



Festival Brochure

**Birmingham Fest
12-28 July 2013**



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<p>3 TO 21 SEP</p> <p>The National Theatre presents</p>  <p>PEOPLE <i>A new play by Alan Bennett</i> Starring Siân Phillips</p>	<p>12 TO 28 SEP</p> <p>Birmingham Repertory Theatre in association with The Albany presents</p>  <p>THE LEGEND OF MIKE SMITH <i>By Soweto Kinch</i></p>	<p>19 SEP TO 5 OCT</p> <p>A Birmingham Repertory Theatre and Peibus Plough production</p>  <p>HOPELESSLY DEVOTED <i>By Kate Tempest</i></p>	<p>24 TO 28 SEP</p> <p>The National Theatre of Scotland and the Royal Shakespeare Company present</p>  <p>DUNSINANE <i>By David Greig</i> Starring Siobhan Redmond & Jonny Phillips</p>	<p>4 TO 19 OCT</p> <p>Birmingham Repertory Theatre in association with Bill Kenwright presented by arrangement with Nica Burns</p>  <p>TWELVE ANGRY MEN <i>By Reginald Rose</i> Starring Martin Shaw</p>	<p>1 TO 16 NOV</p> <p>Birmingham Repertory Theatre Company presents</p>  <p>TARTUFFE <i>By Molière</i> Translated by Chris Campbell Starring Mark Williams</p>
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The Festival

Hello and welcome to the very first Birmingham Fest brochure!

"Birmingham Fest" is a brand new performing arts festival celebrating the second city's venues & arts scene.

The main feature of the festival is the fringe theatre, where artists and companies from across the UK will showcase their work in an exciting two and a half week programme of events.

Birmingham has fantastic theatres and performance venues. This festival will be an exciting time for the city & its arts scene.

As well as having such an eclectic programme of performances it will introduce companies and patrons to some of the city's venues that they may not be familiar with.

For a long time I have felt that Birmingham is missing a fringe theatre festival, so here it is!

We have a varied selection of shows, not just from the region (we even have one from overseas!) so please have a look through and see what's on offer. We've tried to keep prices down as much as possible so please support as many as you can.

You can also support the festival and the participants in other ways (praise be social networking!) so please do.

Most of all, PLEASE support Birmingham and the arts here. It's not all about the capital - look what's on your doorstep.

2013 is a great year for us. We have the brand new Library of Birmingham - which will also house a brand new theatre.

We also have the re-opening of the Birmingham Rep, after its extensive refurbishment & 100th birthday.

We have a great city, let's make it greater!

Darren Haywood

Festival creator and organiser.

Birmingham Fest is an independent festival, without funding, and is designed to celebrate Birmingham and the performing arts.



The Venues



The Blue Orange Theatre

The Blue Orange Theatre is a new independent theatre situated in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter. It stages numerous in-house productions as well as hosting visiting companies, comedy nights, classes and workshops. The venue consists of a flexible theatre space which seats up to 110, a large rehearsal studio, and a spacious bar (which are both often also used for performances).

www.blueorangetheatre.co.uk

Tel: (0121) 212 2643



The Crescent Theatre

The Crescent is a purpose-built theatre in the fantastic Brindleyplace development of the city. Predominantly a membership theatre it stages about 15 in-house productions a year and hosts numerous visiting companies, small and large. The venue has a 300 seat main house, a 100 seat studio theatre, rehearsal & function rooms, a spacious bar, and a wardrobe hire department.

www.crescent-theatre.co.uk

Tel: (0121) 643 5858



The Old Joint Stock Theatre

The Old Joint Stock Theatre is part of a Grade II listed building situated right in the heart of Birmingham's city centre. The venue consists of a 100 seat studio theatre hosting a variety of productions all year round and a beautiful 50 seat Victorian-style function room which hosts both seminars and performances. The ground floor is home to the extremely popular Old Joint Stock pub which also serves food & hosts music nights.

www.oldjointstocktheatre.co.uk
Tel: (0121) 200 0946

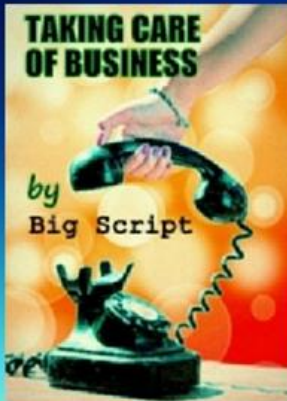


@A.E. Harris

@ A.E. Harris is a large multi-purpose venue that is actually a vacated portion of a factory. Situated in The Jewellery Quarter (not far from St. Paul's Square) it has a range of spaces, making it suitable for many different styles of performance. As well as hosting numerous visiting companies, festivals and arts events it is also home to Stan's Cafe Theatre Company. A great use of space and a unique venue.

www.aeharrisvenue.co.uk
Tel: (0121) 236 2273

The Shows



Taking Care Of Business by Big Script

A selection of short plays by Birmingham's premier new writing collective that brought you "Love! Sex! Confusion!" and "Awakening". (contains some adult themes)

Friday 12th July 7pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £6



Stroke by Dance Center Puls

All the way from Croatia, a dance production in the form of an introspective bodily monologue about pain, loss, and recollection. With Ana-Maria Bogdanović.

Friday 12th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Pay what you can.



Parklife by Inamoment

A play set in Pigeon Park, right here in the centre of Birmingham, with everyone going about their business. Or maybe not. Incisive, devised, engrossing theatre.

Fri 12th 9pm/Thurs 18th 9pm/
Sat 20th 3pm (all July)
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £7 (£6 concessions)



**The Inferno Kid
by Alex Brockie**

A pull-no-punches play about a former wrestling star who at 36 is disabled, destitute, and descending into madness. Is his final showdown with the demons of his past a match he can win?

Fri 12th & Sat 13th July 9pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £6 (£5 concessions)



**Medieval Mystery Plays
by Solo Plus**

These plays have been performed throughout history since Medieval times. Solo Plus will be performing scenes from the life and ministry of Jesus - including the crucifixion and resurrection (suitable for families).

Saturday 13th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £5 (going to the NSPCC)



**Culture Shock
by Blue Orange Writers**

An evening of rehearsed readings based on the theme of 'culture shock'. The BOW group have a range of experience from established writers to novice. Pieces read by actors.

Sunday 14th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £3



**An Evening Of Improvisation
by Box Of Frogs**

Members of Box of Frogs present their own inimitable brand of high octane improvised nonsense from audience suggestions. Expect to laugh, expect to be amazed – but mostly expect the unexpected!

Monday 15th July 7.30pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Pay what you can



**Live At The Crossing
by Brothers Groove**

Brothers Groove are a four piece Blues band performing a lively mixed Blues and groove-based set of original self-composed music. Here they perform their latest album "Live At The Crossing" live.

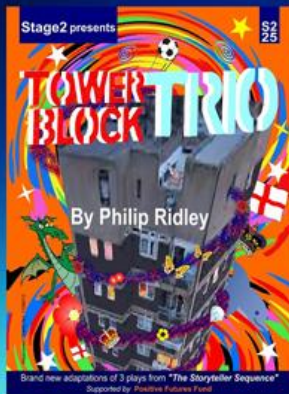
Tuesday 16th July 7pm
The Crescent Theatre
Tickets £5



**Ledge
by Studio3**

A man is perched on a narrow ledge on the 14th floor of a building with one end in mind... his own. Birmingham-based Studio3 present this thought provoking dark comedy.

Wednesday 17th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £5



**Tower Block Trio
by Stage2**

Stage2 Youth Theatre have been given special permission to rework three one act dramas by acclaimed writer Philip Ridley. They use fairytales to reveal the feelings of the young characters.

Wed 17th - Sat 20th July 7.30pm
The Crescent Theatre
Tickets £9



**The Confessions Of Jon-Jak
Crusoe by Ad Hoc**

A comedy by and with Gareth Owen. Crusoe, a self-deluded genius, rails grandiloquently at his inability to pen a masterpiece in emulation of his muse, 'Jean-Jacques Mark 1 the Frog Scribbler'.

Wednesday 17th July 9pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £8 (£6 concessions)



**Off The Straight & Narrow
by DDA**

Looking for something different? Something "off the straight and narrow"? DDA's collection of short plays is right up your street then – however twisting and broad-ranging!

Thurs 18th (7pm), Sat 20th (9pm)
Weds 24th (7pm) - all July
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £6 (£5 concessions)



**From Berlin To Broadway
by The Midnight Cabaret Band**

With a dazzling array of popular numbers plus some little-known gems, The Midnight Cabaret Band take you on a musical journey, exploring the characters behind the songs of the leading lady.

Thursday 18th July 7.45pm
The Crescent Theatre
Tickets £8



**Tempestory
by Hôtel Teatro**

"Tempestory" is an adaptation of Shakespeare's "The Tempest". Prospero is a patient in a seaside nursing home. Hours and days blur. His mind runs over his life, recreating, re-imagining.

Fri 18th July 8pm, Sat 19th 2pm & 8pm
@A.E. Harris
Tickets £6



**Appointment & Nul Points
by Silence Presents**

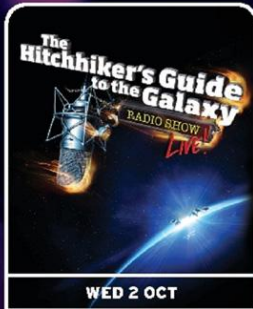
A bureaucracy double bill. Nul Points - corporate essential services (where your tragedy is their profit). Appointment, a young man starts an appointment but the local pub landlady knows more than he does!

Fri 19th & Sat 20th July 7pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £9 (£7 concessions)

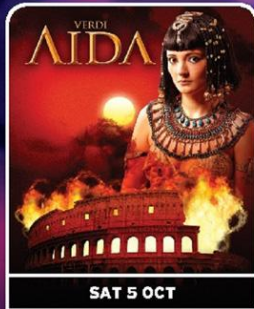
FORTHCOMING SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



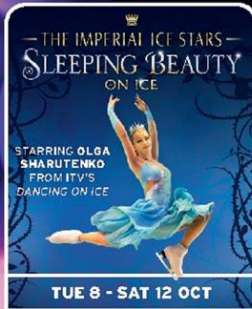
ANNIE
10TH ANNIVERSARY STAGE EXPERIENCE PRODUCTION
WED 21 - SAT 24 AUG



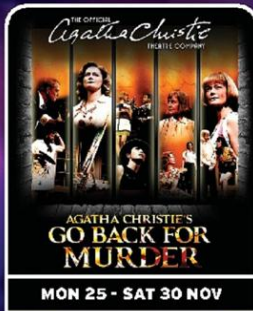
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
RADIO SHOW
LIVE
WED 2 OCT



VERDI
AIDA
SAT 5 OCT



— THE IMPERIAL ICE STARS —
SLEEPING BEAUTY
ON ICE
STARRING OLGA SHARUTENKO
FROM ITV'S DANCING ON ICE
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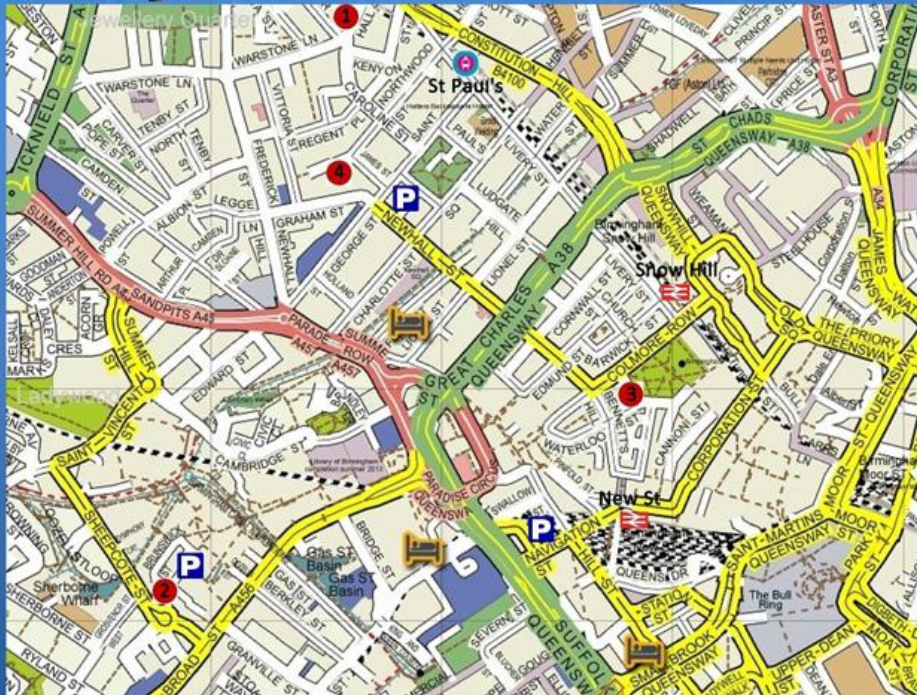


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Venue Map



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- 1 The Blue Orange Theatre. 118 Great Hampton Street. B18 6AD.
Situated next to Tesco Express.
 - 2 The Crescent Theatre. Sheepcote Street. B16 8AE.
Situated next to the Hilton Garden Inn hotel.
 - 3 The Old Joint Stock Theatre. 4 Temple Row West. B2 5NY.
Situated next to St Philip's Cathedral.
 - 4 @A.E. Harris. 110 Northwood Street. B3 1SZ.
Situated just up from the Lasan Restaurant on James St.
-  Train stations New St & Snow Hill  Midland Metro station St Paul's

For more detailed travel directions and parking options please visit the venues websites.
It is possible to walk between all 4 venues. Most would take about 15 minutes.
The longest would be between The Blue Orange & The Crescent at around 25 minutes.
There are obviously various cab companies which can be advised by the venues.

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Driving School
by Gary Dring

Driving School is a unique theatrical experience where you the audience, are trainees on a Driver Awareness course. Join the hapless trainers - drivers & non-drivers welcome!

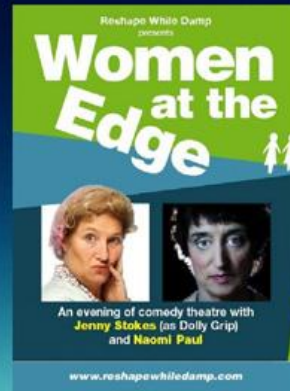
Friday 19th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £5 (£4 concessions)



Emergence
by RDC Youth

A showcase of this elite youth dance company's repertoire. Choreographed by Artistic Director Adam Rutherford and the company, also expect an appearance by a professional dancer (or two!).

Friday 19th July 7pm
The Crescent Theatre
Tickets £10 (£6 concessions)



Women At The Edge
by Reshape While Damp

Reshape While Damp presents comedy theatre with Naomi Paul and Jenny Stokes (as Dolly Grip). Naomi's deadpan delivery with Dolly's quirky observations of life, plus Jewish stories & knitting tips!

Friday 19th July 9pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £8 (£5 concessions)



Acoustic Set
by Squirrel

An acoustic set from Squirrel band members Nusra Nazir and Nigel Smethills. Alternative Rock & Indie genres - evoking influences from REM, Mazzy Star, The Smiths, and Kristin Hersh.

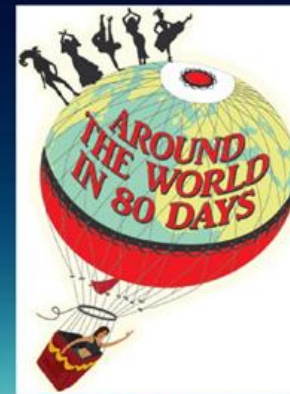
Saturday 20th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Pay what you can



I Am Blackbird
by Kate Walton

A one woman live storytelling and performance poetry show which shares the true-life tales and misadventures of a stubborn 13 year old girl, who set off on a mission to find love.

Saturday 20th July 7pm
The Crescent Theatre
Tickets £4.50



Around The World In 80 Days
by NDC

In a full length show from the Nottingham Dance Collective you'll see dance from all over the globe, threaded together by the famous story of Phileas Fogg's fantastic journey.

Sunday 21st July 3pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £7



**The Journey Unfolds
by Unfold Dance**

Unfold Dance Theatre and Unfold Theatre Company are local semi-professional groups. Their latest devised piece is an eclectic mix of high quality dance and theatre.

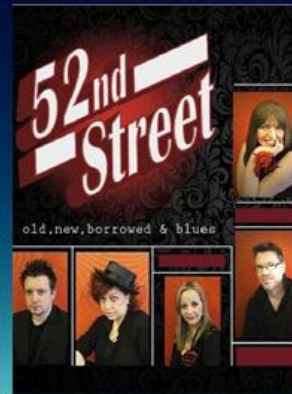
Sunday 21st July 7pm
The Crescent Theatre
Tickets £5



**Sundown
by Taking Chances**

A moving drama about two people who meet somewhere specific at a defining point in their life, but they both need to be there on their own. Will both of their plans go ahead or not?

Mon 22nd - Weds 24th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £5



**Old, New, Borrowed &
Blues by 52nd Street**

5 great vocalists from the worlds of musical theatre, rock and jazz. 3 girls, 2 guys, 5 soaring voices. Slick, tight harmonies with a jazz & blues edge, all delivered in a fierce vocal styling.

Wednesday 24th July 9pm
The Crescent Theatre
Tickets £4.50



**State Of Encounter
by Unity Collective**

A fusion of new media & dance. Technology is creating a nation of individuals defined by our own isolation. This thought provoking piece challenges the choice of this over human interaction.

Thursday 25th July 7pm
The Crescent Theatre
Tickets £7



**Singing In The Fog
by Foghorn Improv**

Join the Foghorn improvisation group as they create a musical spectacle from nothing but your suggestions. With their own band of merry music makers, a musical feast for the eyes and ears!

Thursday 25th July 8pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £7.50



**This Way Madness Lies
by Augustus Stephens**

One mans raw and humorous tale of going mad and coming back again. With his eccentric antics, comic ditties and wry observations he bares his soul in a riveting true story.

Friday 26th July 7pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £4



Tea At Five
by The OJS Theatre Company

The story of the rise and fall of Hollywood legend Katharine Hepburn, told by the woman herself. The one tour-de-force takes you on an unforgettable trip down memory lane.

Fri 26th July 7pm
Sat 27th 3pm & 7pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £7.50 (£5 concessions)



A Night of Burlesque
by HP Saucy Productions

Cabaret, comedy and striptease all in the best possible taste! Featuring the delectable talents of Felicia Noir, Geeta Von Tease, and Pixie Amore. Songs, swing, and sauciness! ADULTS ONLY.

Fri 26th & Sat 27th July 9pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £8 in advance (£10 on door)



Glorious Revolution
by Irresponsible Decorators

A humorous take on Britain and the current European issue. Set as a faux lecture, two 'academics' lay out the pros and cons of the European Project - armed with just an overhead projector!

Friday 26th July 9pm
The Old Joint Stock Theatre
Tickets £4



Twelfth Night
by Essential Productions

Perhaps Shakespeare's greatest comedy. Using the original text, Twelfth Night is brought to life with an incredibly modern and vibrant interpretation for the 21st century theatre goer.

Saturday 27th July 2pm & 7pm
@A.E. Harris
Tickets £5



A Turn Of Dramatic Events
by Thrive Productions

Follow the lives of Sean & Casey who are searching for a better understanding of the communities in which they live in. Will that happen when a turn of dramatic events change their lives?

Sunday 28th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £5 (£3.50 concessions)

For more details about all of the shows please visit the website.

All details are correct at time of going to print. Please check online or with venues for any changes.

Diary

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Saturday 27th July			Tea At Five 3pm & 7pm An Evening Of Burlesque 9pm	Twelfth Night 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 28th July	A Turn Of Dramatic Events 7pm			

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