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Welcome

The City Festival celebrates Leicester in the heart of the city. Taking place over eleven fun-packed days, sites across the city centre will be filled with street entertainment, sports, culture, music, art, heritage and more.

Now in its 6th year the City Festival continues to develop and bring new and innovative events to Leicester.

2018 sees new and exciting events joining the festival, such as Dancing in the Streets and Art in the City. This year also sees the expansion of the City Streets festival, a four day street festival featuring unique performances from national and international street artists from as far away as Italy and Slovenia.

Many firm favourites will be returning this year including Let's Ride, Leicester Belgrave Mela, Journeys Festival International, Cosmopolitan Carnival and the ever popular Old Town Festival, which this year will include events to mark the centenary of the First World War.

My thanks to all those involved in organising the City Festival and I hope you enjoy the events being hosted.

Sir Peter Soulsby

City Mayor



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**Suitable for
children**

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Outdoor Entertainment & Live Music



Leicester Outdoor Cinema

Friday 17 August

7.30pm – 11pm

Jubilee Square

Bring your picnic blanket and enjoy a classic Bollywood blockbuster under the stars. For the fourth year running, An Indian Summer's smash hit Outdoor Cinema will be showcased alongside the finest array of South Asian street food and drinks from local vendors. Come and join us before the screening kicks off at 8.30pm and enjoy the light entertainment - keep an eye out for the free treats on offer from Sony TV. For more information about the Bollywood film, please visit An Indian Summer's website. In association with Sony Television.

W: indiansummer.org.uk



King City Blues Festival

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 August

The Musician

The 2nd annual festival featuring electric and acoustic blues shows from top performers.

Saturday line up: Elisha Blue, The Della Grants, Rollo Markee, The Mustangs, Jack Hutchinson Band, Dayfield, Hough & Shotter, Karen McLeod & Elvis J Sharman.

Sunday line up: Big Wolf Band, The Hounds, The Piranha Brothers, Lazy Alligators followed by Blues Jam from 7.30pm onwards.

W: themusicianpub.co.uk

Cosmo Carnival

Saturday 18 August

2pm – 9.30pm

**Jubilee Square, High Street,
Clock Tower & Humberstone Gate**

Cosmopolitan Carnival is a spectacular arts event that celebrates Leicester being one of the most culturally diverse cities in the country, bringing together many different cultural art forms. Spanning the city there will be a youth stage on Humberstone Gate, an acoustic stage at the Clock Tower, dance area on High Street and main stage in Jubilee Square, full of workshops, activities and children's area.

The dazzling grand finale features a performance about 'Love' from Leicester's very own Cosmocular Ensemble; involving large-scale film projection, aerial performance and fantastic music from the best musicians and artists in Leicester.

W: cosmopolitanarts.wordpress.com



Leicester Belgrave Mela

Sunday 19 August

11am – 6pm

**Humberstone Gate, Gallowtree Gate,
Clock Tower, High Street and Market
Place**

Leicester Belgrave Mela has been running for over 36 years. From its humble roots in Cossington Park when it began life as the Belgrave Carnival, to the nationally recognised festival it is today, the Mela here in Leicester continues to evolve to highlight South Asian arts and Indian culture.

Leicester Belgrave Mela invites you to a day of scintillating entertainment, dazzling street performances, mouth-watering cuisine and dazzling arts and Indian culture. Enjoy a host of South Asian arts and cultural experiences and spot a bargain in the UK's biggest shopping bazaar. There's something for all the family at this cultural festival.

W: leicester-mela.co.uk



Ragas in the Garden

Sunday 19 August

3pm – 5pm

Belgrave Hall and Gardens

Experience magical Indian classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Belgrave Hall and Gardens. Sip on a hot cup of chai and immerse yourself in 'ragas' and rhythms. This event is brought to you by Sitar Music Society in association with An Indian Summer. Advance booking required.

Tickets: £10 / £6

T: Visit Leicester on 0116 299 4444

W: indiansummer.org.uk



Mischief Makers

Wednesday 22 August

11am – 3pm

Jubilee Square

Part of the Summer Reading Challenge Mischief Makers celebrates the 80th anniversary of the much loved comic Beano. Mischief Makers celebrates adventure, friendship, reading, fun and encourages families to use their local libraries and inspires them to read for pleasure. Have Tons of Fun with the Mischief Makers on Leicester's famous Bookbuses for plenty of pranks and a marvellous mischievous time.

W: leicester.gov.uk/libraries



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Outdoor Entertainment & Live Music



Journeys Festival International Weekender

Saturday 25 – Sunday 26 August

11am – 4pm

Jubilee Square



The Festival returns to Jubilee Square for a fantastic free weekend that celebrates creative talent from around the world. On Saturday JFI will present three brand new outdoor theatre shows from the UK, Romania and Italy, performed for the first time on the streets of Leicester city centre. Saturday features a glorious and colourful parade, bringing together people from many different communities to celebrate togetherness from 1pm heading to Jubilee Square. Sunday will host an incredible live music stage featuring bands from around the world and marvellous walkabout shows. Both days will see the Weekender host a series of games, moving image, spoken word events and food stalls.

W: journeysfestival.com



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City Music Stage

Saturday 25 – Monday 27 August

12noon – 6pm

Humberstone Gate West

Hosted by Firebug (Saturday), The Shed (Sunday) and The Soundhouse (Monday) a live acoustic music marquee will feature some of the best local talents and musicians.

W: firebugbar.net

W: getintheshed.co.uk

W: soundhouseleicester.co.uk

Shhh... It's St Martin's Square Sunday

Sunday 26 August

12noon – 7pm

St Martin's Square

Join us in the heart of independent Leicester for a Bank Holiday Sunday full of fun. Alongside our fantastic independent shops, bars and entertainment, there will be an outdoor SILENT DISCO, street food and more. The secret is out!

Free admission – activities and food priced separately

W: stmartinssquare.co.uk



Leicester Belgrave Mela Sunday 19 August



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City Streets



City Streets

**Wednesday 22 – Saturday 25 August
City Centre**



Now in its 2nd year, City Streets is a developing street art festival featuring local, national and International street artists from across Europe. With the aim of bringing interactive street theatre to the masses, these performances are based in the city centre and are easily accessible to all. Highlights include;

Steli by Stalker Teatro

Wednesday 22 August

12noon & 2pm

Jubilee Square

Steli is an interactive urban performance that looks like a game of giant pick up sticks! With a striking visual impact Steli features contemporary art and live performance along the themes of living and inhabiting architecture in post-industrial cities.



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BLOCK by NoFit State Circus & Motionhouse

**Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 August
1pm & 3pm**

Humberstone Gate

With its daring physicality, split-second timing and thrilling feats, BLOCK will leave you speechless. Twenty oversized blocks, fashioned to resemble giant concrete Jenga blocks, are deconstructed and reformed into an infinite variety of shapes for the performers to play on, move with and explore. BLOCK is about life in the city; its contradictions and challenges.

Ministry of Mischief

Thursday 23 & Friday 24 August

12noon – 3pm

Clock Tower

Agent M will be monitoring and recording the mischief making of families out and about in Leicester. Join The Spark & Agent M for some interactive fun at Clock Tower.

W: thesparkarts.co.uk

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Baba Yaga's House

by Dizzy O'Dare

Thursday 23 & Friday 24 August

12noon, 2pm & 4pm

City Centre

Inspired by Slavic fairytales, Baba Yaga's House is a ramshackle old cottage, which roams the land on chicken legs, while Baba flies across the landscape in her giant pestle and mortar.

BEES! The Colony by Artizani

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 August

12noon & 3pm

Humberstone Gate

Wander amongst the honey-perfumed Bee Colony, occasionally cloaked in smoke, finding a variety ways of viewing and interacting with the contents of six impossible Bee Hives – you may find yourself looking into the vastness of space or teased by a telescopic hive soaring into the air.



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withoutwalls.uk.com

The Jukeboxes by Bootworks Theatre

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 August

12.30pm, 2.30pm & 4.30pm

Carpet of Light

Two beautiful 1950's JukeBoxes spring to life as the performers re-create classic pop music videos in a lip-syncing musical medley. The kitsch duo brings to life some of our favourite celebrity pop-stars from past and present. The Beatles, Sinéad O'Connor, Miley Cyrus, Stevie Wonder and Adele all make cameos – and audiences are encouraged to sing or dance along with the show.

Vegetable Nannies

by Plunge Boom

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 August

1pm, 2pm & 3pm

City Centre

The Vegetable Nannies have left their allotment behind in favour of some fresh air and an exciting day trip, so keep an eye out for an old pram, brimming with some beautiful Vegetable Babies.



City Streets



The Invasion by Ljud

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 August

1pm & 3.30pm

City Centre

An interplanetary expedition of immigrants from outer space has landed on our planet. Members of the expedition belong to different alien species, but as a reaction to the Earth's atmosphere they gained a new protective colour, so that humans would not take them too seriously. Prepare yourself, they come in pink!

Hold On

by Stefano Di Renzo

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 August

1.30pm & 3.30pm

City Centre

Playing on and around a self-counterweighted slack rope system watch in awe as the man holds himself afloat just by the strength of his grip whilst precariously balancing on top of the rope he is holding. If he decides to let go will he fall...?



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**GLOBAL
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City Skates

Wednesday 22 – Monday 27 August

11am – 6pm

Humberstone Gate

A temporary skate park will be set up on Humberstone Gate West with demonstrations and equipment available to have a go.



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Art in the City

Monday 27 August

12noon – 5pm

Wygston's House

During the City Festival, painters, 2D artists and photographers are being called on to display and sell their artwork on Jubilee Square, within a dedicated 'Art on the City' area along on the fence of the historic Wygston's House.

Taking part in this fantastic opportunity will allow artists to showcase their masterpieces to approximately 30,000 festival-goers over the duration of the event, providing marketing awareness and the chance to sell work.

Artists will be allocated a three-metre railing space for a small fee of £20 for the day.

Artists will be supplied with:

- 10m of wire
- Cable ties to attach their pieces to the railings
- Clear plastic sheeting to protect the art

Artists wanting to exhibit at Art on the River can contact Theo Markham-Crew, Leicester City Council Festivals and Events on:

Phone: 0116 454 3600

Email: Theo.Markham-Crew@leicester.gov.uk



Talks and Tours



Talk: Virginia Wright-Women in Leicester

Wednesday 22 August

Doors 5.30pm, talk starts at 6pm

Newarke Houses Museum

A profile of some of the women in Leicester who have left their mark on the city's history. Listen to stories of some of the female pioneers and ground breakers from many different spheres of life. Advance booking required.

Tickets: £4 refreshments included

T: 0116 225 4980

Quirky Tours: Tasting Tour

Saturday 25 August

11am – 1.30pm

Meet at Visit Leicester, Gallowtree Gate

For all food lovers. This tasting tour gives you a flavour of the area with delicious local food and drink accompanied by tales about the city's history. Sample quality produce at independent eateries and try out different types of food. The tour includes five food stops to discover a variety of appetising specialities.

W: quirkytours.co.uk

Quirky Tours: Leicester Past and Present

Monday 27 August

11am – 12.30pm

Meet at Jubilee Square



An entertaining walking tour exploring little known facts about the city's social and cultural life. Hear about Leicester's music and entertainment scene and discover how trends change. Find out what has shaped the city's development and what lies behind the façade.

Wear comfortable shoes. Advance booking required.

Tickets: £5

W: quirkytours.co.uk

Leicester Music Trail

Friday 17 - Monday 27 August

Daily, from 10am

The second year of this new and exciting citywide initiative celebrating music in all its forms and embracing performance, radio and the visual arts. Leicester Music Trail will link multiple music-themed events across a variety of venues combining existing regular music activities with a range of special events. Showcasing the vibrant local scene the trail provides an eleven day musical strand linking the end of summer and onset of autumn.

W: 7ymm.net

Andante: Times are A-Changin'

Friday 17 August

Doors 7.30pm, 8pm start

The Guildhall

Join us as we take you back to the era of peace, protest and love with uniquely arranged classic songs of the 60's and 70's. Combining the vocal harmonies of Vee Sweeney and Mark Rowson, 16 instruments between them and outstanding musicianship, they perform an uplifting and inspiring show to give you a fabulous evening of unforgettable music.

Tickets: £12 / £10

T: 0116 253 2569

Steve Cartwright in Concert

Wednesday 22 August

Doors 7.15pm, 8pm start

The Guildhall

An evening of original music & poetry and a rare chance to see Steve in concert at this prestigious venue and in his home town of Leicester. Steve is a charismatic performer and has been writing great songs for years now. His songs span the personal, the political and the mystical. He writes some crazy poetry as well.

Tickets: £10 / £8

T: 0116 253 2569

Rhythm and Booze

Friday 24 August

8pm – 11.45pm

33cankstreet

Legendary Rhythm & Booze Session from our house band The Verzhions & guests, playing an eclectic mixture of reggae, soul, blues, jazz and modern classics from 8pm – free entry but please book to avoid disappointment.

W: bar33cankstreet.com

T: 0116 251 9994



Art & Exhibitions



Journeys Festival International: Look Up Friday 17 – Sunday 26 August Various windows across Leicester City Centre



Look Up is a large scale outdoor visual arts exhibition by artist and photographer Farhad Berahman. For Look Up, Farhad has worked with Leicester Print Workshop to design and create a collection of large-scale postage stamps that symbolise home for those who are stateless. The stamps will be screenprinted and exhibited in window spaces throughout Leicester city centre. The work explores the theme of displacement and the forced resettlement of communities.

The images used in the stamp designs will represent countries with the highest number of refugees in the UK including Iran, Syria, Afghanistan and Sudan. A Leicester Print Workshop and ArtReach commission for Journeys Festival

W: journeysfestival.com



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Hannah Quinlan and Rosie Hastings

Saturday 18 – Saturday 25 August

Thursday – Saturday

12noon – 6pm

Two Queens Gallery

Exhibitions based on the screening of a newly created film by London-based artists Hannah Quinlan and Rosie Hastings which documents LGBT+ nightclubs and social spaces in Blackpool.

W: 2queens.com

Straightening out the Petals

Monday 6 August – Monday 27 August

Preview event: 17 August 5pm – 7.30pm

11am – 3pm

Newarke Houses Museum

Artist Leila Houston explores notions of what it means to be human. Using interactive sound, installation, photography and clay; she explores such themes as our relationship to water, the shocking character from the Jack in the Box toy and an installation developed from a recording of children playing.

W: leilahoustonart.weebly.com



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Journeys Festival International: Future Aleppo

Monday 20 – Friday 24 August

11am – 4pm (Monday – Thursday)

Late night opening on Friday as part of Cultural Quarter Lates.

Phoenix Cinema and Gallery

Amongst the destruction of his beloved Aleppo, 13-year-old Mohammed resolved that he would rebuild the city – reconstructing the fallen landmarks first as paper models and then in virtual reality. Mohammed's model of Aleppo will be on display at Phoenix, alongside the virtual reality installation - through which you can travel inside and experience the city as Mohammed remembers it. There will also be free family friendly drop-in workshops alongside the installation where you can help build a new virtual city.

W: phoenix.org.uk



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Empire Soldiers VR Exhibition

Tuesday 21 – Monday 27 August

Mon - Sat 10am – 4pm, Sun 11am – 4pm

Newarke Houses Museum

Using VR headsets and surround sound this latest show brings a truly immersive experience that is emotive and unforgettable. You will be transported back in time to 1918 alongside Caribbean and South Asian soldiers returning from the front line, hear captivating stories of the battlefield from the soldiers themselves and share their emotional experiences of the return home. Ages 13+

Journeys Festival International: Suspended, In Search of Light

Until Sunday 26 August

Leicester Cathedral

Suspended is composed of hundreds of items of clothing discarded by refugees upon their arrival on the Greek island of Lesbos. The work highlights the plight of refugees who are now stranded in cities and detention centres across Europe hung between loss and hope, suspended between a past to which they cannot return, and a future to which they cannot move forward.

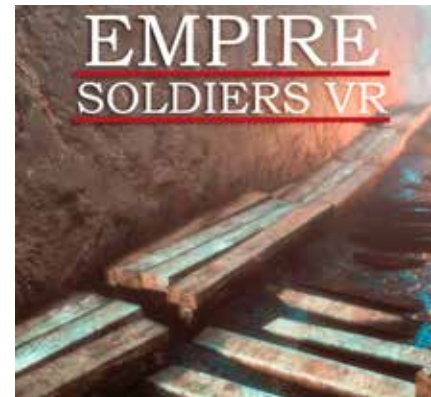
W: journeysfestival.com



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Art & Craft Activities



Sewing Machine Demonstration

Saturday 18 August

10am – 5pm

Crafty Sew & So

Drop in to find out more about sewing machines and over lockers. Our experts will be on hand giving machine demonstrations and answering any questions you might have about sewing.

W: craftysewandso.com

Journeys Festival International: New Walk Museum Takeover

Saturday 18 August

11am – 4pm

New Walk Museum

Journeys Festival International takes over the wonderful spaces at New Walk Museum for a day of family-friendly arts activity; including creative workshops, storytelling, and a pop-up cinema, alongside traditional and digital games.

W: leicester.gov.uk/museums



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Teddy Bears Picnic

Saturday 18 August

11am – 3pm

Newarke Houses Museum

Bring your teddy and enjoy a picnic in our peaceful, pretty garden. Enjoy teddy themed craft activities and meet our resident bear.

Tickets: £3 per child for activities



Family Art

Saturday 18 August

12noon – 4pm

Two Queens Gallery

Join us at Two Queens gallery for a free, fun hands-on creative workshop. Try new techniques and materials and enjoy fun for all the family.

W: 2queens.com



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Summer Craft Activities

Daily until Wednesday 29 August

Leicester Print Workshop

All through the summer holidays our exhibition space will be open for free art activity, arranged as part of the City Classroom Passport.

W: leicesterprintworkshop.com



Jack in the Box

Sunday 19 August
12noon – 3pm



Sonic Adventure

Sunday 26 August
1pm – 3pm

Newarke Houses Museum

Two workshops supporting Leila Houston's exhibition Straightening out the Petals. Design and create your own Jack in the Box using art materials and sound. Imagine the shape of sounds in nature in Sonic Adventure.

Suitable for ages 10+. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential.

Tickets: Jack in the Box £5 / £13 (including sound equipment) / Sonic Adventure £4

W: leilahoustonart.weebly.com



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Pottery Painting

Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22nd August
11am, 12.30pm & 2pm



The Guildhall

Choose from a selection of fun items to paint and enjoy this creative hobby. Your painted pottery will then be glazed and kiln-fired, collect it approximately 2 weeks later to treasure forever. Advance booking required.

Tickets: £8 per item

T: 0116 253 2569

Get Arty Fun Day

Thursday 23 August
11am – 3pm



The Guildhall

An upcycling inspired crafts day. Bring along an empty food can, glass jar or material and be inspired plus trails and face painting.

Tickets: £3 drop in

T: 0116 253 2569

Journeys Festival International:

Printmaking Drop-In

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 August
10am – 1pm



Leicester Print Workshop

Join us to have a go at screenprinting and create your own interpretation of a postage stamp, inspired by Farhad Berahman's Look Up exhibition.

W: leicesterprintworkshop.com

Art & Craft Activities



Family Heritage



The 1000 Years Show

**Friday 17 – Sunday 19 and
Sunday 26 – Monday 27 August
12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm
The Guildhall**

Easy history and more in 20 minute bite-sized shows full of history, songs & comedy; written and performed by comedian and songwriter Anthony King. Donations welcome.

T: 0116 253 2569



Gloriana! Medieval Family Day

Sunday 19 August

11am – 3pm

The Guildhall

Join us at the beautiful medieval Guildhall for a day of Medieval merriment. Experience the delights of 'Gloriana', a re-enactment group specialising in medieval music and dance. Take part in a medieval dance lesson, meet the wise woman, listen to George and the dragon poetry, have a go at some medieval games and crafts and take part in a Maypole dance. Dress as your best medieval princess or knight.

Tickets: £1 per person

T: 0116 253 2569



City Festival Heritage

Sunday 19 & Saturday 25 August

12noon – 3pm

open for general visits only

Heritage Sunday

Sunday 26 August

11am – 3pm

The Magazine

Visit the Magazine and Magazine square and meet the ex-suffragette who is canvassing female support for the upcoming 1918 general election, encouraging women to exercise their new right. View the display of items used by suffragettes during their campaign to gain the vote and listen to her talk about the tactics used.

Meet the soldier from 1918 and join him as he undergoes training and manoeuvres along with all his equipment. See some of the tactics used to finally defeat the enemy plus demonstrations of getting a soldier dressed for battle.

Guided tour of The Magazine

Sunday 26 August

11am

Booking essential through Visit Leicester

T: 0116 299 4444



Leicester Old Town Festival

Monday 27 August

11am – 5pm

Jubilee Square

Historical-themed fun activities and workshops in the Old Town.

Commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the end of WW1 visit a tented encampment with a unit of soldiers and equipment with stories from the time and demonstrations of life at the front. See a replica WW1 tank on the square along with other vehicles from the period.

The ever popular medieval encampment returns where knights and maidens will display medieval arms and stage battles throughout the day. Throughout the festival jesters and stilt walkers will entertain along with children's arts and crafts activities around the square.



Tea in the Garden

Monday 27 August

2pm – 4.30pm

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel

A chance to visit the rarely opened city centre greenspace of the Leicester Unitarian Chapel's garden. Enjoy tea, cakes, a bookstall, a raffle, live music, a chance to hear our magnificent organ dating from the 1860's, and a guided tour of the site, chapel and the garden; explaining its unique place in the history of Leicester from Roman times onwards. Entrance and guided tour free, small charge for refreshments

W: leicesterunitarians.co.uk

Family Heritage



Theatre & Cinema



Gerald Dickens - The Signalman and Dr Marigold

Saturday 18 August

7.30pm

The Guildhall

A virtuoso performance by Gerald Dickens, great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens. The Signalman is a spine-chilling, atmospheric ghost story as the lonely, tortured signalman relates his gruesome memories, whilst Dr Marigold is a story of personal tragedy being met with genuine love and compassion.

Tickets: £12 / £10

T: 0116 253 2569

The Short Cinema: Leicester International Short Film Festival

Monday 20 – Saturday 25 August

Phoenix Cinema and Gallery

The Short Cinema is an annual short film festival showcasing established and emerging talent from across the world with a strong focus on Midlands makers. The Short Cinema provides local writers, producers and directors with the opportunity to exhibit their work on the big screen. The programme includes local showcases, world premieres, family screenings and workshops. Ticket prices vary.

W: phoenix.org.uk

T: 0116 242 2800

Journeys Festival International: Pop Up Cinema

Tuesday 21 August

6pm – 9pm

African-Caribbean Centre

Thursday 23 August

3pm – 6pm

St Matthews Centre

Friday 24 August

1pm – 4pm

Brite Centre

Presenting a pop-up cinema of films that include stories which explore themes of home, inclusion and welcome centred around refugees and asylum seekers' experiences. Each screening will be accompanied by additional festival activity including creative workshops and conversations.

W: journeysfestival.com



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Don't go into the Cellar presents: Monstrous Beasts

Friday 24 August
3pm

The Guildhall

Join fearless monster hunter Alice Quatermain, as she recounts several of her daring escapades from the Edwardian era. Be thrilled as you encounter marauding monsters, deadly dinosaurs and fiendish fauna!

Tickets: £8 / £6
T: 0116 253 2569



The 1000 Years Hour Show

Monday 27 August
3pm

The Guildhall

A brand new Leicester and Leicestershire themed show full of history, songs and comedy. Written and performed by comedian and songwriter Anthony King.

Tickets: £3 / £10 (Family x4 ticket)
T: 0116 253 2569



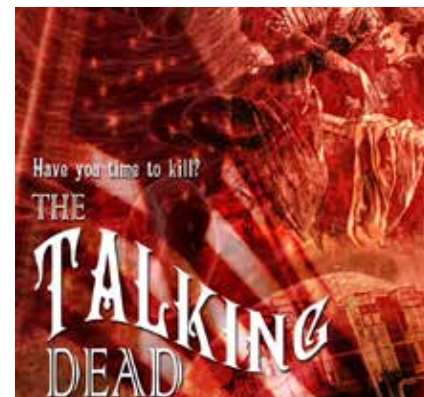
Don't go into the Cellar presents: The Talking Dead

Friday 24 August
8pm

The Guildhall

Dare you share an evening with two of America's most infamous murderers? Lizzie Borden returns from the grave to regale visitors to Fall River with the tale of her poor parents' unhappy fate. Then, be chilled to the bone as Dr Henry Howard Holmes welcomes you to his "Murder Castle", where he embarked upon his grisly career as the United States' earliest serial killer.

Tickets: £10 / £8
T: 0116 253 2569



See also P4 Leicester Outdoor Cinema

Get Active



Ride Leicester Festival

Until Sunday 26 August

Various venues throughout the city

A two-week celebration of cycling in the heart of Leicester including Let's Ride Leicester as a warm up to the festival. Supported by Sustrans, British Cycling, Leicester City Football Club, De Montfort University, Highcross Leicester, Choose How You Move and Visit Leicester.

Let's Ride Leicester

Sunday 12 August

12.30pm – 4.30pm

Bede Park & City Centre

Get ready for the City Festival and join a family-friendly bike ride for over 12,000 people. A 6km route open for people linking the King Power Stadium, De Montfort University and Highcross via Bede Park, Magazine Square, Cathedral Square, New Market Square, St Peter's Square and Jubilee Square. Enjoy entertainment along the route including music, BMX displays, junk-art bike try-out, sprint zone, go-ride, Rickshaws and much more.

W: visitleicester.info

Exploring Parks: Abbey Park

Saturday 18 August

10.30am

Meet by the park gates on Abbey Park Road

Up to 2 hours, steady pace. Join us for a tour of Leicester's first official public park and learn about its renowned history from a blue badge guide. Advanced booking required.

W: eventbrite.co.uk

T: 0116 373 7589

Green Bicycle Mystery Weekend

Saturday 18 – Sunday 19 August

Various venues throughout the city

Join re-enactment rides & courtroom drama and investigate the 'most famous murder mystery of the 20th century'. Includes Bella's Ride and Case Ride.

Sign up at:

W: letsride.co.uk



Green Walks from the City: To Ellis Meadows and Belgrave Gardens

Sunday 26 August

11am

**Meet at New Market Square behind the
Knight & Garter pub**

Up to 2 ½ hours, moderate pace. A longer walk from the city centre to Leicester's beautiful parks, for those who like to stretch their legs. No need to book, just turn up.

Dancing in the Streets

Monday 20 – Saturday 25 August

**New Market Square, Orton Square &
Humberstone Gate West.**

New to this year's City Festival, Leicester will be hosting "Dancing in the Streets". This will be a week celebrating dance across the city, with free taster sessions in difference types of dance throughout the week.

Each evening we will be inviting a tutor from a different style to take over one of the city squares and host a two hour taster session in their style, culminating a whole day of dance on Saturday 25 August.

With a huge range of styles to try including Latin American, Ballroom, Street Dancing, Swing dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, Ceilidh and Indian Bharatanatyam there is something for everyone. All ages and abilities are welcome. Try something new, learn a new skill and have fun in the heart of the city.

To find out more about the full programme throughout the week please visit facebook.com/leicesterfestivals



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Friday 17 August				
The 1000 Year's Show	12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm	The Guildhall	18	24
Preview: Straightening out the Petals	5pm - 7.30pm	Newake Houses Museum	14	19
Andante: Times are A Changin'	7.30pm	The Guildhall	13	24
Leicester Outdoor Cinema	7.30pm – 11pm	Jubilee Square	4	13
Saturday 18 August				
Green Bicycle Mystery Weekend	various	City Centre	22	
Sewing Machine Demonstration Day	10am - 5pm	Crafty Sew & So	16	8
Exploring Parks	10.30am	Abbey Park	22	1
Teddy Bears Picnic	11am - 3pm	Newarke Houses Museum	16	19
New Walk Museum Takeover	11am - 4pm	New Walk Museum	16	18
Family Art	12noon - 4pm	Two Queens Gallery	16	28
The 1000 Year's Show	12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm	The Guildhall	18	24
Hannah Quinlan and Rosie Hastings	12noon - 6pm	Two Queens Gallery	14	28
King City Blues Festival	1.30pm	The Musician	4	26
Cosmo Carnival	2pm - 9.30pm	Jubilee Square, High Street, Clock Tower & Humberstone Gate	4	7, 11, 12, 13
Gerald Dickens	7.30pm	The Guildhall	20	24
Sunday 19 August				
Green Bicycle Mystery Weekend	various	City Centre	22	

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Gloriana! Medieval Family Day	11am - 3pm	The Guildhall	18	24
Leicester Belgrave Mela	11am - 6pm	Humberstone Gate, Gallowtree Gate, Clock Tower, High Street & Market Place	5	7, 9, 11, 12, 15
City Festival Heritage	12noon - 3pm	The Magazine	18	25
Jack in the Box	12noon - 3pm	Newarke Houses Museum	17	19
The 1000 Year's Show	12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm	The Guildhall	18	24
King City Blues Festival	1.30pm	The Musician	4	26
Ragas in the Garden	3pm - 5pm	Belgrave Hall & Gardens	5	4
Monday 20 August				
The Short Cinema	various times	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	20	21
Future Aleppo	11am - 4pm	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	15	21
Dancing in the Streets	6pm - 8pm	City Centre	23	
Tuesday 21 August				
The Short Cinema	various times	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	20	21
Empire Soldiers VR Exhibition	10am - 4pm	Newarke Houses Museum	15	19
Pottery Painting	11am, 12.30pm & 2pm	The Guildhall	17	24
Future Aleppo	11am - 4pm	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	15	21
City Streets: City Skates	11am - 6pm	Humberstone Gate	10	12
Dancing in the Streets	6pm - 8pm	City Centre	23	
Pop Up Cinema	6pm - 9pm	African-Caribbean Centre	20	2

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Wednesday 22 August				
The Short Cinema	various times	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	20	21
Empire Soldiers VR Exhibition	10am - 4pm	Newarke Houses Museum	15	19
Pottery Painting	11am, 12.30pm & 2pm	The Guildhall	17	24
Mischief Makers	11am - 3pm	Jubilee Square	5	13
Future Aleppo	11am - 4pm	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	15	21
City Streets: City Skates	11am - 6pm	Humberstone Gate	10	12
City Streets: Steli	12noon & 2pm	Jubilee Square	8	13
City Streets: Block	1pm & 3pm	Humberstone Gate	8	12
Talk: Women in Leicester	5.30pm	Newarke Houses Museum	12	19
Dancing in the Streets	6pm - 8pm	City Centre	23	
Steve Cartwright	7.15pm	The Guildhall	13	24
Thursday 23 August				
The Short Cinema	various times	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	20	21
Empire Soldiers VR Exhibition	10am - 4pm	Newarke Houses Museum	15	19
Get Arty Fun Day	11am - 3pm	The Guildhall	17	24
Future Aleppo	11am - 4pm	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	15	21
City Streets: City Skates	11am - 6pm	Humberstone Gate	10	12
Ministry of Mischief	12noon - 3pm	Clock Tower	8	7
City Streets: Baba Yaga's House	12noon, 2pm & 4pm	City Centre	9	

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Hannah Quinlan and Rosie Hastings	12noon - 6pm	Two Queens Gallery	14	28
City Streets: Block	1pm & 3pm	Humberstone Gate	8	12
Pop Up Cinema	3pm - 6pm	St Matthews Centre	20	23
Dancing in the Streets	6pm - 8pm	City Centre	23	
Friday 24 August				
The Short Cinema	various times	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	20	21
Journeys Festival Printmaking Drop-In	10am - 1pm	Leicester Print Workshop	17	16
Empire Soldiers VR Exhibition	10am - 4pm	Newarke Houses Museum	15	19
City Streets: City Skates	11am - 6pm	Humberstone Gate	10	12
Ministry of Mischief	12noon - 3pm	Clock Tower	8	7
City Streets: BEES! The Colony	12noon & 3pm	Humberstone Gate	9	12
City Streets: Baba Yaga's House	12noon, 2pm & 4pm	City Centre	9	
Hannah Quinlan and Rosie Hastings	12noon - 6pm	Two Queens Gallery	14	28
City Streets: The Jukeboxes	12.30pm, 2.30pm & 4.30pm	Carpet of Light	9	6
City Streets: Vegetable Nannies	1pm, 2pm & 3pm	City Centre	9	
City Streets: The Invasion	1pm & 3.30pm	City Centre	10	
Pop Up Cinema	1pm - 4pm	Brite Centre	20	5
City Streets: Hold On	1.30pm & 3.30pm	City Centre	10	
Monstrous Beasts	3pm	The Guildhall	21	24

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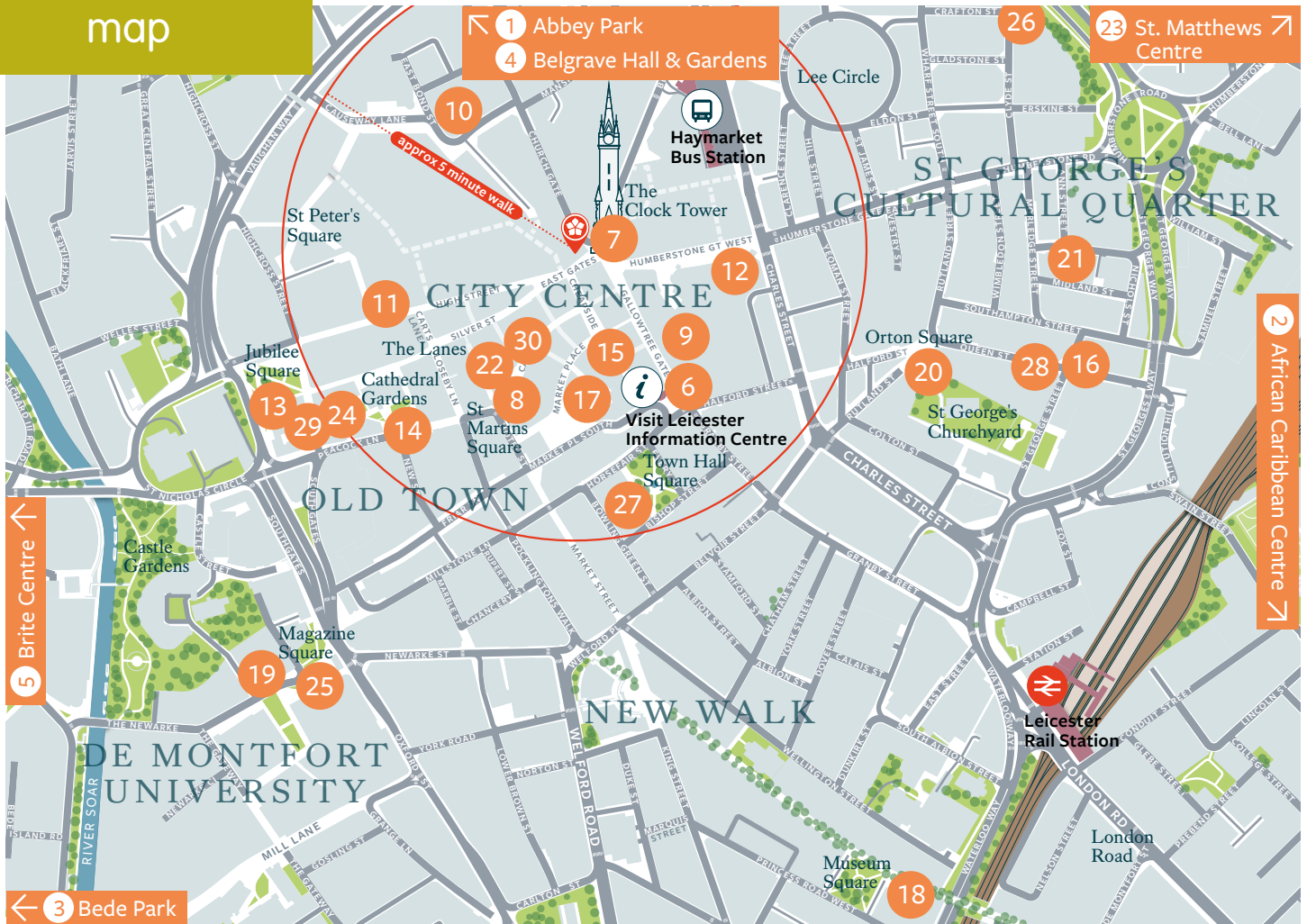
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Dancing in the Streets	6pm - 8pm	City Centre	23	
The Talking Dead	8pm	The Guildhall	21	24
Future Aleppo		Part of Cultural Quarter Lates	15	
Rythm and Booze	8pm - 11.45pm	33Cank Street	13	30
Saturday 25 August				
The Short Cinema	various times	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery	20	21
Journeys Festival Printmaking Drop-In	10am - 1pm	Leicester Print Workshop	17	16
Empire Soldiers VR Exhibition	10am - 4pm	Newarke Houses Museum	15	19
Dancing in the Streets	10am - 8pm	TBC	23	
Quirky Tours: Tasting Tour	11am - 1.30pm	Meet at Visit Leicester	12	
Journeys Festival International Weekender	11am - 4pm	Jubilee Square	6	13
City Streets: City Skates	11am - 6pm	Humberstone Gate	10	12
City Festival Heritage	12noon - 3pm	The Magazine	18	25
City Streets: BEES! The Colony	12noon & 3pm	Humberstone Gate	9	12
City Music Stage	12noon - 6pm	Humberstone Gate West	6	12
Hannah Quinlan and Rosie Hastings	12noon - 6pm	Two Queens Gallery	14	28
City Streets: The Jukeboxes	12.30pm, 2.30pm & 4.30pm	Carpet of Light	9	6
City Streets: Vegetable Nannies	1pm, 2pm & 3pm	City Centre	9	
City Streets: The Invasion	1pm & 3.30pm	City Centre	10	
City Streets: Hold On	1.30pm & 3.30pm	City Centre	10	

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Sunday 26 August				
City Festival Heritage	11am - 3pm	The Magazine	18	25
Green Walks from the City	11am	Meet at New Market Square	23	17
Empire Soldiers VR Exhibition	11am - 4pm	Newarke Houses Museum	15	19
Journeys Festival International Weekender	11am - 4pm	Jubilee Square	6	13
City Streets: City Skates	11am - 6pm	Humberstone Gate	10	12
The 1000 Year's Show	12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm	The Guildhall	18	24
City Music Stage	12noon - 6pm	Humberstone Gate West	6	12
Shhh... It's St Martin's Square Sunday	12noon - 7pm	St. Martin's Square	6	22
Sonic Adventure	1pm - 3pm	Newarke Houses Museum	17	19
Monday 27 August				
Quirky Tours: Leicester Past & Present	11am - 12.30pm	Meet at Jubilee Square	12	13
Old Town Festival	11am - 5pm	Jubilee Square	19	13
City Streets: City Skates	11am - 6pm	Humberstone Gate	10	12
The 1000 Year's Show	12noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm	The Guildhall	18	24
Art in the City	12noon - 5pm	Wygston's House	11	29
City Music Stage	12noon - 6pm	Humberstone Gate West	6	12
Tea in the Garden	2pm - 4.30pm	Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel	19	10
The 1000 Years Hour Show	3pm	The Guildhall	21	24

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Key Venue

1	Abbey Park	16	Leicester Print Workshop
2	African Caribbean Centre	17	New Market Square
3	Bede Park	18	New Walk Museum
4	Belgrave Hall & Gardens	19	Newarke Houses Museum
5	Brite Centre	20	Orton Square
6	Carpet of Light, outside Visit Leicester	21	Phoenix Cinema and Gallery
7	Clock Tower	22	St. Martin's Square
8	Crafty Sew & So	23	St. Matthews Centre
9	Gallowtree Gate	24	The Guildhall
10	Greet Meeting Unitarian Chapel	25	The Magazine
11	High Street	26	The Musician
12	Humberstone Gate	27	Town Hall
13	Jubilee Square	28	Two Queens Gallery
14	Leicester Cathedral	29	Wygston's House
15	Leicester Market	30	33Cank Street



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