, *Toast* is the story of Wolverhampton born Nigel Slater's childhood, told through the tastes and smells he grew up with. From making the perfect sherry trifle to waging a war over cakes and from the pressured playground politics of sweets to the rigid rules of restaurant dining, this is a story of love, loss and... toast.



James and The Giant Peach

by Acting Up

Fri 19th May 7.30pm Admission £8/6

When his parents are unceremoniously eaten by a rhinoceros that escapes from London Zoo, James is forced to go and live with his unpleasant aunts. Through a series of peculiar and magical happenings, James finds himself in a giant peach with a bunch of friendly giant insects for travelling companions.

Determined to find a better life, the insects bite the great peach free from its tree and launch into an amazing journey.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

by Sunday Juniors

Wed 14th & Thu 15th June 7.30pm

Admission £8/6

Alice lives an ordinary life, until the day she follows the White Rabbit down a rabbit hole. She suddenly finds herself in an enchanted world, surrounded by zany creatures like the Mad Hatter, the Duchess, and the Cheshire Cat.



This Beautiful Fantastic

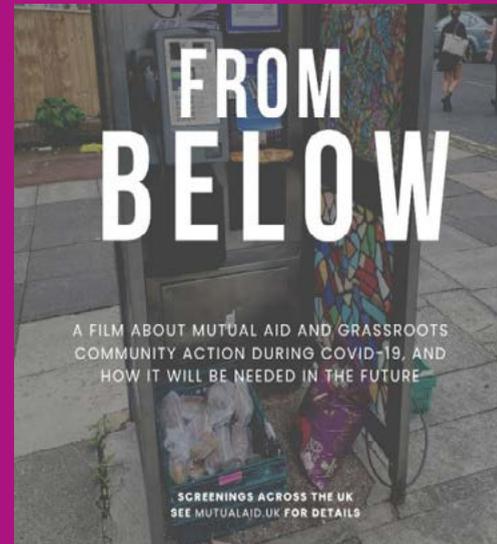
by Wednesday Juniors

Wed 24th & Thur 25th May 7.30pm

Admission £8/6

Bella Brown is the oddest of oddballs. Everything in her world is structured, ordered and beautiful. Everything apart from her garden which is a tangle of weeds and mess due to her profound fear of nature. When her cantankerous neighbour Alfie complains to the council about her, she has 4 weeks to get to grips with her fear of face eviction. Will she do it?

FILM & SCREENINGS AT NAC



From Below (film screening) plus producer Q&A

Thursday 19 January 7.30pm
Admission Free (donations welcome)

The film will be followed by a discussion with the researchers and filmmakers alongside invited speakers from academia, the public sector, and the community and voluntary sector who contributed to the wealth of activities that took place across the West Midlands.

Any proceeds will be donated to community groups featured in the film and/or based in Wolverhampton.



SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY 26 - SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

Family events



Flotsam and Jetsam

Wednesday 22nd February 11am & 2pm 

Admission £9 Adult / £6.50 Child / £25 Family

Flotsam is soft, flexible, laid back. She slides and glides through life on the ice. Jetsam is the opposite, his insectile body in stiff and nervy, alert and watchful, suspicious of all in his forest home. And then comes the weather... and they are both cast adrift in a world that is strange to them and full of a range of dangers. Finally washed up on the same island beach they must discover the other and work out how they can work together.

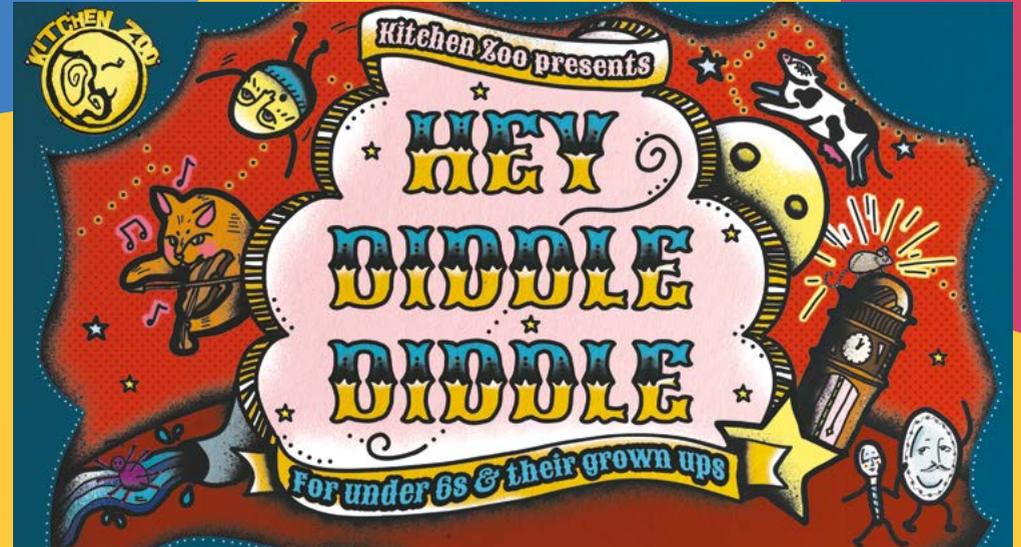
A hopeful, adventure story about two very different creatures that must learn to work together with original music and delightful puppetry.

Suitable for everyone from 4 – 104.



Look out for our... Half term workshops

Join us for some fun-filled half term family workshops. Details coming soon!



Hey Diddle Diddle

Tuesday 13 April 11am & 2pm 

Admission £9 Adult / £6.50 Child / £25 Family

Join your favourite nursery rhyme characters as they climb up the water spout, jump over the moon and even twinkle like diamonds!

Inspired by the stories and rhymes we all know, acclaimed family theatre company Kitchen Zoo present a new take on traditional nursery rhymes, brought to life with original music and puppets.

Recommended for children age 6 and under and their grown ups.



Look out for our... Easter workshops

Join us for some fun-filled Easter family workshops. Details coming soon!



Visual arts & special events



The Care System Exhibition by COAR

6 - 18 February, 11am - 4pm - Gallery Hall
Admission: Free

Bringing together a community of people who are all aiming to raise awareness on how care leavers are supported or not supported. This will include poetry, art, drama, performance, music informative workshops from both local and national established artists. The exhibition enables people from all walks of life discover and share in a range of diverse thoughts, feelings and emotions, expressed through the creative arts.



Arts Connect

6 - 19 March, 11am - 4pm - Gallery Hall
Admission: Free

A beautiful exhibition of sculptural explorations created by young people from across the Black Country aged 5-18 years. Arts Connect have collaborated with 8 Lead Art Teachers who have used the 'Breaking the Mould' exhibition to inspire projects, experimenting with a variety of making techniques to build their knowledge, skills and confidence using 3D media.



Wolverhampton School of Art

Wolverhampton University Fine Art & Photography Student Exhibition

2 - 12 May, 11am - 4pm - Gallery Hall
Admission: Free - Drop in

An exhibition of contemporary artists showing work in painting, photography, sculpture, textiles, drawing, currently practicing at BA (Hons) Fine Art and BA (Hons) Photography, at the University of Wolverhampton.



Art 4 All

25 March - 2nd April, 11am - 4pm - Gallery Hall
Admission: Free

This is to be an inclusive exhibition where some extraordinary gifted artists will be exhibiting alongside artists just starting out on their own creative journeys.

There are beginnings for all of us and the least experienced amongst us have voice and values

for those willing to see. Exhibiting gives them experiences, encouragement, aspirations too, through that portal broader horizons will follow.

The experienced artists exhibiting here are doing so with humility and good grace and in the spirit inclusiveness. Perhaps we can all become a little closer to demystifying the art worlds hype by letting these works speak their simple truths.



▲ Look out for more information on Art 4 All's Fun Days coming soon.

Courses & Classes

Browse our timetable of regular classes and courses at NAC:

DAY	TIME	CONTACT
Monday		
Aspiring Futures	9.30 - 11.30	Info@aspiring-futures.co.uk
Basement Music	12.00 - 14.00	alan66ace@live.com
E.W Dance & Fitness	17.15 - 20.15pm	07547229085
Tuesday		
Didi dance Toddler dance	11:00 - 12:00	svenja.jinman@diddidance.com
KravMaga	19.30 - 20.30	harj@kravmagawest.co.uk
The Discoverers	19.00 - 21.00	edensupport@btconnect.com
Wednesday		
Fit Mommas Ltd	9.30 - 10.30	alcahill@live.co.uk
Central Youth Theatre	5.30 - 19.30	admin@centralyouththeatre.org
Bollywood Dreams	18.00 - 21.00	reena@bollywooddreamsdance.com
Yogazone	19.00 - 20.00	yogazonewolverhampton@gmail.com
Howling Wolves	19.00 - 21.00	thehowlingwolveschoir@hotmail.com
Thursday		
Central Youth Theatre Acting Up	16.00 - 17.30	admin@centralyouththeatre.org
Friday		
Aspiring Futures	9.30 - 11.30	Info@aspiring-futures.co.uk
Stagecoach	16:30 - 19:30	07920407046
Saturday		
Stagecoach	9.00 - 19.30	07920407046
Sunday		
Central Youth Theatre	11.00 - 17.15	admin@centralyouththeatre.org

COMING UP SUMMER 2023

Our New Horizons stage will once again be up in the NAC courtyard this summer, we also have some top events lined up in the theatre. Keep an eye out for more additions coming soon to our summer season.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
(STUDIO 61) Tue 27 - Thu 29 June

PAINT THE DAY
Sat 24 - Sun 25 June

**CAMRA BEER AND
CIDER FESTIVAL**
Thu 6 - Sat 8 July

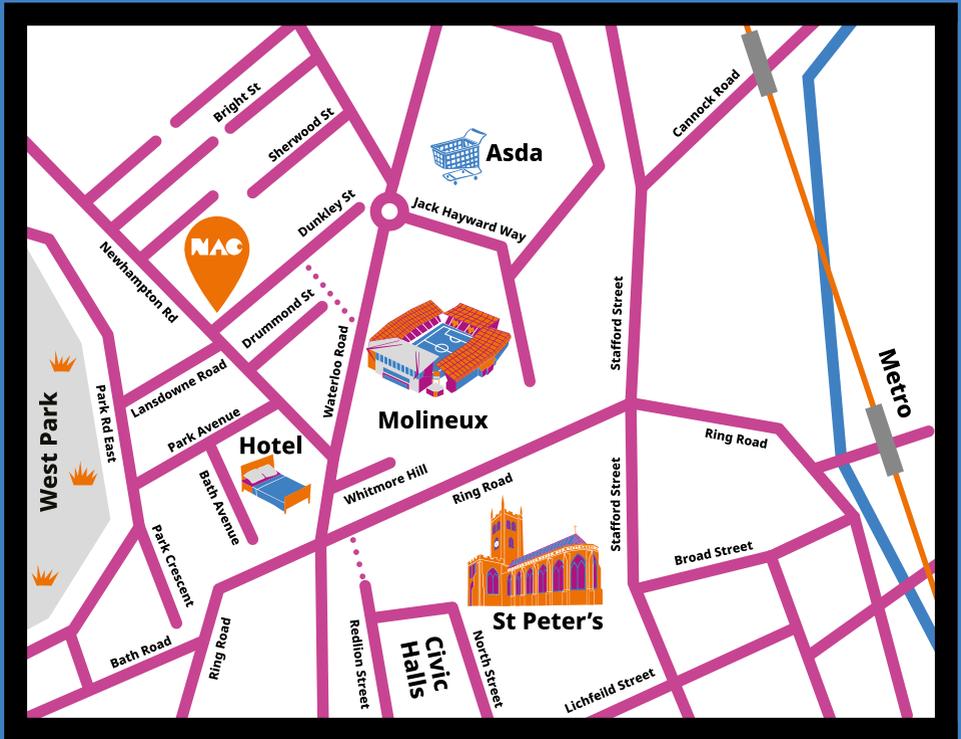
COMMUNITY
Saturday 15 July

JOSIE LONG
Fri 15 September

SEVENTIES WEEKEND 2023!
Fri 29 - Sun 30 September

SAVE THE DATE!





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