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Welcome to the Birmingham Fest 2018 brochure!

We have lots of shows for you again, with artists from all over the UK. A few favourites are back, and there is lots of brand new work too. Some are one-off performances so don't miss them! Have a look through the brochure, hopefully you'll find a few things you like. Please support as many as you can (if you can't attend - spread the word!) Mostly though, please support the arts in Birmingham.

There's been a buzz about Birmingham over the past year, with a lot of talk about more TV and film production moving here - something that we lost over the years. Steven Spielberg even filmed his latest blockbuster "Ready Player One" here which was fantastic to see on the big screen. Whether Channel 4 move here and whether we get a new film studio here, the main thing is we're being noticed again.

Let's keep the conversation going.

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Darren Haywood, festival organiser.

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The Venues



The Blue Orange Theatre

The Blue Orange Theatre is a professional fringe venue 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.

118 Great Hampton Street. B18 6AD.

www.blueorangetheatre.co.uk

Tel: (0121) 212 2643



@A.E. Harris

@A.E. Harris is a multi purpose venue that actually is a vacated portion of a factory. Situated in the Jewellery quarter (not far from St. Paul's Square). As a seated venue it has a capacity of 50. As well as hosting numerous visiting companies, festivals and arts events, it is also home to Stan's Cafe Theatre Company.

110 Northwood Street. B3 1SZ.

www.aeharrisvenue.co.uk

Tel: (0121) 236 2273

The Shows



Jack Luck by Theatre 17

It's 1959 and comic Jack Luck has been offered a crack at a TV series. With the demise of his radio show, the cancellation of his stand-up tour, and other disasters in his life, this is his last chance to keep his career afloat.

Fri 13th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £7 (£5 concessions)



1918 Local News by Tell-Tale Presents

The Time Travelling Broadcast Company present a glimpse of the lives of those who lived through the Great War as letters, reminiscences and newspaper articles of 100 years ago to the day are brought to life.

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



GUY: A New Musical by Leo & Hyde

The creators of Best Show of Birmingham Fest 2017 (The Marriage of Kim K) return with an uplifting electronic-pop musical about modern masculinity, body image, and the hook-ups and downs of dating in the 21st century

Sat 14th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)

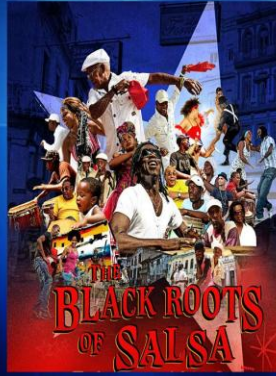
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**The Austerity Games
by Tell-Tale Presents**

As part of the NHS BIG 7TEA this award winning play is a witty take on the 1948 Olympic Games. Join the rest of the nation for a complimentary cup of tea, some good healthy 1940's fun and an uplifting tale of a post-war UK.

Sat 14th July 9pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £9 (£6 concessions)



**Cuban Film + Dance Workshop
by Cine Cubano**

A day of all things Cuban.
At 3pm: Understanding Cuban Music.
3.30pm: A Salsa Dance workshop.
5pm: "The Black Roots of Salsa" film showing.

Sun 15th July 3pm onwards
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £5



**Surplus
by Sharp Theatre**

In 1919 the Daily Mail's front page decreed that there were 2 million 'surplus' women who would never become wives. Due to the war there 'weren't enough men to go round'. This is some of their stories.

Sun 15th July 7pm
@A.E. Harris
Tickets £5 (£4 concessions)

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**An Evening of Improv
by Box of Frogs**

Presenting their own inimitable brand of high-octane improvised audience suggested nonsense. All your favourite improv games, unrehearsed and improvised entirely live. No-one knows what will happen, least of all them!

Mon 16th July 7.30pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Free (donations welcome)



**Songs & Scenes: Twelfth Night
by The Willmore Singers**

Using scenes from Shakespeare's text and music from the Renaissance period, this is a one hour edition of the classic play encompassing all the magic, comedy and romance of the piece.

Tues 17th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)



**Level Up
by Piggynose Theatre**

An intimate one woman show exploring the personal relationship we have with our bodies and our sexuality. Both raw and vulnerable, it reveals a confidence and acceptance one can achieve

Tues 17th July 9pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £5

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**Poetry Night
by Spoken Trend**

Established in January 2017 and ingrained within the Birmingham spoken word scene ever since. For this very special event they invite back previous headlining royalty as well as an open mic made up by YOU!

Weds 18th July 7.30pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £3



**The Final Journey of Edward Wilson
by Spaniel in the works**

Conceived to commemorate the ill fated mission to the South Pole, this dramatic and moving play charts the life of Edward Wilson, explorer and naturalist on Captain Scott's journeys to the Antarctic.

Thurs 19th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £10 (£7 concessions)



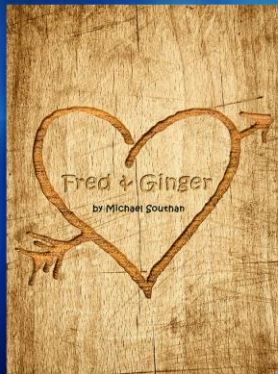
**Comedy Improv
by Squidheart**

An improvised comedy show created and performed by Kate Knight and Suzie Evans. Inspired by a single word from the audience, they create an entire world of hilarious characters and stories.

Thurs 19th July 9pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £5 (£4 concessions)

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**Fred & Ginger
by Gritty Theatre**

A Black Country secondary school and the annual musical: taffeta, testosterone, and no talent. It's not really about breeding the stars of tomorrow, it's more about gettin' up there and 'havin' a goo'!

Fri 20th July 8pm
@A.E.Harris
Tickets £10



**Bottled
by Enact Academy**

The latest divisionary piece by the Enact Academy Seniors. This is a youth physical theatre stylised play that explores the ideas of losing part of yourself and suppressing emotions with twists and turns along the way.

Sat 21st July 3pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)



**Hats Off to Laurel & Hardy
by Lucky Dog**

The story of the best loved comedy duo of all time. Includes recreated highlights from their huge canon of work, presented by the winners of Best Performance at Birmingham Fest 2015.

Sat 21st July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)

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**Faces of the Harp
by Robin Ward**

An exploration of music from across the UK, France and South America, including both traditional and classical pieces. Robin is one of only a handful of people who play the triple harp professionally in the world.

Sun 22nd July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £8 (£6 concessions)



**The Princess & the E
by Tactic Arts**

Addressing social issues within the Birmingham student community and drug use in nightclubs, this fairytale is a both fun and dangerous watch. Includes a post show Q&A discussion.

Sun 22nd July 7pm
@A.E. Harris
Tickets £5



**The Morning After
by Taking Chances**

A comedy about the fall-out of an all too familiar 'night before'. Sam wakes up following a heavy night out but has no recollection of what happened. Can the events be pieced together? Or are they better forgotten?!

Mon 23rd-Weds 25th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £8 (£6 concessions)

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**He'd Murder Me
by Baby Grace Theatre**

West Yorkshire, 1977. The North is in the grip of the Yorkshire Ripper's reign of terror. Against the backdrop of suspicion and fear, 15 year old Jack attempts to find his identity in the world

Mon 23rd-Weds 25th July 9pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £8 (£6 concessions)



**Poetry Slam
by Ooh Beehive!**

A glorious mix of comedy and spoken word, the night will be headlined Elvis McGonagall and supported by Chloe Jacquet. There will also be a poetry slam with a cash prize.

Thurs 26th July 7.30pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £5



**Love Unaccomplished
by Thurstable**

An embittered woman faces the truth about the object of her desire, a middle-aged couple set about mutual self-destruction, and an aging vampire must learn to face the sun.

Fri 27th & Sat 28th July 7pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £7 (£5 concessions)

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**An Audience with Sir John Falstaff
by Inamoment**

Falstaff, as big as life, revealing all, telling it as it should have been told! He regales us for an hour with his true-life story, and his never revealed before relationship with William Shakespeare.

Fri 27th July 9pm & Sat 28th 5pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £8 (£6 concessions)



**Cordelia and Fool
by Inamoment**

A one-man, thought-provoking reworking of King Lear, as told through Cordelia and Fool. Taking words from the original play, re-presenting them to give a unique insight into the very mind of the disturbed King Lear.

Sat 28th July 9pm
The Blue Orange Theatre
Tickets £8 (£6 concessions)

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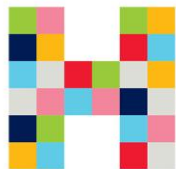
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RSC
ROSE SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Matilda
THE MUSICAL

Tue 3 Jul - Sat 8 Sep
From £30

Taj Express

Tue 11 - Sat 15 Sep
From £12

MK Ultra
Rosie Kay Dance Company

Thu 20 & Fri 21 Sep
£15

UNSPOKEN

Mon 8 & Tue 9 Oct
£15

WarHorse

Wed 10 Oct - Sat 3 Nov
From £29.50

Not Today's Yesterday
Seeta Patel

Tue 23 Oct
£15

No Kids
Ad Inifinitum

Sat 10 Nov
£15

The Believers Are But Brothers
Javaad Allipoor

Thu 22 & Fri 23 Nov
£15