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# city Festival 2019

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The Dome, Jubilee Square

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# Welcome from the City Mayor

## Welcome

City Festival is a wonderful event which has established itself as the highlight of summer in Leicester. This year we are bringing in an 18-metre, clear dome, as the centrepiece to the festival in Jubilee Square.

We've worked closely with a number of organisations to create this year's festival, including the National Space Centre, arts organisations Without Walls, Global Streets and StudionAme, The Big Difference Company and city music venues such as The Cookie and Firebug, as well as caterers from Canteen and promoter Mr B who has brought a touch of Bollywood to the city.

I am also very excited about the return of popular events such as Ride Leicester, Art in the City, and the Broken Records Swing Festival, which all add up to a dynamic, varied programme for all the family.

### **Sir Peter Soulsby**

City Mayor

All events, apart from Ride Leicester, will take place in The Dome, Jubilee Square. Events and activities are free, unless specified.





# Out of this World

Monday 19 – Friday 23 August, 12noon – 4pm



## The Senses

**Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 August**

A singing ear, tap-dancing eye, a runny nose, mechanical lips and a giant hand juggling an elephant, these are the absurd, comical, incredible senses. A “sense-ual” surrealistic lyrical cabaret.

## Osadia

**Thursday 22 and Friday 23 August**

Whose Hair Dares! Be amazed as a volunteer has their hair transformed into an original and provocative sculptural piece of art by the astounding Osadia. The theatre of creating these living showpieces enthral audiences as they see the sophisticated and imaginative make-up and hair art transformations.

**GLOBAL  
STREETS**



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## Mirror Mirror

**Thursday 22 and Friday 23 August**

Two alien creatures who appear to mirror the world around them, they have been let out of the laboratory to make contact with you. What will you teach them? What will you see in the mirror?



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## Heliosphere

**Friday 23 August**

**6pm**

Spiraling, spinning and seemingly weightless, the balloon drifts above streets and rooftops whilst an acrobat is suspended beneath. The Heliosphere is an aerobic and interactive show performed to music which creates the illusion of flying.

# National Space Centre in The Dome

Monday 19 August – Friday 23 August, 12noon – 4pm

Join us for free drop-in activities in The Dome every weekday afternoon, come rain or shine!

## Astronaut Autopsy

Get hands on with a real pressure suit and learn how astronauts stay alive in space.

## Meteorites

Get up close with 4.5 billion year old rocks from space!

## Virtual Apollo

**12noon – 1pm & 2pm – 3pm daily**

Join the award-winning NSC Creative team to build and explore the artefacts of Apollo in augmented reality. See the mighty Saturn V launch in VR.

## Ask A Space Expert

**1.30pm – 2.30pm daily**

Find out the answers to your burning space questions by joining a daily cast of space experts and scientists from the National Space Centre and the University of Leicester.

## Journey to the Moon

**Monday – Wednesday 1pm & 3pm**

**Thursday – Friday 2pm**

Join the National Space Centre to learn what it took to get to the Moon in this 20 minute explosive family stage show.



# The Big Art Takeover

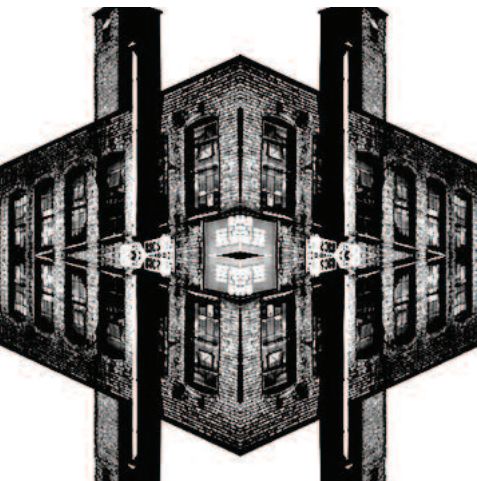
Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 August, 12noon – 5pm



## Art in the City

After the success of this year's Art on the River at the Riverside Festival we are celebrating local artists with Art in the City. For one weekend only we are inviting local artists to show their artwork in Jubilee Square as part of the City Festival.

All artists will be allocated a 3m space inside the spectacular City Fest dome in which to display their 2D and 3D art, photography, crafts and sculpture. All artists will be provided with wire and cable ties to install their artwork. To find out more and apply to display your own work please email **[festivals@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:festivals@leicester.gov.uk)**



## Art with StudionAme

Art Classes and activities by some of Leicester's finest artists – StudionAme, Leicester's Centre of Creativity, bring their award-winning artists and their enthusiasm from their free Saturday Art Clubs to the City Festival on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 August from 12pm - 4pm each day in Jubilee Square.

Artists include Tim J Fowler, Loz Atkinson, Jonjo Elliott, Alison Carpenter-Hughes, Phil Hackett, Dovile Grigaliunaite and Hayley Stokes.

Classes and activities: Make your own 'Out of this World' ceramics, textiles, sound art, graffiti art, space paintings & drawings. Classes are free but booking required on the day. Contact details required and children are not to be left unattended.





# Let's Get Moving

**Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 August, 12noon – 5pm**

## Broken Records Swing Festival – On Tour

**Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 August  
12noon - 5pm**

Following on from the success at Riverside Festival the Broken Records Swing Festival is coming to Jubilee Square for a weekend of swing music and dance. Learn how to swing dance with free sessions throughout the weekend led by the team from Leicester Lindy Hop or sit back and enjoy the music from some of the best big bands around.



## Let's Ride Leicester

**Sunday 25 August**

**City Centre**

Discover 6km of traffic-free 'Open Streets' from King Power Stadium, Leicester Castle, Leicester Cathedral and Jubilee Square.

With an activation point in Jubilee Square, ride around the city accompanied by Filbert Fox, Richard III and Alice Hawkins.

Let's Ride is part of the two-week Ride Leicester Festival, a celebration of cycling including Green Bicycle Mystery weekend, Castle Classic Race Day, Bike Jam & Bike Fest. With 30+ free, family-friendly rides and social events for all ages and abilities.



## Canteen

**Monday 19 - Saturday 24 August**

From 12noon – 10.30pm every day, Canteen are providing artisan street food traders, bringing a mix of unique meaty, veggie and vegan food, along with delicious deserts.

Canteen is one of the Midlands premier food event brands and is part of a family of brands that has been running events for the past 7 years. They recently won the Highly Commended Award at the Midlands Food Drink & Hospitality Awards. All traders adhere to strict rules regarding local produce, minimal waste and all single use plastics are banned.

# BC Camplight plus Charlotte Carpenter + Sweetbellechobaby

**Monday 19 August, Doors open: 6.30pm**  
**The Dome, Jubilee Square, Leicester**



BC Camplight is the moniker of maverick songsmith Brian Christinzio. The Philadelphian turned Mancunian is considered one of indie music's most forward-thinking artists. His most recent, and most lauded album "Deportation Blues" has been revered by critics, become a stalwart on the BBC Radio 6 Music playlist (BBC 6 Music 2018 album of the year as voted by Marc Riley), and put BC Camplight back on the stage where he belongs.

**Tickets: £12.50 advance / £15 on the door**

**W: [gigantic.com/leicester-city-festival-tickets](http://gigantic.com/leicester-city-festival-tickets)**



ty Festival presents:

# British Sea Power plus The Brandy Thieves + Luke Broughton

**Tuesday 20 August 2019, Doors open: 6.30pm**  
**The Dome, Jubilee Square, Leicester**



British Sea Power's music has won them some remarkable admirers including Lou Reed, David Bowie and Peter Capaldi. BSP have toured giant American stadiums with old friends The Killers and played forests and arenas as specially requested guests of The Flaming Lips, The Strokes and Pulp. Fifteen years on from their first concert British Sea Power continue to make bold, galvanising, idiosyncratic marks on the world.

**Tickets: £15 advance / £20 on the door**

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The Cookie & Firebug in association with City Festival presents:

# Jaws plus CJ Pandit + DRIPS

**Wednesday 21 August, Doors open: 6.30pm**

**The Dome, Jubilee Square, Leicester**

Birmingham dream-pop trio JAWS return to Leicester. The band released their third and most ambitious album yet, "The Ceiling", on April 5th 2019. Recording again with Gethin Pearson, who also produced 2016's "Simplicity", the album represents another musical leap forward for the band, adding new textures and further honing a sound that has been theirs since their inception.

**Tickets: £12.50 advance / £15 on the door**

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## Comedy in the Dome featuring Matt Hollins

Thursday 22 August, Doors open: 6.30pm  
The Dome, Jubilee Square, Leicester

A fantastic showcase of comedy acts hosted by Jason Neale, MC Proper Funny Comedy in Leicester with acts including Rob Coleman, Jack Topher, Lucy Thompson; Best Show Leicester Comedy Festival Nominee 2017, Jack Campbell English Comedian of the Year 2014 and Matt Hollins Winner Leicester Mercury Comedian of the year 2004.

Tickets: £6 advance / £8 on the door  
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## Comedy in the Dome featuring Lloyd Griffith

Thursday 22 August, Doors open: 8pm  
The Dome, Jubilee Square, Leicester

The second showcase of the night will be hosted by Carly Smallman with acts including Robert White; Runner-up in Britain's Got Talent 2018, Dan Nightingale; Best MC at the UK Comedy Awards 2015 and Nominated Best Act at Midlands Comedy Awards 2016, and Lloyd Griffith of Soccer AM.

Tickets: £12 advance / £15 on the door  
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City Festival in association with MRB (Vasant Bhakta) presents:

# Bollywood

## Musical Evening

Orchestra Music Time  
Friday 23 August • Doors 7pm  
The Dome • Jubilee Square • Leicester



Jayesh Solanki



Pritam Shukla



Jaydeep Solanki



Mitali Natu



Chirag Solanki



Vasant Solanki

All the way from India performing for the first time in Leicester featuring top singers and renowned musicians performing the best of Bollywood and bhangra, new and old hits. Hosted in a new spectacular dome.

Street food and drinks (alcoholic / non-alcoholic) will be available so come and enjoy an evening of music, dance and food.

**Tickets: £10 in advance,  
£15 on the door**

**Tickets: Available from  
MRB - 07860 28 0655  
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**Big Difference Co in association with City Festival presents:**

# Comedy in the Dome featuring Dane Baptiste

**Saturday 24 August, Doors open: 6.30pm**  
**The Dome, Jubilee Square, Leicester**

A fantastic showcase of comedy acts hosted by Carly Smallman and including George Lewis; Runner up: Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year 2016, Bilal Zafar; Winner – New Act of the year 2016 and Dane Baptiste an award-winning comedian, host of Live at the Apollo and BBC sitcom, Sunny D.

**Tickets: £12 advance / £15 on the door**  
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# Comedy in the Dome featuring Dane Baptiste

**Saturday 24 August, Doors open: 8pm**  
**The Dome, Jubilee Square, Leicester**

Hosted by Carly Smallman and including acts Scott Bennett; Midlands Comedy Awards Best Live Show 2016, Naomi Cooper and Dane Baptiste, the first black British act to be nominated for a Comedy Award at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

**Tickets: £12 advance / £15 on the door**  
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The Cookie & Firebug in association with City Festival presents:



## The Urban Voodoo Machine

**Sunday 25 August, Doors open: 6.30pm**  
**The Dome, Jubilee Square, Leicester**

Led by the darkly charismatic, Norwegian-born Paul-Ronney Angel, The Urban Voodoo Machine is a supremely talented collective of London-based musicians who have been bringing the spirit of the carnie to an ever-growing audience of dedicated fans these past few years. Sounding like they should be from the Deep South, the band are self-styled purveyors of 'Bourbon-soaked Gypsy Blues Bop 'n' stroll'.

**Tickets: £10 advance / £15 on the door**  
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# Timetable

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Monday 19 August	National Space Centre in The Dome	12noon - 4pm	p.5
Monday 19 August	Canteen	12noon - 10.30pm	p.7
Monday 19 August	BC Camplight + Support	Doors 6.30pm	p.8
Tuesday 20 August	Senses	12noon - 4pm	p.4
Tuesday 20 August	National Space Centre in The Dome	12noon - 4pm	p.5
Tuesday 20 August	Canteen	12noon - 10.30pm	p.7
Tuesday 20 August	British Sea Power + Support	Doors 6.30pm	p.9
Wednesday 21 August	Senses	12noon - 4pm	p.4
Wednesday 21 August	National Space Centre in The Dome	12noon - 4pm	p.5
Wednesday 21 August	Canteen	12noon - 10.30pm	p.7
Wednesday 21 August	Jaws + Support	Doors 6.30pm	p.10
Thursday 22 August	Osadia	12noon - 4pm	p.4
Thursday 22 August	Mirror Mirror	12noon - 4pm	p.4
Thursday 22 August	National Space Centre in The Dome	12noon - 4pm	p.5
Thursday 22 August	Canteen	12noon - 10.30pm	p.7
Thursday 22 August	Comedy in the Dome featuring Matt Hollins	6.30pm	p.11
Thursday 22 August	Comedy in the Dome featuring Lloyd Griffith and Dan Nightingale	8.30pm	p.11
Friday 23 August	Osadia	12noon - 4pm	p.4
Friday 23 August	Mirror Mirror	12noon - 4pm	p.4
Friday 23 August	National Space Centre in The Dome	12noon - 4pm	p.5
Friday 23 August	Heliosphere	6pm	p.4
Friday 23 August	Canteen	12noon - 10.30pm	p.7
Friday 23 August	A Bollywood Musical Evening	Doors 7pm	p.12
Saturday 24 August	Broken Records Swing Festival on Tour	12noon - 5pm	p.7
Saturday 24 August	Art in the City	12noon - 5pm	p.6
Saturday 24 August	Art with StudionAme	12noon - 5pm	p.6
Saturday 24 August	Canteen	12noon - 10.30pm	p.7
Saturday 24 August	Comedy in the Dome featuring Dane Baptiste	6.30pm	p.13
Saturday 24 August	Comedy in the Dome featuring Dane Baptiste	8pm	p.13
Sunday 25 August	Let's Ride Leicester	12noon - 5pm	p.7
Sunday 25 August	Broken Records Swing Festival on Tour	12noon - 5pm	p.7
Sunday 25 August	Art in the City	12noon - 5pm	p.6
Sunday 25 August	Art with StudionAme	12noon - 5pm	p.6
Sunday 25 August	The Urban Voodoo Machine	Doors 6.30pm	p.14

To find out all you need to know about City Festival, as well as what's on in Leicester throughout the year including shows, festivals, events, gigs, concerts and more, go to:

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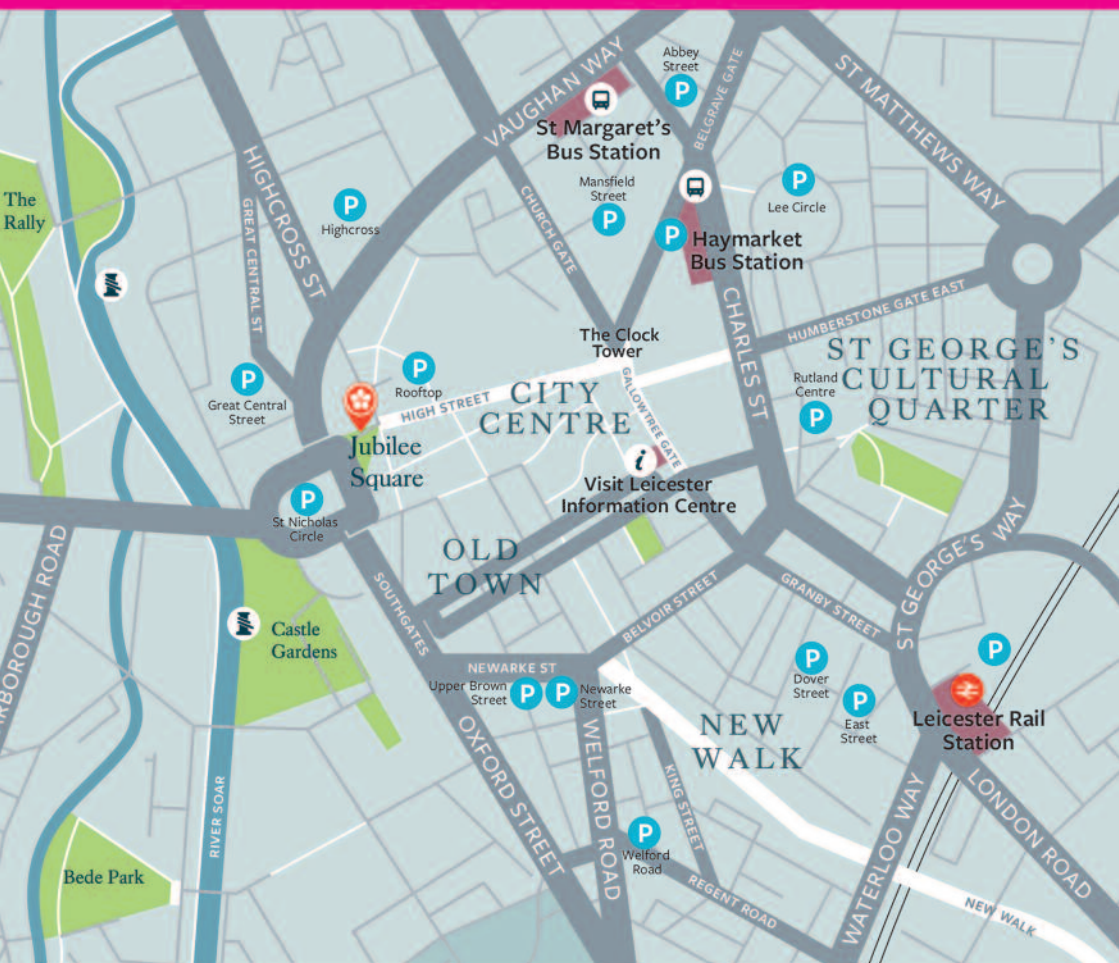
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