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# The Last Tango

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THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET

A MUSICAL THRILLER

Music and lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim**  
Book by **Hugh Wheeler**  
From an adaptation by Christopher Bond  
Originally directed by **Harold Prince**  
Original orchestration by Jonathan Tunick

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SAT 19 DEC - SUN 31 JAN

MARTI JULIAN LEE MATT PELLOW JULIAN CLARY MEAD SLACK

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Matthew Bourne's

# SLEEPING BEAUTY

A GOTHIC ROMANCE

FROM £18.50

# WELCOME TO BIRMINGHAM WEEKENDER

Birmingham's leading arts organisations have come together to stage an ambitious outdoor festival - the city's largest. You can expect a free weekend of amazing arts and entertainment, with events throughout the city centre. With over 100 performances and events, Birmingham Weekender is a showcase of the world-class organisations and artists that have made Birmingham their home.

This is an exciting time for Birmingham, whether you live here or are visiting. As well as the wealth of arts offered by Birmingham Weekender, we welcome rugby fans from across the world as Villa Park plays host to the Rugby World Cup - be sure to join the action at the Fanzone at Eastside Park.

It's the opening weekend of the newly transformed New Street Station, plus we finally get to see inside the long-awaited Grand Central shopping centre. Fashionistas can also be inspired by Style Birmingham Live.

What a weekend for our city. With art, culture, food, sport and shopping, there really is something for everyone. We hope to see you there!

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# What's On Autumn 2015



**FRI 18 - SUN 20 SEP**  
ORGANFEST  
Various Venues



**TUE 6 OCT**  
ROBERT LEVIN  
1.05pm Adrian Boult Hall



**THU 8 OCT**  
MICHAEL JANISCH: PARADIGM SHIFT  
8pm Recital Hall



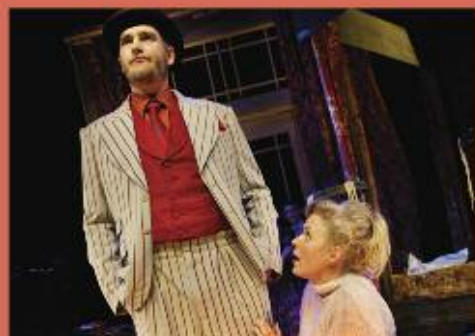
**TUE 13 OCT**  
TRADICIONAL CUBANO  
1.05pm Adrian Boult Hall



**FRI 23 OCT**  
THE CASSIA STRING QUARTET  
12.30pm The Round Room,  
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery



**MON 9 - FRI 13 NOV**  
REHNQVIST IN BIRMINGHAM  
Various Venues  
Featuring **Decibel, Thallein, and Via Nova**




**THU 26 - SAT 28 NOV**  
OPERA SCENES  
7pm Recital Hall



**TUE 1 DEC**  
TASMIN LITTLE  
1.05pm Adrian Boult Hall



**FRI 4 & FRI 11 DEC**  
THE COMPLETE CHAMBER WORKS  
WITH PIANO OF JOHANNES BRAHMS  
1pm Adrian Boult Hall



# A WEEKEND TO BE INSPIRED AND ENTERTAINED

Welcome to **BIRMINGHAM WEEKENDER** - an ambitious, vibrant festival celebrating Birmingham and its people. Over the weekend you'll be able to indulge in a wealth of cultural experiences that will spill out on to the city's streets, civic spaces and shopping centres.

Our programme includes theatre, music, dance, opera, circus, art, craft, literature, family events, walks, fashion, food, sport and much more. Be the first to see one of the many homegrown world premières featured in the festival alongside internationally renowned companies.

There's spectacle and intimacy as well as activities and performances for all ages. Find companies you recognise like the amazing **Birmingham Royal Ballet** and **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** next to brilliant, young talent. Most of the festival is free (a few things require tickets, check listings for details) so I'd urge you to take advantage of the outstanding cultural offer in the West Midlands, embrace the city's pioneering spirit and try something new!

The festival allows you to stroll easily from one event to another and maybe stop off for a bit of shopping and something to eat in between. If you love music, Victoria Square is the place to soak up world-class sounds for all the family at the **Musical Picnic** beside our beautiful Town Hall. If you have little ones, head for Centenary Square where there is lots for children to do in the Mexican-inspired **Mucho Brumcha Block Party**, or sign up to stage your own **Toy Theatre** play. Keep on going to Brindleyplace where you can have a go at digital design and sewing with **Craftspace**. If that whets your creative taste-buds, seek out our **writer-in-residence** at Moor Street Station to help you shape your own haiku, hail a sketcher from **Open Draw** ready to supply you with pencils, or head to the Bullring and strut your stuff on the **Culture Catwalk**.

There are walks and shows you need to sign up for or, alternatively, simply wander through the city centre where, during the daytime, you'll bump into playful, pop-up performances as well as roaming music, circus and dance in unexpected places.

Come evening, the mood changes. You'll find yourself dancing under the night sky in Dan Canham's stirring **Of Riders and Running Horses** and amazed by the awe-inspiring French acrobatic musicians in **Maudits Sonnants**. Then soak up some Jamaican, Pakistani, Indian and Kashmiri music with **Dub Qalandar**.

If you prefer something a little more intimate, away from the crowds, then you can take a moonlit expedition with Mem Morrison's beautiful **Luminous** or compose your own symphony in **Interlude**.

Whether you live or work in the city, are visiting or have happened to chance upon **Birmingham Weekender**, we hope that you will enjoy and savour this special and unique moment in time and join us in celebrating the cultural richness and variety found within our amazing city.

We promise you a real voyage of discovery where you are sure to find something to inspire and entertain or simply make you smile.



*Roxana Silbert*

Roxana Silbert

Creative Director, Birmingham Weekender &  
Artistic Director, Birmingham Repertory Theatre



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# STYLE BIRMINGHAM LIVE 2015

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# A CITY OF ART AND STYLE

Birmingham Weekender sees some of the city's most famous cultural names take up residency in the streets and shopping centres, including Bullring, the Mailbox and Grand Central.

From leading shopping centres to unique arcades, luxury fashion to the biggest high street names, Birmingham offers something for everyone and it's a fabulous time to be shopping in the city.

With the arrival of the stunning brand new John Lewis at Grand Central, there are now five department stores in the city centre, all within five minutes walk of each other, including House of Fraser on Corporation Street, Debenhams and Selfridges at Bullring and a new Harvey Nichols at the Mailbox.

For shopping, Birmingham leads the way boasting flagship Topshop, River Island, H&M, Zara, M&S, Primark and New Look stores.

The central shopping area is also bustling with over 140 independent retailers and there is even more to explore in the beautiful Great Western, Burlington and Piccadilly Arcades. Offering independent clothing stores, shoes, accessories, homeware and gifts, you're bound to find something a little different at these elegant arcades.

If you've worked up an appetite with all that shopping and need to re-fuel, why not discover Birmingham's fantastic food and drink scene? Whether it's quirky independent coffee bars, boutique wine

merchants, pubs, delicious delis or restaurants serving up all types of cuisine, Birmingham has no shortage of places to indulge your taste buds.

Birmingham is also a fantastic city to simply take a stroll and soak up its impressive architecture. From beautifully maintained historical buildings such as the Town Hall and St. Philip's Cathedral, to the striking Library of Birmingham or the iconic Selfridges building, there are plenty of places for you to stop and admire on your walk through the city's retail area. Throughout the city there is also a stunning public art display of 5ft owls called *The Big Hoot*, in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital.

As part of Birmingham Weekender, the much-anticipated Style Birmingham Live returns - an unmissable weekend of fashion, beauty and shopping. On Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery's stunning Gas Hall will be transformed into a spectacular fashion theatre where the latest autumn/winter collections will be showcased from a host of high street retailers and shopping centres by a line-up of the UK's top models.

The event will feature six catwalk shows across the weekend - all hosted by TV presenter Mark Wright - as well as fashion advice from ITV1 style expert Mark Heyes. Everyone is a VIP at Style Birmingham Live and tickets for the event include entry into a show, a welcome drink on arrival, plus an exclusive goody bag and access to retailer offers and activities. Tickets priced £16.50 are available for the shows at [www.stylebirminghamlive.com](http://www.stylebirminghamlive.com)

Find out more at [www.shoppinginbirmingham.com](http://www.shoppinginbirmingham.com)

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**WE'LL MEET**

# AT GRAND CENTRAL

WE'LL MEET WHERE MIRRORED WALLS SURROUND BIRMINGHAM'S NEW HEART. WHERE RAILS OF STEEL LEAD TO RACKS OF STYLE. WHERE WE CAN EAT ON THE GO OR SPEND NIGHTS ON THE TOWN. WHERE WE WALK BENEATH A CANOPY OF GLASS. WHERE THE NEXT DISCOVERY BEGINS.

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BIRMINGHAM

40 PREMIUM SHOPS, 20 ECLECTIC RESTAURANTS & ONE OF THE BIGGEST JOHN LEWIS DEPARTMENT STORES IN THE UK  
ALL ABOVE A TRANSFORMED NEW STREET STATION



# GETTING HERE

## If you're local...

Birmingham will be full of visitors from 25-27 September. We recommend using public transport whenever possible.

### Walk or bicycle

If you are a local resident, we encourage you where possible to walk or bicycle into the city centre and make a day of it! Plan your cycle route using [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

### Public transport

Birmingham city centre is well served by bus, metro and train services. Plan your journey at [www.networkwestmidlands.com](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com). We recommend that you make yourself aware of your last train home and give yourself plenty of time to get to the station.

### Travelling by car

A number of road and access restrictions are in place around Birmingham including temporary measures supporting the Paradise redevelopment in the city centre. Please plan your journey carefully and allow for extra time if travelling by car through affected areas. Full details are available at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/connected](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/connected)

### Navigating the city

Use the map on page 24 to find your events and performances. If you need help, be sure to ask a festival volunteer who will do their best to point you in the right direction. During busy times visitors will be asked to keep to stewarded walking routes.

### Disabled access

The vast majority of Birmingham Weekender venues and shopping centres have disabled access. If you have specific access needs, ask a volunteer to assist you in getting the best possible view of the performance.

### Wet Weather

Venues and timings may change in the event of bad weather. Check [www.birminghamweekender.com](http://www.birminghamweekender.com) or ask one of our volunteers for updates. Capacity is limited for some events.

### Tickets

Most Birmingham Weekender events are free of charge with no need to book; just turn up. A few events need to be pre-booked or are ticketed. Check event listings for details.

## And if you're from further afield...

Located right in the heart of England, Birmingham has excellent road, rail and air connections.

### Air

The nearest airport is Birmingham Airport. Regular trains take 10 minutes from neighbouring Birmingham International station to the city centre. There are also National Express coach services and the number 900 bus. [www.birminghamairport.co.uk](http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk)

### Rail

The newly transformed Birmingham New Street station is one hour and 25 minutes from London Euston station. Birmingham Weekender is also easily accessible from Birmingham Moor Street and Birmingham Snow Hill stations. [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

### Road

Birmingham is on junction 6 of the M6 and is also linked by the M5, M40 and M42.

Plan your visit at [www.visitbirmingham.com](http://www.visitbirmingham.com)



## STAY IN TOUCH!

Keep an eye on the latest programme updates online and via social media:

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# BIRMINGHAM WEEKENDER

AFTER DARK  
FRIDAY 25 & SATURDAY 26

*Night-time spectacular*

**DON'T MISS!**

**Birmingham Hippodrome presents**  
**Compagnie Transe Express**  
**MAUDITS SONNANTS**

FRIDAY 25 & SATURDAY 26, 8.30PM  
**Centenary Square**

To mark the opening of Birmingham Weekender, Birmingham Hippodrome presents Maudits Sonnants (Damned Ringing) by French Company, Transe Express.

Actors, trapezists, acrobats, bell ringers, dancers, percussionists, singers, string quartets, welders, technicians and forgers will fill Centenary Square with awe-inspiring and bewitching performances lifted 55 metres into the sky.

Rekindle childhood memories of enchanting music boxes and exciting fairground rides in this magical outdoor concert - all for FREE!

*“It is theatre, orchestra, acrobatics and spectacle all at once. Sublime!”*

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FROM 5PM

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Still House in association with mac birmingham and Fierce Festival

## OF RIDERS AND RUNNING HORSES

FRIDAY 25 & SATURDAY 26, 6.30PM  
NCP Car Park, Newhall Street

A stirring and visceral new dance event. Five female dancers and a live band conjure a new kind of old dance, an insistent rhythm, a joyful step into what it means to move together, presented on top of an iconic Birmingham car park with sweeping views across the city.

Running time: 60 minutes

Tickets £5, booked through [www.macbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.macbirmingham.co.uk) or on the door (subject to availability, cash only)



TAKE A  
UNIQUE TOUR  
OF GRAND  
CENTRAL  
AT 6PM ON  
FRIDAY 25.  
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## Corey Baker Dance KAPA HAKA TALE

FRIDAY 25, 7PM  
The DOOR at Birmingham Repertory Theatre

Be transported to a magical world with powerful and mesmerising choreography, ethereal digital creatures and an awe-inspiring set rich with colour, nature and beautiful tribal Māori art. Kapa Haka Tale fuses the native Māori performing art, kapa haka, with contemporary dance to bring to life the well-known enchanting Māori tale, *Hinemoa And Tutanekai*.

Tickets £13. To book, visit [www.birmingham-rep.co.uk](http://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk) or call 0121 236 4455



Birmingham Repertory Theatre in association with Mem Morrison Company

## LUMINOUS

By Mem Morrison



FRIDAY 25 & SATURDAY 26  
Performances every 10 mins between 9 & 10pm  
Starting at Birmingham Repertory Theatre

Embark on a moonlit expedition through the urban landscape in the company of Luminous, an album of new songs inspired by the moon. With headset on and album artwork in hand, discover the unknown amongst the familiar through a series of intimate performances and installations.

Free but tickets should be booked in advance at [www.birmingham-rep.co.uk](http://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk) or call the Box Office on 0121 236 4455. Ages 14+. Running Time: 45 minutes



Kiln, in association with Birmingham Repertory Theatre

## THE FURIES

SATURDAY 26, 11PM  
The STUDIO  
at Birmingham  
Repertory Theatre

Plundering Birmingham's native sound of Heavy Metal, Kiln reinvents the Greek myth of Clytemnestra by casting her harbingers of vengeance as front women of rock band The Furies. Rage-out to a furious evening of live music and retribution mixing Glam-rock and Greek tragedy.

Tickets £15, includes a glass of beer, wine or soft drink. To book, visit [www.birmingham-rep.co.uk](http://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk) or call 0121 236 4455



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# BULLRING

SATURDAY 26

**BULLRING**  
BIRMINGHAM

**Birmingham Royal Ballet**

## SWANNING AROUND

SATURDAY 26, 1.15PM, 2.45PM, 3.45PM

**Bullring, Lower West Mall outside Debenhams**

This is your opportunity to see artists from Birmingham Royal Ballet perform the famous pas de deux from *Swan Lake*. Watch as two of the company's dancers perform an extract of ballet's greatest love story, and be swept away by the beauty of this world-famous work.



**Birmingham Royal Ballet**

## SWAN FLASH FLOCK

SATURDAY 26, 1PM

**Bullring, Lower West Mall outside Debenhams**

Join hundreds of ordinary people as they become a flock of swans in our community flash-mob-style event. Based on ballet's most famous love story, we'll provide the music as members of the public get to perform an excerpt from *Swan Lake*. Learn the steps at [www.brb.org.uk/flashflock](http://www.brb.org.uk/flashflock)



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**Ex Cathedra**

## CARMINA BURANA

SATURDAY 26, 3.15PM & 4.15PM

**Bullring, Lower East Mall outside Selfridges**

Running time: 20 minutes

It's dramatic, provocative and sexy, with one of the most thrilling openings of any music you know. *Carmina Burana* is a piece you know, from *The X Factor* or the Old Spice advert, but you haven't heard it like this. Birmingham's world-class choir, Ex Cathedra, is joined by two pianists from Birmingham Royal Ballet and the percussion section of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra to fill Bullring with highlights from Carl Orff's stunning piece. Conducted by Jeffrey Skidmore.



**Women & Theatre and Barbara Nice**

## BARBARA NICE'S FIVE MINUTE PICK-ME-UP

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SATURDAY 26, 11AM-12PM, 1.30-2.30PM

**Central Street, Bullring**

5 minute slots

Mrs Barbara Nice celebrates the benefits of conversation by inviting Birmingham's shoppers to join her on Barbara's Bench for a refreshing chat; a five minute pick-me-up that will leave you with a spring in your step! She welcomes conversations about any subject, from the weather, a wobbly tooth and what's on Cbeebies to human rights and how to make a will. No topic too big or too small.



LOOK FOR  
BULLRING'S BEAUTIFUL  
BABY GRAND PIANO  
BETWEEN SELFRIDGES AND  
MICHAEL KORS. ANYONE  
CAN HAVE A GO!

## Birmingham Weekender and The Old Rep CULTURE CATWALK

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 11AM-5PM  
**Bullring, Rotunda Square, alongside the Bull**

This is YOUR moment! Birmingham Weekender is rolling out a red carpet at the Bullring for the people of Birmingham. This is your chance to turn heads as you strut your stuff on our Culture Catwalk in the heart of the city centre. Dress up, dress down, sing, dance, cartwheel, roll, the choice is yours, but whichever way, the spotlight will be on you. Email [info@oldrepretheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@oldrepretheatre.co.uk) to register your interest or turn up on the day.



DON'T MISS!

## Sampad Arts WORDPLAY

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27  
SEE [BIRMINGHAMWEEKENDER.COM](http://BIRMINGHAMWEEKENDER.COM) FOR TIMES  
**Bullring and popping up**

Captivating spoken-word poetry and enchanting Indian dance combine in these short, playful encounters. Prepare to be surprised and delighted as talented local artists appear and disappear for pop-up performances in unexpected spaces and locations, capturing your attention on the street and in shop windows. Also appearing in Victoria Square and Brindleyplace.



# BULLRING

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27

**BULLRING**  
BIRMINGHAM

## Motionhouse LOST

SUNDAY 27,  
11.30AM, 2PM, 4.30PM  
**Bullring, Central Street**

*Lost* explores the limits of what it is to be both physically and emotionally lost. The visceral and thought-provoking choreography of this male-female duet combines Motionhouse's characteristic contact work, complex lifts and athletic precision with emotionally charged fluidity. Sensual connection between the two dancers is fused with raw emotion as one desperately fights to pull the other back from the precipice. The breath-taking lifts and instinctive quality of the dance make *Lost* an intimate, dramatic and passionate work.

Motionhouse is supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.



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INSTALLATION,  
COMING ALIVE  
AFTER DARK!  
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## Writing West Midlands WRITING THE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 11AM-4PM  
**Moor Street Station**

Moor Street Station welcomes its first ever Writer in Residence as poet and writer Matt Black sets up his writing desk. Matt will be writing poems and stories inspired by the bustle within the Edwardian splendour of one of England's most evocative railway stations. Drop-in for creative writing workshops and pen a line or two about what railway stations mean to you: meetings and greetings, departures and farewells, the romance of the railways!


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# Experience Spectacular Drama At The REP This Autumn

**4 - 19 Sep**



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## KING CHARLES III

A FUTURE HISTORY PLAY BY MIKE BARTLETT  
DIRECTED BY RUPERT GOOLD WITH WHITNEY MOSERY

Cast includes Robert Powell

**29 Sep - 3 Oct**

Kneehigh with  
Liverpool Everyman  
& Playhouse presents



## Dead Dog in a Suitcase


(AND OTHER LOVE SONGS)

A NEW BEGGAR'S OPERA **Kneehigh**  
ON TOUR

**9 - 24 Oct**

Birmingham Repertory Theatre, in association  
with Theatre Royal Stratford East,  
presents

## Anita and Me



**WORLD PREMIERE**

By Meera Syal  
Adapted by Tanika Gupta

**28 - 31 Oct**

Rambert presents



## ROOSTER

Dance to the iconic music  
of the Rolling Stones,  
plus other works

**3 - 7 Nov**

Regent's Park Theatre London presents

## WILLIAM GOLDING'S LORD OF THE FLIES

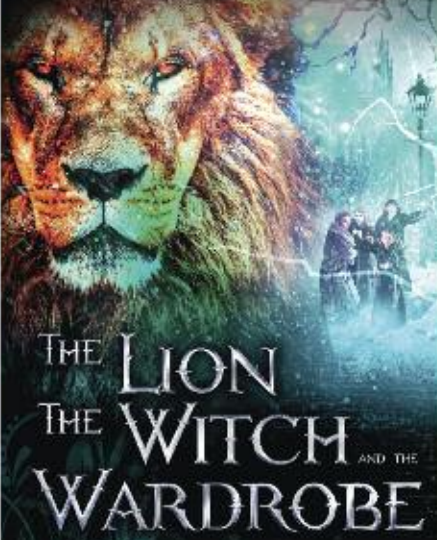


By William Golding  
Adapted for the stage by  
Nigel Williams

REGENT'S PARK THEATRE

**19 Nov - 16 Jan**

Birmingham Repertory Theatre Company presents



## THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

By C S Lewis  
Dramatised by Adrian Mitchell  
Music by Shaun Davey

Book Online: [birmingham-rep.co.uk](http://birmingham-rep.co.uk)

Box Office: 0121 236 4455

## Highly Sprung URBAN ASTRONAUT

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27  
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**New Street, Edgbaston Street and around city-centre**

Urban Astronaut provides a glimpse of a future that might be... where problems surrounding air pollution have grown to crisis point, is there any way back? Combining stunning design and a unique travelling flying machine with simple storytelling and a moving dance performance, Urban Astronaut searches for a solution to the environmental disaster that is present in our near future. The answer is found in a simple encounter with a young girl who provides the one thing the astronaut has lost...hope.

## DanceXchange CUBES

NEW  
COMMISSION

SATURDAY 26, 12.15PM,  
2.15PM, 4.15PM  
**High Street**

A brand new, daringly dazzling performance of dance and acrobatics. Cubes brings together dancers, runners and acrobats for a series of spectacular solos and duets celebrating the talent, youth and diversity of the Midlands.

Created by Tamsin Fitzgerald of 2FacedDance and David Massingham of DanceXchange. Supported by Millennium Point. Cubes will be part of International Dance Festival Birmingham 2016.

## Birmingham Opera Company THE WAITER'S REVENGE

SAT 26: 4PM **St Martin in the Bullring Tea Lounge**  
SUN 27: 1.40PM **Café Neo, Bullring Rag Market**  
SUN 27: 3.30PM **Edwardian Tearooms, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery**

Mayhem at the local diner! A drunken waiter, vermin on the loose and a suspicious-looking bag create 20 minutes of glorious operatic chaos. Max Hoehn directs six amazing singers, using no words, just British composer Stephen Oliver's expressive choice of vowels, rhythms, squeaks and warbles. Birmingham Opera Company is internationally renowned for its large-scale work led by Artistic Director, Graham Vick. Join us for this mini-comedy to experience opera at its most basic, raw, powerful and fun. Plus a special surprise performance at Cafe Zest.

# IN AND AROUND HIGH STREET AND CORPORATION STREET

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27



## Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, staged in collaboration with Stan's Cafe REQUIEM TO LET

NEW  
COMMISSION

SATURDAY 26, 11AM, 1PM, 4.30PM  
SUNDAY 27, 12PM & 4.30PM

**An empty shop unit - check website for details**  
Running time: 60 minutes

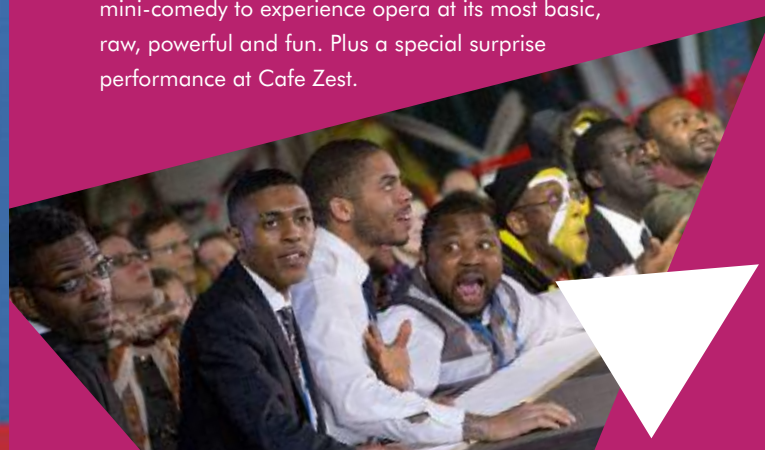
Last year 5839 shops shut down on British high streets, with nearly a thousand of these not replaced. Michael Wolters' requiem for solo musician with electronic accompaniment receives its first ever performances by bass clarinetist Jack McNeill on Saturday and mezzo-soprano Suzie Purkis on Sunday. On both occasions it will be sad, in an uplifting kind of way. Written especially to be performed in an empty shop at Birmingham Weekender.

## RoguePlay SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

NEW  
COMMISSION

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 12-4PM  
**Corporation Street, near House of Fraser**

Witness the joys and perils of shopping through circus and acrobatics. With worn-out aerial mothers laden with shopping bags, acrobatic couples dressing for dinner and young people playing in shopping trolleys, this show has it all. Accompanied by an uplifting soundtrack and followed by participatory workshops for adults and children alike, if you've ever wanted to run away and join the circus now is your chance!



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## September 2015 – July 2016 Season Highlights:

A BCMGM and Ikon Gallery collaboration for the Family Arts Festival  
and as part of The Big Draw:

### Whisper, Chatter, Draw

Tuesday 27 October 2015, 1 – 4pm, Ikon Gallery

Free drop-in creative music and drawing workshop for the whole family.

### The Comedy of Change

Sunday 15 November 2015, 7.30pm, CBSO Centre

Oliver Knussen leads a ballet-tinged programme, with Julian Anderson's *The Comedy of Change* and Stravinsky's *Renard* framing the world premiere of Melinda Maxwell's Sound Investment commission.

### The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

Friday 4 December 2015, 8pm, CBSO Centre

BCMGM presents works by two outstanding British composers – Dominic Muldowney and Howard Skempton, including the premiere of Skempton's *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* for baritone Roderick Williams.

### Parallel Colour

Saturday 6 February 2016, 7.30pm, CBSO Centre

An exciting programme, led by Richard Baker, featuring striking pieces for singer and ensemble, premieres by Edmund Finnis and Rozalie Hirs and works for solo percussion and solo clarinet by Tansy Davies and Jonathan Harvey respectively.

### Benedict Mason Portrait

Sunday 1 May 2016, 7.30pm, CBSO Centre

BCMGM premiere Benedict Mason's eagerly-awaited Sound Investment commission under Ilan Volkov's baton in a concert that also sees the Group give a repeat performance of Mason's *Nodding Trilliums and Curve-Lined Angles* and Charles Ives' *Piano Trio*.

### Remembering the Future

Sunday 12 June 2016, 7.30pm, CBSO Centre

A chamber concert featuring the world premieres of four Sound Investment commissions – the most in a single concert since the launch of the scheme; plus Howard Skempton's 2014 BCMGM commission *Field Notes* and Judith Weir's *Blue-Green Hill*.



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## The Mailbox

The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra is made up of musicians among the highest calibre in the world. For Birmingham Weekender they take up residency in the Mailbox and split into a selection of mini musical supergroups - from brilliant brass and pulse-pounding percussion to delightfully delicate strings.

Over a dozen very different ensembles of CBSO musicians perform up close and personal, for the ultimate in musical variety, including magnificent Mozart and blockbuster movie tunes. Plus, this is the Mailbox - so you can relax, grab a bite to eat and enjoy musical bliss al fresco from one of the world's finest music-making institutions.

## PUTTY

A project by Jenny Duffin

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, ALL DAY  
Across a trail route in the city-centre



Come and explore the city on a family-friendly art trail, with intricate installations adding a splash of colour to unusual locations across the city centre. Featured on the trail are Paige Smith's Geodes and Jan Vormann's Dispatchwork series. Follow the trail map to find the pieces! Download the map from [birminghamweekender.com](http://birminghamweekender.com)

## BBC MAKE IT DIGITAL

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 10AM - 5PM

### The Mailbox

Take control of Daleks using simple computer code, turn yourself into a digital weather forecaster or get an exclusive look at the BBC micro:bit. BBC Make it Digital will be popping up all over the Mailbox. Find out more at [bbc.co.uk/makeitdigital](http://bbc.co.uk/makeitdigital)



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# THE MAILBOX & GAS HALL

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27

  
MAILBOX  
BIRMINGHAM



EVERYMAN CINEMA AT THE MAILBOX WILL HAVE SPECIAL SCREENINGS OVER THE WEEKEND. CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

## STYLE BIRMINGHAM LIVE

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 11AM, 1PM, 3PM  
Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery's stunning Gas Hall is transformed into a spectacular fashion theatre where the latest autumn/winter style and collections will be showcased from a host of high street retailers and shopping centres.

Style Birmingham Live features six catwalk shows across the weekend - all hosted by TV presenter Mark Wright and style expert Mark Heyes - as well as fashion advice from style experts. Everyone is a VIP at Style Birmingham Live and tickets for the weekend include entry into a show, a welcome drink on arrival plus an exclusive goody bag and access to retailer offers and activities. [www.stylebirminghamlive.com](http://www.stylebirminghamlive.com)

Tickets £16.50 plus booking fee.

For tickets, visit [www.theticketfactory.com](http://www.theticketfactory.com)



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# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET



## Swan Lake



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## Sir Peter Wright's The Nutcracker

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# WALKING TOURS WITH STILL WALKING

Still Walking presents a series of guided tours that offer a new way of experiencing the city. Going beyond traditional sightseeing, these walks - devised by a selection of resourceful artists - will make you look at your everyday surroundings in a whole new light.

**Tickets £5, booked at [www.stillwalking.org](http://www.stillwalking.org)**

**All walks begin at Cherry Reds bar, 88-90 John Bright Street, B1 1BN**

## SOUNDkitchen SOUNDwalk GRAND CENTRAL

FRIDAY 25, 6PM

**Tour lasts 75 mins**

SOUNDkitchen lead a soundwalk around central Birmingham that invites you to actively listen to the sonic environment. Discover a new appreciation for the ever changing soundscape, linger on sonic features and hear the sound of architecture. Shift your perception as we augment reality with recorded sounds.



## Francis Lowe FREE SEEING AT GRAND CENTRAL

SATURDAY 26, 12PM

**Tour lasts 90 mins**

Francis Lowe is the creator of Free Seeing - a riff on Free Running - that involves a playful interpretation of our surroundings. Starting with the Hall of Mirrors - the reflective cladding of New Street Station and Grand Central - Francis leads a walk through city spaces that introduces the practice and purpose of Free Seeing. Folding chairs and yoga mats will be provided.



## Matt Westbrook SHOPPING FOR SIMULACRA

SUNDAY 27, 12PM

**Tour lasts 90 mins**

Matt Westbrook has recently developed the technique of 'voluntary pareidolia'. He'll explain all on this walk round the city, using real-world examples to deliberately misinterpret the brain's natural ability to make sense of chaos: peeling paint becomes a flock of birds in flight, a chance arrangement of leaves may become a crocodile and a bicycle lock becomes a coiled python.

Tickets should be bought in advance from [www.stillwalking.org](http://www.stillwalking.org). Walks take place in an urban environment and appropriate footwear should be worn. Walks will avoid steps where possible and an accessible route will be available. Each route covers approx. two miles. Suitable for ages 12 and up.



# TAKE A WALK WITH US

FRI 25, SAT 26 & SUN 27

## Inspector Sands in association with Birmingham Hippodrome A HIGH STREET ODYSSEY

SATURDAY 26, 11.30AM-12PM, 1-1.30PM,  
3.30-4PM, 4.30-5PM

SUNDAY 27, 11-11.30AM, 12.30-1PM,  
2.30-3PM, 4-4.30PM

**Union Street**

What histories, what mysteries lie behind the pedestrianised retail zone? Who was Mr Boot? And Mr Smith? Who is Claire? And when did she get so into accessories? Witty, intimate, strange and epic, *A High Street Odyssey* is a 25-minute promenade audio-tour from award-winning company Inspector Sands.

Supported by Without Walls Associate Touring Network. Meet at the top of Union St (at the junction with Corporation St) outside Superdrug.



## mac birmingham OPEN DRAW

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 11AM-5PM

**Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery  
and around the city-centre**

Explore Birmingham Weekender armed with a pencil and sketchpad as we embark on a mass participation sketchwalk. Join us from midday at Chamberlain Square or look out for us throughout the afternoon across the city where we will be handing out sketchbooks and getting together to draw the festival as it unfolds. Grab a sketchbook and join the group, or break away to sketch in a quiet spot on your own - all that matters is that you get drawing.

Open Draw is a project by mac birmingham, produced by Jenny Duffin and Tim Hodgson.



# VICTORIA SQUARE

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27

## TOWN HALL & SYMPHONY HALL TRANSFORM VICTORIA SQUARE INTO A MUSICAL PICNIC FOR ALL THE FAMILY

*Sit back and enjoy!*

### Town Hall & Symphony Hall MUSICAL PICNIC

## SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

### 11AM STRINGCREDIBLES.

A wonderful quartet of award-winning musicians from the CBSO, Stringcredibles are well-known for their interactive performances for young audiences. If you want to unlock your child's musical creativity, this is a great place to begin!



### 12.30PM SHE'KOYOKH

Discover music from the Baltic to the Black Sea with songs in Yiddish, Russian, Greek, Ladino, Romany, Turkish and Kurdish, with klezmer instrumentals and folk tunes from Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia.

### 3.30PM HACKNEY COLLIERY BAND

This is high-energy, good-time music that'll definitely get you moving! Experience a host of varied styles from funk, hip-hop and high-octane rock to Balkan brass, ska and contemporary jazz. And what festival would be complete without a sousaphone?!



### 2PM ESKA

Championed by Jamie Cullum and Laura Mvula, multi-talented singer Eska offers a warm and diverse afternoon of music and songs, weaving together folk, soul, psychedelia and electronica with stirring lyrics.

### 5PM YAABA FUNK

Yaaba Funk take us on a magical musical journey with their original and contemporary mix of Ghanaian Hi-Lite, Afrobeat and funk. Join the energy-filled eight-piece in percussion, singing, acting and dancing!

LOOK OUT  
FOR STREET  
THEATRE!  
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## SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

### 11AM HOLLY THOMAS AND FRIENDS

Join wonderful young vocalist and educator Holly Thomas and her exciting five-piece band for singing, dancing and merriment. Learn about different instruments, sing nursery rhymes, explore musical stories, dance to jazz and join in with new and popular songs.



### 12.30PM YOUNG PILGRIMS AND BOSTIN' BRASS

A two-part brass band special featuring some of Birmingham's most exciting and dynamic young musicians. Bostin' Brass bring us second-line marching band music of New Orleans led by trumpeter Aaron Diaz, then Young Pilgrims take to the stage to form a Birmingham-brassy-supergroup.



### 2PM SARA COLMAN, WITH SPECIAL GUESTS TOWN HALL GOSPEL CHOIR

The popular and talented singer, songwriter and composer Sara Colman brings her wonderful music and spirit to the Musical Picnic for an exciting afternoon of original songs, lyrics, games and vocals, along with a special performance with Town Hall Gospel Choir.



SEE BIRMINGHAM OPERA COMPANY PERFORM ON SUNDAY 27, 3.30PM AT BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY'S EDWARDIAN TEAROOMS.  
SEE P15 FOR DETAILS

### 3.30PM ELECTRIC SWING CIRCUS

Dance, sing and jump with Birmingham's own Electric Swing Circus! A colourful blend of big band swing and modern beats, ESC puts on a show like no other.



### 5PM SHLOMO

Internationally acclaimed beatboxer and World Loopstation Champion Shlomo creates an incredibly energetic live show like nothing you have seen before. He'll show you how to create a world of funny sound effects, brilliant noises and cool music, all made using just your mouth!



SATURDAY 26 AND SUNDAY  
27, 1.30-2PM

### Presented by University of Birmingham and Cordao de Ouro Birmingham BRAZIL EXTRAVAGANZA

Share the spirit of Brazil and witness the beautiful and amazing Capoeira: a fusion of martial arts, acrobatics and Brazilian dance that will be sure to have your heart racing. Feel that incredible Brazilian beat and get moving!



**Corey Baker Dance**

## HAKA DAY OUT

SATURDAY 26, 12PM & 4.15PM  
SUNDAY 27, 12PM & 3PM

**Centenary Square**

ALSO SUNDAY 27, 1.45PM & 4.15PM

**Rugby World Cup Fanzone**

*Haka Day Out* is a showcase of the powerful and mesmerising native Māori performing art kapa haka, a medley of tribal footwork, weaponry, native Poi, dance, and chant all woven together with contemporary movement. This show-stopping performance culminates with the well-known Haka, which audience members are invited to learn and join in with. Be spellbound by New Zealand's magical culture.

Funded by Arts Council England and New Zealand Society. *Haka Day Out* originally commissioned by International Dance Festival Birmingham 2014. Corey Baker is Associate Artist of DanceXchange.



CELEBRATING THE  
RUGBY WORLD  
CUP 2015!

# CENTENARY SQUARE

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27

**Birmingham  
Repertory Theatre**

## INTERLUDE

**By Jenny Minton  
and Steve Wald**

FRIDAY 25, 12-8PM  
SATURDAY 26, 12-8PM  
SUNDAY 27,  
12-4PM

**The House at  
Birmingham  
Repertory Theatre**

*Interlude* is a unique solo encounter where you can arrange a piece of polyphonic vocal music using just your movement through circles of light. As you travel around the space, you will trigger the voices of some of the UK's most extraordinary singers, filling the room with music, layering harmonies and creating an intricate vocal composition.

*This is a 10 minute experience for one person at a time. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Places are free but should be pre-booked at [www.birmingham-rep.co.uk](http://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk) or call 0121 236 4455.*



**Birmingham Museums**  
**EXHIBITIONISTS**

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27,  
11AM-5PM

**Victoria Square &  
Centenary Square**

Dozens of volunteer stewards are out and about during Birmingham Weekender carrying rare treasures from the city's world-famous museum collection. Take a look at historic artefacts from the museum's collection! Simply ask any of the stewards nicely, and they will be happy to offer a private exhibition of objects showcasing a slice of Birmingham's history.



*Check map on page 24 for walking routes between Centenary and Victoria squares.*

# FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>RUGBY WORLD CUP 2015 FANZONE</b> Eastside Park / P41	[Green bar]														OPEN ALL DAY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ARGENTINA V GEORGIA</b> Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone / P41	[Green bar]														4.45-6.15PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>INTERLUDE</b> The REP / P22	[Green bar]														12-8PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>LIVE MUSIC</b> Centenary Square / P10	[Green bar]														5-8.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SOUNDWALK GRAND CENTRAL</b> Meet Cherry Reds bar / P19	[Green bar]														6-7.15PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OF RIDERS AND RUNNING HORSES</b> NCP Car Park, Newhall Street / P11	[Green bar]														6.30-7.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>KAPA HAKA TALE</b> The REP / P11	[Green bar]														7-8PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MAUDITS SONNANTS</b> Centenary Square / P10	[Green bar]														8.30-9.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>LUMINOUS</b> The REP / P11	[Green bar]														9-10PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>FILM SCREENING: WHIPLASH</b> Everyman Cinema, The Mailbox / P17	[Green bar]														10.30PM

# SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

## AROUND BULLRING AND NEW STREET

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CULTURE CATWALK</b> Around Bullring and High Street / P13	[Pink bar]														11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>WRITING THE FESTIVAL</b> Moor Street Station / P13	[Pink bar]														11AM-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BARBARA NICE</b> Around Bullring and High Street / P12	[Pink bar]														11AM-12PM, 1.30-2.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SAMPAD ARTS, WORDPLAY</b> P13	[Pink bar]														CHECK WEBSITE FOR TIMES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BCMG, REQUIEM TO LET</b> Empty shop unit / P15	[Pink bar]														11AM-12PM, 1-2PM, 4.30-5.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>INSPECTOR SANDS, A HIGH STREET ODYSSEY</b> Union Street / P19	[Pink bar]														11.30AM-12PM, 1-1.30PM, 3.30-4PM, 4.30-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ROGUEPLAY, SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP</b> Corporation Street / P15	[Pink bar]														12-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DANCEXCHANGE, CUBES</b> High Street / P15	[Pink bar]														12.15-12.45PM, 2.15-2.45PM, 4.15-4.45PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BRB SWAN FLASH FLOCK</b> Bullring outside Debenhams / P12	[Pink bar]														1-1.10PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BRB SWANNING AROUND</b> Bullring outside Debenhams / P12	[Pink bar]														1.15-1.25, 2.45-2.55, 3.45-3.55PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CARMINA BURANA</b> Bullring outside Selfridges / P12	[Pink bar]														3.15-3.35PM, 4.15-4.35PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BIRMINGHAM OPERA COMPANY, THE WAITER'S REVENGE</b> St Martin in the Bullring Tea Lounge / P15	[Pink bar]														4-4.20PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>RUGBY WORLD CUP 2015 FANZONE</b> Eastside Park / P41	[Pink bar]														OPEN ALL DAY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ITALY V CANADA</b> Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone / P41	[Pink bar]														2.30-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SOUTH AFRICA V SAMOA</b> Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone / P41	[Pink bar]														4.45-6.15PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ENGLAND V WALES</b> Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone / P41	[Pink bar]														8-9.30PM

## THE MAILBOX AND GRAND CENTRAL

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>FILM SCREENING: FROZEN</b> Everyman Cinema, The Mailbox / P17	[Blue bar]														10AM-12PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>PUTTY</b> The Mailbox and over the city-centre / P17	[Blue bar]														ALL DAY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BBC MAKE IT DIGITAL</b> The Mailbox / P17	[Blue bar]														10AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA</b> The Mailbox / P17	[Blue bar]														11AM-7PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>FREE SEEING AT GRAND CENTRAL WALK</b> meet Cherry Reds bar / P19	[Blue bar]														12-1.30PM

## VICTORIA SQUARE

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>STYLE BIRMINGHAM LIVE</b> Gas Hall at BMAG / P17	[Yellow bar]														11AM-12PM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS EXHIBITIONISTS</b> Victoria Square / P22	[Yellow bar]														11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OPEN DRAW</b> BMAG and across the city-centre / P19	[Yellow bar]														11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: THE STRINGCREDIBLES</b> Victoria Square / P20	[Yellow bar]														11AM-12NOON
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: SHE'KOYOKH</b> Victoria Square / P20	[Yellow bar]														12.30-1.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BRAZIL EXTRAVAGANZA</b> Victoria Square / P21	[Yellow bar]														1.30-2PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: ESKA</b> Victoria Square / P20	[Yellow bar]														2-3PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: HACKNEY COLLIERY BAND</b> Victoria Square / P20	[Yellow bar]														3.30-4.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: YAABA FUNK</b> Victoria Square / P20	[Yellow bar]														5-6PM

## BRINDLEYPLACE

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AT HOME WITH VANLEY BURKE</b> Ikon Gallery / P31	[Blue bar]														11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>GRAPHIC AND DIGITAL STITCH MASH-UP</b> Oozells Square / P31	[Blue bar]														12-4PM
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BERENDING KUMPO</b> Oozells Square / P31	[Blue bar]														12-12.15PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BLACK COUNTRY VOYAGES</b> Brewmaster Bridge / P31	[Blue bar]														12-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AT HOME WITH THE DISKERY</b> Ikon Gallery / P31	[Blue bar]														1-4PM

## CENTENARY SQUARE

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>THE REP OPEN DAY</b> Centenary Square / P27	[Green bar]														10AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>TOY THEATRES</b> The REP / P27	[Green bar]														10AM-1PM, 2-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MAORI FACE PAINTING</b> The REP / P27	[Green bar]														10AM-3PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS EXHIBITIONISTS</b> Centenary Square / P22	[Green bar]														11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUCHO BRUMCHA</b> Centenary Square / P29	[Green bar]														11AM-6PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ACCIDENTAL BRUMMIE</b> The REP / P27	[Green bar]														11AM, 2PM, 5PM, 7PM, 9PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>INTERLUDE</b> The REP / P22	[Green bar]														12-8PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>HAKA DAY OUT</b> Centenary Square / P22	[Green bar]														12-12.30PM, 4.15-4.45PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OF RIDERS AND RUNNING HORSES</b> NCP Car Park, Newhall Street / P11	[Green bar]														6.30-7.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MAUDITS SONNANTS</b> Centenary Square / P10	[Green bar]														8.30-9.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>LUMINOUS</b> The REP / P11	[Green bar]														9-10PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>THE FURIES</b> The REP / P11	[Green bar]														11PM-MIDNIGHT



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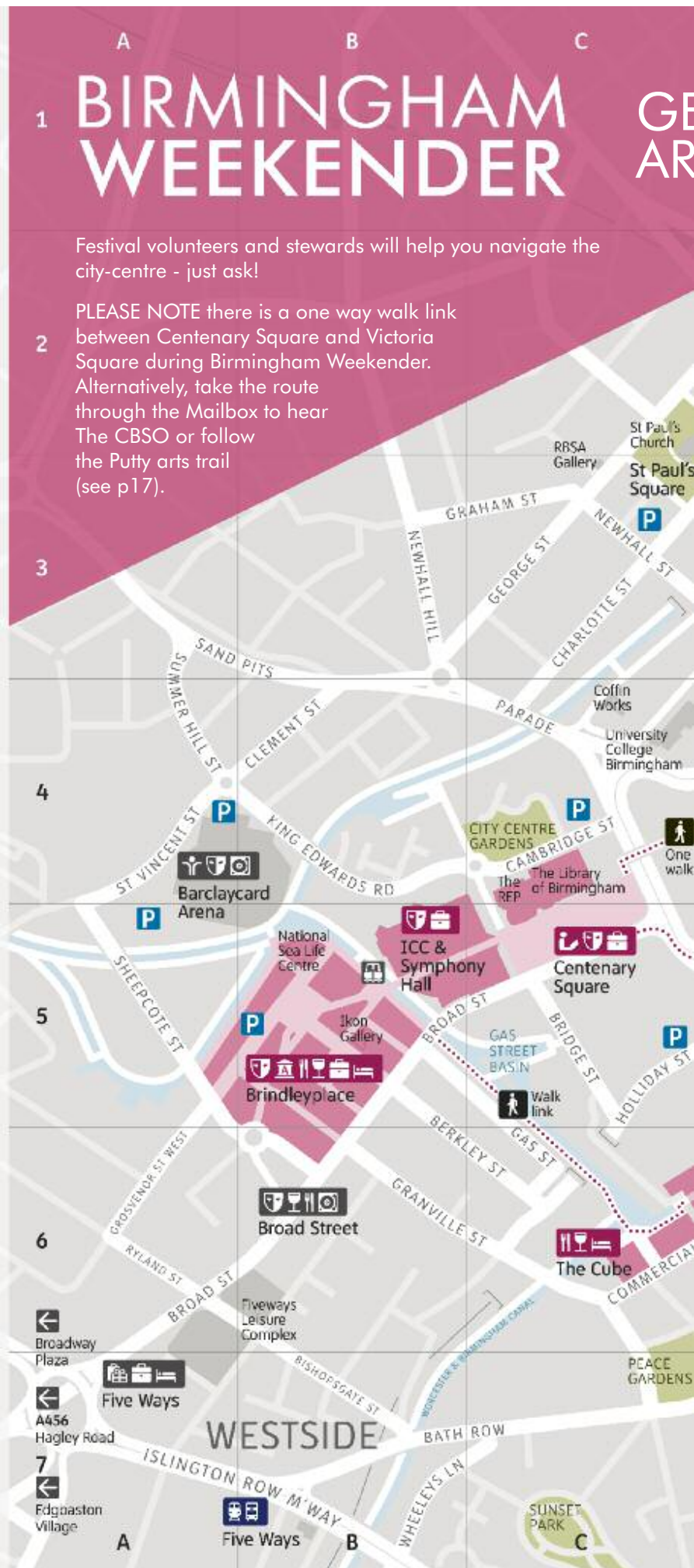
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# BIRMINGHAM WEEKENDER

Festival volunteers and stewards will help you navigate the city-centre - just ask!

PLEASE NOTE there is a one way walk link between Centenary Square and Victoria Square during Birmingham Weekender. Alternatively, take the route through the Mailbox to hear The CBSO or follow the Putty arts trail (see p17).





# GETTING AROUND



One square represents approximately 4 minutes walk

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# SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

## AROUND BULLRING AND NEW STREET

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CULTURE CATWALK</b> Around Bullring and High Street / P13															11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>WRITING THE FESTIVAL</b> Moor Street Station / P13															11AM-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MOTIONHOUSE, LOST</b> Bullring, Central Street / P13															11.30-11.45AM, 2-2.15PM, 4.30-4.45PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>INSPECTOR SANDS, A HIGH STREET ODYSSEY</b> Union Street / P19															11-11.30AM, 12.30-1PM, 2.30-3PM, 4.4-4.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ROGUEPLAY, SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP</b> Corporation Street / P15															12-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BCMG, REQUIEM TO LET</b> Empty shop unit / P15															12-1PM, 4.30-5.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SAMPAD ARTS, WORDPLAY</b> P13															CHECK WEBSITE FOR TIMES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BIRMINGHAM OPERA COMPANY, THE WAITER'S REVENGE</b> Café Neo, Bullring Rag Market / P15															1.40-2PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>RUGBY WORLD CUP 2015 FANZONE</b> Eastside Park / P41															OPEN ALL DAY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AUSTRALIA V NEW ZEALAND</b> Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone / P41															12-1.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>HAKA DAY OUT</b> Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone / P22															1.45-2.15PM, 4.15-4.45PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SCOTLAND V USA</b> Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone / P41															2.30-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>IRELAND V ROMANIA</b> Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone / P41															4.45-6.15PM

## THE MAILBOX AND GRAND CENTRAL

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>PUTTY</b> The Mailbox and over the city-centre / P17															ALL DAY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BBC MAKE IT DIGITAL</b> The Mailbox / P17															10AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA</b> The Mailbox / P17															12-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SHOPPING FOR SIMULACRA WALK</b> meet Cherry Reds bar / P19															12-1.30PM

## VICTORIA SQUARE

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>STYLE BIRMINGHAM LIVE</b> Gas Hall at BMAG / P17															11AM-12PM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS EXHIBITIONISTS</b> Victoria Square / P22															11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OPEN DRAW</b> BMAG and across the city-centre / P19															11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: HOLLY THOMAS AND FRIENDS</b> Victoria Square / P21															11AM-12PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: YOUNG PILGRIMS AND BOSTIN' BRASS</b> Victoria Square / P21															12.30-1.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BRAZIL EXTRAVAGANZA</b> Victoria Square / P21															1.30-2PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: SARA COLMAN AND TOWN HALL GOSPEL CHOIR</b> Victoria Square / P21															2-3PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: ELECTRIC SWING CIRCUS</b> Victoria Square / P21															3.30-4.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BIRMINGHAM OPERA COMPANY: THE WAITER'S REVENGE</b> Edwardian Tea Rooms, Birm Mus & Art Gallery / P15															3.30-3.50PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSICAL PICNIC: SHLOMO</b> Victoria Square / P21															5-6PM

## BRINDLEYPLACE

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AT HOME WITH VANLEY BURKE</b> Ikon Gallery / P31															11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>GRAPHIC AND DIGITAL STITCH MASH-UP</b> Oozells Square / P31															12-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BERENDING KUMPO</b> Oozells Square / P31															12-12.15PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BLACK COUNTRY VOYAGES</b> Brewmaster Bridge / P31															12-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CROWNS OF CONFIDENCE</b> Oozells Square / P31															12-4PM

## CENTENARY SQUARE

	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>THE REP OPEN DAY</b> Centenary Square / P27															11AM-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MAORI FACE PAINTING</b> The REP / P27															11AM-3PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>BIRMINGHAM MUSEUMS EXHIBITIONISTS</b> Centenary Square / P22															11AM-5PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>GODIVA'S ODYSSEY</b> Centenary Square / P29															11AM-6PM (PARADE AT 5PM)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MUCHO BRUMCHA</b> Centenary Square / P29															11AM-6PM (PARADE AT 5PM)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>TOY THEATRES</b> The REP / P27															11AM-1.15PM, 1.45-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ACCIDENTAL BRUMMIE</b> The REP / P27															12-12.45PM, 2-2.45PM, 5-5.45PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>INTERLUDE</b> The REP / P22															12-4PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>HAKA DAY OUT</b> Centenary Square / P22															12-12.30PM, 3-3.30PM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DUB QALANDAR</b> Symphony Hall / P33															6.30-8PM

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# CENTENARY SQUARE

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27



## THE REP'S OPEN DAYS

SATURDAY 26, FROM 10AM

SUNDAY 27, FROM 11AM

**Birmingham Repertory Theatre**

Join us for a weekend of FREE performance, entertainment and opportunities to participate for all the family. Enjoy everything presented on this page plus take a peek behind the scenes of Birmingham's only producing theatre with our Back Stage tours.



**Birmingham Repertory Theatre**

## ACCIDENTAL BRUMMIE

SATURDAY 26, 11AM, 2PM, 5PM, 7PM & 9PM

SUNDAY 27, 12PM, 2PM & 5PM

**Birmingham Repertory Theatre**

Inspired by real-life encounters and experiences from around the backstreets of Birmingham, Cressida Brown and The REP's Foundry artists create a promenade performance around the entire theatre where you'll bump into the scenes and characters that inhabit our city.

Places are FREE but advance booking is essential for performances on Sat 26 at 11am, 2pm and 5pm. For performances on Sat 26 at 7pm and 9pm and all performances on Sun 27, tickets will be available on the day. Visit [www.birmingham-rep.co.uk](http://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk) or call 0121 236 4455. Running time: 45 minutes. This event includes walking.

## Birmingham Repertory Theatre TOY THEATRES

SATURDAY 26, 10AM-1PM, 2-5PM

SUNDAY 27, 11AM-1.15PM, 1.45-4PM

**Birmingham Repertory Theatre**

The REP is inviting children to create their very own show. They will be able to design their own characters and develop their own storylines as they create plays for toy theatres. Professional actors will then perform the plays in a life-sized toy theatre! Lasting half a day, this is an exciting opportunity for children aged 7 to 11 to develop their imagination and see it brought to life.

Places are FREE and registration takes place at The REP's Box Office at the times stated above.



## MĀORI FACE PAINTING

SATURDAY 26, 10AM-3PM

SUNDAY 27, 11AM-3PM

**Birmingham Repertory Theatre**

Join Corey Baker Dance for Māori craft-making in the foyer of The REP, and get your face painted with a traditional New Zealand Ta Moko.



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# CENTENARY SQUARE

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27



Eye Candy

## MUCHO BRUMCHA

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 11AM-6PM  
PARADE 5PM ON SUNDAY

Centenary Square

Vibrant colour sweeps through Centenary Square as we invite you to join Birmingham's very own Day of the Dead celebration. Come and shake your maracas in our 'Día de Muertos' Parade; get dressed up with your own wrestling and sugar skull masks; make a flower garland head-dress and get your face-painted as we march through the streets for a fun-time fiesta. To get our chiquitas and hombres in the party mood we'll have live music and DJs, tasty food, Lucha Libre wrestlers, performers and dancers. Dressing up is mucho encouraged!



## Imagineer Productions GODIVA'S ODYSSEY



SUNDAY 27, 11AM-6PM  
PARADE AT 5PM

Centenary Square

Godiva comes to Birmingham as part of her Odyssey around Britain. This extraordinary six metre-tall puppet joins in the Mucho Brumcha fun as beautifully-costumed masqueraders awaken her from slumber to join their revelry.

Operated by a team of puppeteers, Godiva's movement and expressions are achieved through a combination of a traditional puppetry and modern animation techniques.

Join in! Get hands on experience of puppeteering Godiva under the guidance of Imagineer's expert team.



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# EXPLORATION...

The Exploration programme will launch this autumn in the spectacular Bramall Music Building at the University of Birmingham. The programme will include live music, comedy, film, theatre, family events, spoken word and festivals. It will also feature exciting creative collaborations.

**FREE Tours of the Bramall Music Building**  
Various dates

Take a tour of the spectacular Elgar Concert Hall and Dome space and explore one of Birmingham's emerging cultural venues.

## BRAZILIAN FOLK

**Friday 2 October, 7.30pm**

Join us on a spectacular journey across the various styles of Brazilian music and dance.

**Saturday 3 October, from 11am**

A continuation of our Brazilian themed extravaganza; including another chance to catch the Brazilian Folk performance, plus family friendly workshops and masterclasses.

## TICKET PRICES

**Friday and Saturday:**  
Brazilian Folk: £10 Adults / £5 Conc.

**Saturday:**  
Masterclasses: £10 Adults / £7 Conc.  
2 adult masterclasses for £18  
2 concession masterclasses for £12

Children's dance or Brazilian art making classes:  
£5 each or both classes for £8

For more information, to purchase tickets or to register for a workshop, visit: [www.thebramall.co.uk](http://www.thebramall.co.uk)

Free parking is available on the University campus after 4.30pm.

**Bramall Music Building, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT**

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## At Home with Vanley Burke

22 July – 27 September 2015

Ikon Gallery

1 Oozells Square, Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2HS

[www.ikon-gallery.org](http://www.ikon-gallery.org) / 0121 248 0708

Open Tuesday – Sunday, 11am–5pm, free entry

# IKON

Ikon Gallery Limited trading as Ikon, registered charity no. 528892. Supported using public funding by Arts Council England and Birmingham City Council. Exhibition supported by the Mill Dam Trust and funds raised through Art Happens, the Art Fund's crowd-funding platform.

# BRINDLEYPLACE

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27

Craftspace with VSM UK Ltd and Ikon

## GRAPHIC AND DIGITAL STITCH MASH UP

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 12-4PM

Oozells Square, Brindleyplace

Graphic illustrators collaborate with a textile artist to create an embroidered artwork using software and a digital sewing machine. Come along to watch and contribute through drawing or stitch.

Ikon

## BERENDING KUMPO

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 12PM

Oozells Square, Brindleyplace and local area



Ikon presents Berending Kumpo from The Gambia. Kumpo is a masquerade figure who mysteriously appears and disappears, scaring away malevolent spirits. Dressed in an elaborate full-length bark coloured costume, he moves furiously about carrying weapons, one in each hand, that he slaps

together while screaming. Based in The Gambia, the performers undertake their first UK residency at Ikon.

## AT HOME WITH VANLEY BURKE

FINISHES SUNDAY 27 SEP, 11AM-5PM

Ikon Gallery, Brindleyplace

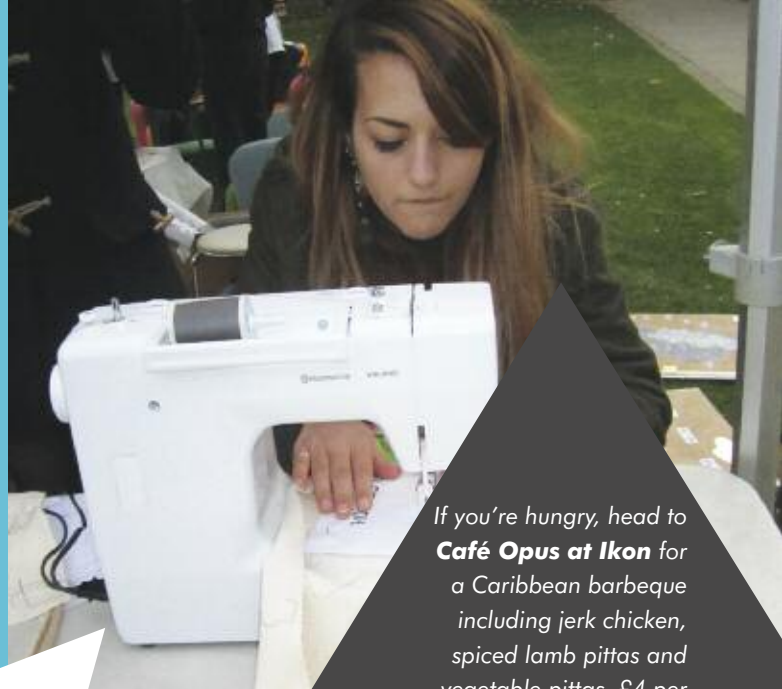
Visit Ikon's extraordinary exhibition about the life and artwork of Birmingham-based artist Vanley Burke. The entire contents of Burke's flat in Nechells, near Birmingham city centre, are transported to the gallery.

## AT HOME WITH THE DISKERY

SATURDAY 26, 1-4PM

Ikon Gallery, Brindleyplace

Ikon Shop has teamed up with The Diskery, a local independent record shop (est. 1952), for a celebration of second-hand vinyl. This is a unique opportunity to buy, swap and listen to a selection of vintage records inspired by the collection of Roots Reggae and Ska music in Ikon's exhibition *At Home with Vanley Burke*.



If you're hungry, head to **Café Opus at Ikon** for a Caribbean barbecue including jerk chicken, spiced lamb pittas and vegetable pittas. £4 per dish, Saturday 26 & Sunday 27.



Ikon

## BLACK COUNTRY VOYAGES

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 12-4PM

Brewmaster Bridge, Brindleyplace

Ikon Youth Programme take over Ikon's *Black Country Voyages* canal boat for Birmingham Weekender, with performances from local young people on Saturday and drop in creative workshops on Sunday.

Rachael Young in association with mac birmingham

## CROWNS OF CONFIDENCE

SATURDAY 26 & SUNDAY 27, 12-4PM

Oozells Square, Brindleyplace

Declare love for your hair, celebrate your follicles, dare to try something different and become a supersonic version of yourself at our alternative hair salon. Pop in and book an appointment to become your fantasy alter-ego, share your hair stories and contribute to a collective declaration of love for all things hair! Show off your new locks and join the masses for Birmingham's first ever HAIR REVOLUTION!





# EX CATHEDRA

Jeffrey Skidmore  
Vocal excellence made in Birmingham

Join Birmingham's own world-class choir this autumn:

### The Grand Tour

Sun 11 October, 4pm  
Symphony Hall

Handel *Zadok the Priest*, *Allegrì Miserere mei* and other Baroque favourites, performed with the CBSO.

### Gaudete!

Wed 2 December, 7.30pm  
St Peter's Church, Wolverhampton

'Early' Christmas music and readings from Latin America and Europe.

### Bach Christmas Oratorio

Sun 6 December, 4pm  
Town Hall, Birmingham

A wonderfully uplifting start to the Christmas season.

### Christmas Music by Candlelight

18, 19, 21 & 22 December, 7.30pm  
St Paul's Church, Birmingham

Popular, atmospheric concerts aimed at the heart of Christmas.

*"Thrillingly good"*  
The Telegraph

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\*A transaction fee, plus £1 (optional) postage, will be charged on all bookings except those made in person at the Town Hall and Symphony Hall box office.



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### FRANTIC ASSEMBLY: IGNITION

Thu 17 Sep: Open Taster Workshop FREE  
Wed 30 Sep: Ignition Trials FREE

Frantic Assembly's Ignition programme is looking for the next generation of performers. Are you male? Aged 16-20? Are you risk-taking and energetic?  
[franticassembly.co.uk/ignition](http://franticassembly.co.uk/ignition)



### ABSENT FRIENDS LONDON CLASSIC THEATRE

Mon 21 - Sat 26 Sep from £10

"This is Ayckbourn performed at its very best and will definitely leave you wanting more." Love Midlands Theatre  
★★★★★ The Public Reviews  
★★★★★ Sudbury Spy



### CHRIS RAMSEY: ALL GROWED UP

Sat 11 Oct £17.50

Critically acclaimed stand-up comedian, *Celebrity Juice* regular and the man who once got pizza delivered to a moving train: **Chris Ramsey** embarks on his biggest tour yet!



### THE SILVER SWORD SELL A DOOR THEATRE

Thu 22 - Sat 24 Oct from £12

Join Ruth, Edek, Bronia and Jan in this gripping tale of hope against all the odds in this new adaptation of Ian Serraillier's classic novel. Ideal for ages 7+, families, and anyone who has ever held out for a dream.



### THE SCARECROWS' WEDDING SCAMP THEATRE

Sun 25 Oct from £10

This heart-warming adaptation of Julia Donaldson (*The Gruffalo*) & Axel Scheffler's best-selling book is bursting at the seams with wit and wedding bells! Will Harry & Betty live happily ever after?



### TREASURE ISLAND SCOTT RITCHIE & BOA

Fri 20 Nov - Sun 3 Jan from £12.95

Join us for an exciting adventure across the seven seas on the good ship *Hispaniola*! Meet peg-legged pirates & hip hop parrots on this swashbuckling voyage for the whole family.  
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## The Drum DUB QALANDAR

SUNDAY 27, 6.30PM

**Symphony Hall**

Running time: 90 minutes

NEW  
COMMISSION

We wrap up the festival in style with a unique evening of music, brought to us by The Drum.

Dub Qalandar is a spectacular inter-cultural performance especially created for Birmingham Weekender. An ensemble of master musicians and vocalists, including Legend, Reggae Magic, Azad Kashmir Folk Group, Surj Sahota and Yaz Alexander, come together in a spiritually uplifting tapestry reflecting the rich cultural diversity of Birmingham.

Sufi mystic music meets roots reggae in a deep urban dub style, with village clay pitchers, intricate sitar riffs, rhythmic, punctuating dholki beats, reverberating bass lines, skanking guitars, nyabinghi drummers plus the extraordinary tabla maestro Mohinder Singh Mendi.

This new inter-cultural orchestra has musical direction by the award-winning composer and musician Simon Duggal. Concept and direction by Mukhtar Dar.

FREE but ticketed. You can arrange tickets at Symphony Hall box office in person or by calling 0121 345 0600. Please note booked tickets are unreserved by area (eg if you book a ticket for the stalls you can sit anywhere in the stalls). No transaction fee will be charged.



### Town Hall & Symphony Hall

## LISTEN OUT FOR LIVE MUSIC

AN ECLECTIC WAVE OF DYNAMIC BANDS, CHOIRS AND MUSICIANS WILL ROAM THE CITY-CENTRE THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.

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ALSO LOOK FOR THE  
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YOU OVER THE  
WEEKEND!

## SATURDAY 26

### HACKNEY COLLIERY BAND

A diverse and unique take on the brass band, Hackney Colliery blow the roof off any room they encounter!

### SHE'KOYOKH

Playing music from the Baltic to the Black Sea, She'Koyokh forge a unique sound that is traditional yet original.

### THE CHOIR WITH NO NAME

The amazing *Choir with No Name* is a charity that runs choirs for people whose lives have been affected by homelessness, singing quirky arrangements of pop, rock, indie, soul and disco.



## SUNDAY 27

### THE DESTROYERS

Turbo-folk-thrash-punk-pop-poetry-fancydress'orama! 13 crazed musicians sporting horns and fiddles, guitars and whistles make up this explosive turbo gypsy-punk orchestra.



### BOSTIN' BRASS

With trumpet, trombone, sax and a one-man myriad of drums, Aaron Diaz's Bostin' Brass somehow sound like a band double their size.



### TOWN HALL GOSPEL CHOIR

Sharing a passion for singing with people from all walks of life, the multi award-winning THGC bring an energy and originality to gospel music with their 30-strong choir.

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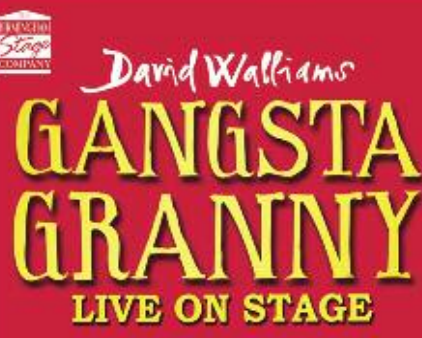
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MON 7 - SAT 12 DEC AND  
MON 27 JUN - SAT 2 JUL 2016



**hairspray**

MON 14 DEC - SAT 2 JAN



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Show**

AGES 14+

MON 25 - SAT 30 JAN



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FEATURING THE SOUNDS OF  
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MON 7 - SAT 12 MAR



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LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE  
ON THE CITY STREETS ACROSS THE WEEKEND

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## BODYGUARDS - PROTECT AND SERVE

Our team of highly trained dancing bodyguards will secure the area and humorously protect VIP members of the public as they go about their business, escorting them as they travel between shops, guarding them in lifts, helping with bags, protecting on escalators. No-one need fear...the bodyguards are here.



## The Bicycle Ballet Company STRICTLY NIGHT CYCLING

NEW  
COMMISSION

Five performers in glowing yellow capes, helmets and goggles move through the city, cycling or wheeling their bikes. They take over the streets creating epic human/bike sculptures, parking their bikes in the hands of passers-by, battling in slow-motion races, celebrating cycling, life and yellowness.



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## Birmingham Hippodrome/Open Theatre Company's One of a Kind Theatre Company NOSEY PARKAS

Watch out - there just may be someone sniffin' around! Nothing is safe from our very Nosey Parkas... They may be running or blowing and even picking their way through the streets of Birmingham. One thing is sure, they nose their way around!



Vamos Theatre

## THE CRIMPLENE CRUSADERS

These octogenarian upholders of moral values are out and about with one thing on their minds: to keep standards high. Our twin-set clad campaigners will keep a firm eye out for any slouching, texting, hand-holding or sloppy dressing and make sure that good old fashioned values are championed. And on very special occasions, the Crimplene Crusaders may be persuaded to let their hair down and demonstrate some unrivalled disco moves to their favourite modern music!



# Something Good

An Outdoor Event & Sound Performance  
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This is Michelin-starred British fine-dining. Adam's Restaurant offers two tasting menus with a thoughtful wine list to match.

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A new family-run Spanish and Mediterranean restaurant offering up sunshine food: tapas, paella and crepes.

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This family favourite offers pastas, pizzas and risottos plus a good children's menu.

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Mexican and South American food inspired by Bodega's team and their travels. The sweet potato fries are Birmingham legend.

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**0121 600 7430**  
**thebotanist.uk.com**  
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The Botanist will make you re-think the cocktail. Choose from the extensive bar list and soak up the drinks with platters inspired by the deli, rotisserie and BBQ plus other home comforts.

## THE BRIAR ROSE

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**0121 634 8100**  
**jdwetherspoon.co.uk/home/pubs/the-briar-rose**  
**@jdwtweet**

Everything you'd expect from J D Wetherspoon: comfort food, served all day.

## COLMORE BAR & GRILL

**Premier Inn, 3-6 Waterloo Street, B2 5PG**  
**0121 616 4440**  
**colmorebarandgrill.co.uk**  
**@Colmoreg**

The name says it all. This is the place for chargrilled steaks and burgers, plus the hero triple sundae. Don't say we didn't warn you.





## THE COSY CLUB

**33 Bennett's Hill, B2 5SN**  
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[cosyclub.co.uk/birmingham](http://cosyclub.co.uk/birmingham)  
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Housed in the former Midland Bank, the eccentric and spacious Cosy Club offers up contemporary pub food all day.

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**0121 643 9293**  
[the-lostandfound.co.uk](http://the-lostandfound.co.uk)  
**@hettiegwatson**

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## SAN CARLO

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**0121 633 0251**  
[sancarlo.co.uk](http://sancarlo.co.uk)  
**@SanCarlo\_Group**

A Birmingham stalwart, San Carlo is known for flavoursome Italian food in luxurious yet comfortable surroundings.

## SAN CARLO FUMO

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**0121 643 8979**  
[sancarlofumo.co.uk](http://sancarlofumo.co.uk)  
**@SanCarlo\_Fumo**

Part of the award-winning San Carlo group, this is chic modern Italian dining with cocktails and a late lounge.

## SUN ON THE HILL

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**0121 448 7966**  
[thesunonthehill.co.uk](http://thesunonthehill.co.uk)  
**@SunontheHill**

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## WAGAMAMA

**98 New Street, B2 4HS**  
**0121 296 1378**  
[wagamama.com](http://wagamama.com)  
**@wagamama\_uk**

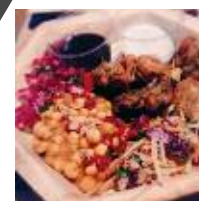
Who doesn't love Wagamama? Modern Asian cuisine to warm the soul without damaging the pocket. Look out for their new menu including omakase, the chef's special range.

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AND THE MAILBOX.

## STREET FOOD

VICTORIA AND CENTENARY SQUARE

We've invited some of the best regional street food traders to set up stall over the weekend. Look out for artisan coffee, Caribbean barbeque with a twist, Thai curry, Malay noodles and posh fish and chips, not to mention the delicious snack chaat, inspired by the chaat wallahs of Mumbai. We've also heard rumour of a special Weekender hotdog... Head to Victoria and Centenary squares to fuel up.



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Experience all the excitement of Rugby World Cup 2015 this September as the Birmingham Fanzone takes over Eastside Park.

The official Birmingham Rugby World Cup 2015 Fanzone is free to enter and will be open from Friday 18 - Sunday 20 and Wednesday 23 - Sunday 27 September. There will be a big screen showing live matches and other Rugby content, as well as a Rugby activity zone, fairground rides, covered viewing areas and a range of refreshment stalls; everything that you need to get into the spirit of the Tournament.

The Fanzone will play host to organised invitational Rugby sessions for local schools, Rugby clubs, universities, businesses, plus women's and girls' groups, all of whom will benefit from expert coaching delivered by official England Rugby Development Coaches, as well as local rugby clubs.

There will also be the opportunity for visitors to take part in a range of informal 'have a go' Rugby activities, including skills zones, inflatable Rugby challenges and a mini Rugby pitch for small sided games.

Thousands of fans are expected to head to Birmingham for Rugby World Cup 2015, as Villa Park hosts two matches on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September - and if you don't have a ticket to the matches, you can still join thousands of other fans at the Birmingham Fanzone, soak up the atmosphere of the Tournament and join in the nationwide celebration of Rugby.

**For full details of opening hours and the match day schedule please see [www.rwc2015bham.co.uk](http://www.rwc2015bham.co.uk)**

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PERFORMING HAKA  
DAY OUT AT THE  
RUGBY FANZONE.  
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## FANZONE MATCHES SCREENED LIVE DURING BIRMINGHAM WEEKENDER:

FRIDAY 25

4.45pm

ARGENTINA v  
GEORGIA

MATCHES ALSO  
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SATURDAY 26

2.30pm

ITALY v CANADA

4.45pm

SOUTH AFRICA v  
SAMOA

8pm

ENGLAND v WALES

SUNDAY 27

12pm

AUSTRALIA v  
URUGUAY

2.30pm

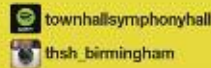
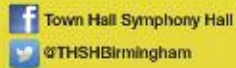
SCOTLAND v USA

4.45pm

IRELAND v ROMANIA

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## Aliens Love Underpants

Sunday 25 October 1pm & 3.30pm  
Monday 26 October 11am & 1pm  
Town Hall  
£12.50 plus transaction fee\*



## Steve Backshall's Wild World

Sunday 1 November  
11.30am & 3pm  
Town Hall  
£18 plus transaction fee\*



## The Amazing Bubble Man

Friday 30 October  
11am  
Town Hall  
£12 adults £10 Under 16s  
plus transaction fee\*



## We're Going On A Bear Hunt

Tuesday 22 December 2015 –  
Wednesday 13 January 2016  
Relaxed Performance  
Saturday 10 January 2016  
3pm  
Town Hall  
£12 – £14 plus transaction fee\*

\*A £3 transaction fee plus £1 (optional) postage, will be charged on all bookings except purchases made in person at the Town Hall or Symphony Hall Box office.



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[birminghamhippodrome.com](http://birminghamhippodrome.com)

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**Two children half-price with every full-paying adult for selected performances!**

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#### SPECIAL OFFER!

**Visit The REP's Open Days during Birmingham Weekender for your chance to receive special offers, including 2-for-1s on autumn season shows, and enter competitions to win prizes.**

REP Weekender offers available on 26 and 27 September, subject to availability, limited to selected performances, does not apply to tickets already purchased and is limited to 4 tickets per production per household.

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#### SPECIAL OFFER!

**Get 10% off tickets to Aliens Love Underpants (Sunday 25-Monday 26 October), the Amazing Bubbleman (Friday 30 October), and Steve Backshall's Wild World (Sunday 1 November).**

Use booking code BWEKENDER online at [www.thsh.co.uk](http://www.thsh.co.uk) or call the box office on 0121 345 0600. The offer is limited to up to 20 tickets per show.

### CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra has been performing world-class music in the city for nearly a century. Regular concerts at Symphony Hall feature all kinds of music, from Beethoven to Star Wars, Mozart to Mahler. The CBSO's specially-created Family Concerts and Notelets series open up the whole world of classical music to children and adults alike.

[cbso.co.uk](http://cbso.co.uk)

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**Save 25% on selected CBSO concerts when you book tickets between 25 Sep - 2 Oct 2015.**

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A world-leading ensemble, Birmingham Contemporary Music Group commissions and presents new music. It enjoys a reputation for exciting performances and has premiered over 160 pieces, most commissioned through its pioneering Sound Investment scheme.

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Quote BW1511 when booking. Call the Box Office on 0121 345 0491 or find out more at [bcmg.org.uk](http://bcmg.org.uk)

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Sat 31 Oct (11am/2.30pm) Tickets £12

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[brb.org.uk](http://brb.org.uk)

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**Get £5 off a top price ticket for Birmingham Royal Ballet's performances of *Swan Lake* at Birmingham Hippodrome on Tuesday 29 September 2015 at 7.30pm and Monday 5 October 2015 at 7.30pm.**

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## DANCEXCHANGE

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[dancexchange.org.uk](http://dancexchange.org.uk)

### TRY A FREE DANCE CLASS!

**Just quote "Weekender" when attending your first session.**

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## IKON

Ikon is an internationally acclaimed contemporary art gallery situated in Brindleyplace. Housed in the former Oozells Street School, a striking Victorian building, Ikon has recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Visitors to Ikon can enjoy free exhibitions from globally important artists plus talks, tours and workshops or browse Ikon's independent bookshop.

[ikon-gallery.org](http://ikon-gallery.org)

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## SAMPAD ARTS

Now in its 25th year, Sampad Arts is a leading cultural organisation that has been instrumental in establishing South Asian arts and heritage within mainstream culture in Birmingham, the UK and beyond. Sampad offers fresh and exciting experiences for a wide range of audiences through a mix of lively and thought-provoking performance, education and outreach activities

[sampad.org.uk](http://sampad.org.uk)

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