

2021



BATH FRINGE FESTIVAL


**FRIDAY 28TH MAY -
ON INTO JUNE & JULY**



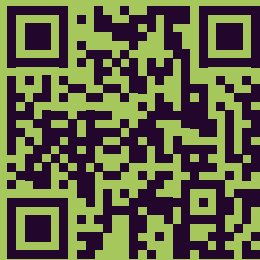
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Bath Fringe 2021 is one of the most extraordinary and eagerly awaited events we have ever been involved in - and for that we can claim absolutely no credit whatsoever. It's also the smallest Fringe for about 30 years, but that's not going to mute our enthusiasm one decibel. Every show in this programme is a minor miracle, and every performer has for the last 15 months been dreaming of the moment they step in front of you again. Perhaps you've been waiting for that moment too: I know we have.



Although we're as certain as we can be that things are going ahead, uncertainty is more rife even than it usually is in the Fringe and it's well worth checking our website for any changes - and anyway, we're also pretty sure there will be even more events listed there than here.

We've managed to pull together a few events, mostly with money from things that didn't happen in 2020, and our recent Arts Council grant award for art in empty high street shops has added a few more - and thanks are also due to our long-time financial supporters locally, who have enabled us to keep our office open in the meantime. But we're just as excited that the venues that we work with every festival and who bring you arts and entertainments all year round are opening with us over the next few weeks, back in action for the summer - their opening programming is signposted and in many cases detailed in these pages. Independent Arts are alive and well in Bath, we're overjoyed to see them, and they'll be just as overjoyed to see you!

Good Box Office

Reduced audience capacities because of distancing are an unavoidable part of running events at the moment, and many shows will require advance booking - even for some free shows, so that they can get track & trace info before the event. Don't miss out, book ahead! We have indicated box office and booking info under each event when relevant, and our website also carries these as live links.



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Fringe 2021 Locations

	Access
1 Assembly Rooms	Full
2 17/18 Milsom St	Full
3 19 New Bond St	Full
4 The Bell Inn	Asst
5 The Belvoir Castle	Asst
6 Fairfield House: Kelson Road, BA1 3QJ	Call
7 The Guildhall	Asst
8 Komedia	Full
9 The Mission Theatre	Asst
10 The Museum of Bath at Work	Asst
11 The Rondo Theatre	Asst
12 Sawclose and Kingsmead Square	Full
13 St Swithun's Church	Full
University of Bath Students Union	Full
15 Widcombe Social Club	Full
FaB Venues	
16 44AD Artspace	Full
17 Bear Flat open studios	Call
18 96 Walcot street	Full



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From Monday 17 May

THE BATH ARTS WORKSHOP AND BATH'S COUNTERCULTURE IN THE 1970S.

Bonkers but Brilliant!
The Museum of Bath at Work @ 10:30

Friday 28 May

BATH COMEDY CLUB
John Moloney, Harriet Braine, Phil Cooper
Widcombe Social Club @ 20:30

Saturday & Sunday 29-30 May

RAMSHACKLIOUS Club Supreme
17-18 Milsom Street @ 11:00 – 18:00

Wednesday 2 June

NATURAL THEATRE CO.
Dirty Bath
Rondo Theatre @ 20:00

Thursday 3 June

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Friday 4 June

Noble Jacks + The Hawkmen

Komedia @ 19:30

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Widcombe Social Club @ 20:00

Natural Theatre Co.

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Saturday 5 June

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Monday 7 June

NEXT STAGE THEATRE COMPANY
The Memory of Water
The Mission Theatre @ 19:30

Tuesday 8 June

THE POETRY TEACHER
Andy Gilbert
The Belvoir Castle @ 19:30

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The Importance of

Being Earnest

The Mission Theatre @ 19:30
NATURAL THEATRE CO.
Dirty Bath
Rondo Theatre @ 20:00

BATH COMEDY CLUB
Scottish Falsetto
Sock Puppet Theatre,
Archie Maddocks
Widcombe Social Club @ 20:30

Saturday 12 June

CURIOUS COMPANY
The Dept of Complaints
19 New Bond St @ 10:00

BUST

The Importance of Being Earnest
The Mission Theatre @ 14:00 & 19:30

BUST

The Tempest
The Edge, University of Bath @ 19:30

NATURAL THEATRE CO.
Dirty Bath
Rondo Theatre @ 20:00

Sunday 13 June

Alive and Brel
The Mission Theatre @ 20:00

Friday 18 June

Film Night
Widcombe Social Club @ 19:30

Sunday 20 June

The Skimmity Hitchers + John D Revelator
Komedia @ 14:00

Monday 21 - Sunday 27 June
LITTLE LOST ROBOT STUDIO
Digital Playground

17/18 Milsom Street @ 10:00

FREE Music Festival
Featuring: Novatines
Komedia @ 17:00

Friday 25 June

FREE Music Festival
Featuring: Bare Jams
Komedia @ 17:00

BATH COMEDY CLUB
Raymond & Mr Timpkins
Revue, James Dowdeswell
Widcombe Social Club @ 20:30

Saturday 26 June

Bedlam Saturday

13:00

Sunday 27 June

Bedlam Sunday
Sawclose, Kingsmead Square & Bath Street @ 13:00

Friday 2 July

FLIPSIDE PRODUCTIONS
Cut Bait
Rondo Theatre @ 20:00

Spindle Ensemble

St Swithin's Church @ 20:00

Saturday 3 July

STIFF & KITSCH
Bricking It
Rondo Theatre @ 20:00

Saturday & Sunday 3-4 July

Walcot Arts Weekend

The Bell

Friday 9 July

ALL OF THE ABOVE PRESENTS
The Jazz Locavores
Widcombe Social Club @ 20:00

Saturday 17 July

FREEDOM IN THE CITY FESTIVAL
King Solomon and Queen of Sheba Opera (performance)
The Guildhall @ 18:00

Thursday 22 July

FAKE ESCAPE
Don't be a Stranger
Secret Location in Bath @ 14:00 & 16:00

Friday 23 July

FAKE ESCAPE
Don't be a Stranger
Secret Location in Bath @ 14:00 & 16:00

FREEDOM IN THE CITY FESTIVAL
The Emperor's Birthday Gathering
Online event @ 15:00

NATURAL THEATRE CO.
Shakespeare Undone
Assembly Rooms @ 18:00 & 19:00

Saturday 24 July

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Don't be a Stranger
Secret Location in Bath @ 14:00 & 16:00

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Shakespeare Undone
Assembly Rooms @ 15:00, 16:00, 18:00, 19:00

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Sunday 25 July

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Shakespeare Undone
Assembly Rooms @ 15:00, 16:00, 18:00, 19:00

Saturday 31 July

FREEDOM IN THE CITY FESTIVAL
King Solomon and Queen of Sheba Opera
Online event @ 18:30

August 7-15

Bath Folk Festival
Sunday 12 September

BOOK LAUNCH
Bath Arts Workshop: Counterculture in the 1970s
12:00

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Rondo theatre



Friday 2 July

20:00 (doors open 19:30)

Flipside Productions

Cut Bait

Written by Pippa Thornton & Performed by Maia Tassalini

Nina's young, single and ready to mingle! But when she encounters a guy with a rather... engaged... ego, their casual hook-up unearths desires she never knew she had.

A brand-new comedy from the company who brought you Get F*cked, the sell-out show of Bath Fringe 2019.

Booking: The Rondo; Tickets sold on door
£15.50 - £11.50

Saturday 3 July

20:00 (doors open 19:30)

Stiff & Kitsch

Bricking It

2019: Stiff & Kitsch write a hit show about everything keeping them awake at night: tax, wooden cutlery and the consequences of last night's eight double G&Ts. Each.

2020: Global Pandemic hits... That wooden cutlery doesn't seem too scary now.

"Properly 'laugh until your face aches' hilarious" - Broadway World

Booking: The Rondo; Tickets sold on door
£13.50 - £11.50



Wednesday 2 – Saturday 5 June

Wednesday 9 – Saturday 12 June

20:00 (doors open 19:30)

Natural Theatre Co.

Dirty Bath

Behind its beige façade, Bath is hiding a past riddled with tales of debauchery, villainy and depravity. The Natural Theatre Company invite you on a voyage through Bath's murkier waters as they throw light on the less virtuous aspects of the city's history. It won't be plain sailing, but it will be very funny.

Rondo Theatre

Booking: The Rondo; Bath Comedy Festival
FULL £16 / CONCESSIONS £14

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The Mission Theatre



Monday 7 June – Wednesday 9 June

19:30 (doors open 18:55)

Next Stage Theatre Company

The Memory of Water

by Shelagh Stephenson

Three sisters are brought together by the death of their mother. Preparing for the funeral the siblings laugh, cry and bicker over past events and half-recalled memories.

Tickets available from <https://missiontheatre.squarespace.com/tickets>

£14.50 FULL PRICE, £12.50 CONCESSIONS, £5 STUDENTS/JOB-SEEKERS



Thursday 10 June

18:30 (doors open 17:30)

21:00 (doors open 20:45)

Lourdes Fernández Flamenco Company:

Raíces

Without losing purity and depth, this show aims to universalise Flamenco, make it sing, dance and play, to conquer the world like Rock or Jazz did, to bring Flamenco to a wide and diverse audience, a show for both aficionados and novices, for those who listen to flamenco and those who do not... just yet.

TICKETS AT: RAICES.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM; WWW.LOURDESFERNADEZFLAMENCO.COM

GENERAL £16 - CONCESSIONS £14 (PRICES BEFORE BOX OFFICE SERVICE FEES)

Friday 11 June

19:30

Saturday 12 June

14:00 & 19:30

BUST presents

The Importance of Being Earnest

By Oscar Wilde

Follow Jack and Algernon, two young Victorian men with a compulsion for lying, as they learn the importance of being earnest... while

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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

THE MISSION THEATRE,
 32 CORN STREET, BATH, BA1 1UF
 FRIDAY 11TH JUNE 2021
 19.30
 SATURDAY 12TH JUNE 2021
 14.00 & 19.30

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW AT THESUBATH.COM/BUST
 £7 TICKETS £5 CONCESSION

answering to the name of Ernest! BUST present Oscar Wilde's classical farce, which has proven to be one of Britain's most popular and time-enduring plays.

Tickets available from: www.thesubath.com/bust/

£7 STANDARD, £5 CONCESSION

Sunday 13 June

20:00 (doors open 19:30)

Alive and Brel

A cabaret revue of the finest songs by Jacques Brel

Booking: *Komedia*

£10/ £8 CONC.



Green Park Brasserie

Top Fringe Friendly Venue is back on stream with live music

There might be (well-publicised) problems with the station roof, but the Brasserie continues unimpeded.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, live music from 6.30pm - 7.15pm and 8 - 9pm (timings are approx).

And perhaps a Fringe gig or two in the near future too...

Regular performers include: Mike Collins, Dan Reid, Gavin Lazarus, Andy Kinsman, Jon Green and Rob Wilson plus guest artists.



Widcombe Social Club



Friday 28 May

20:30 (doors open 19:45)

Bath Comedy Club

**John Moloney, Harriet Braine,
Phil Cooper**

Bath Comedy Club continues its triumphant return to indoor comedy, at Widcombe Social!

Three top notch comedians in one night!

*Booking: Bath Comedy Festival
£12 / £10 CONCS. (STUDENTS, UNWAGED
OR FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL ONLY, ID
REQUIRED ON DOOR)*

Friday 4 June

20:00

All Of The Above presents

**An Evening with Dave Newton's
Piano Trio**

Award-winning international pianist Dave Newton brings his trio, from the mainstream heart of the great jazz tradition, to once again celebrate the end of lockdown and the joyful beginning of a new Covid-secure chapter of All Of The Above's music promotions and the re-opened WSC.

£13 AND £11 (WSC MEMBERS)

Covid-secure conditions including temperature checks, regular sanitising and cleaning, air conditioning, distancing disguised as cabaret seating, table service.



Friday 11 June

20:30 (doors open 19:45)

Bath Comedy Club

**Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet
Theatre, Archie Maddocks**

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Friday 9 July

20:00

All Of The Above presents

The Jazz Locavores

Conceived by Iain Ballamy during the 2020 lockdown as a positive antidote to the Covid-19 and travel restrictions on musicians, The Jazz Locavores was formed with fellow internationally renowned musicians - all local Somerset residents - to capitalise on staying at home but making great music with brilliant friends.
TICKETS £14 AND £12 (WSC MEMBERS)



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[ramshacklicious] Club Supreme

An Audience with the WORSHIPFUL MASTER. The ULTIMATE roadshow, a group of "exceptional" people, demonstrating the untapped POTENTIAL that we all have to reach the kind of PERFECTION we desire: body, mind and lifestyle all operating at optimum levels. Through the generous support of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER and their team of PERSONAL ASSISTANTS begin to explore CLUB SUPREME'S PERSONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME and develop a sense of YOUR POTENTIAL and the chance to become the Club's next CITIZEN, living full time in the CLUB SUPREME luxury caravan.

www.club-supreme.com

Saturday & Sunday June 5 & 6

11am - 6pm

Live immersive performance

Club Supreme is the mutant brainchild of Ramshacklicious - brought to life collaboratively with Bath Spa Uni, Natural Theatre Company and with support from Nordland Visual Theatre, Bath Fringe and Arts Council England. Ramshacklicious creates high quality, subversive, contemporary theatrical experiences. Blending live music, physical theatre, clown, story telling, puppetry and innovative design to take unsuspecting audiences on anarchic journeys into the unexpected!

Former Gap store, Milsom Street, Bath

Book your places in advance via website or www.facebook.com/clubsupremeit

These performance events created with Bath Spa University and with local participants working with the Fringe's 'Outside! NOW!!' project - devised in collaboration with the Natural Theatre of Bath.



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Komedia



Friday 4 June

19:30

Komedia presents:

Noble Jacks + The Hawkmen

With the fiddle leading the charge, Noble Jacks are out to take no prisoners with their high-energy footstompin' rhythms, which have taken crowds by storm across the UK.

Booking: Tickets sold on door; Komedia Box Office

£15

Wednesday 9 June

19:30

Komedia Bath presents:

Will Johns: Bluesdaddy Tour

Striking a masterful balance between old soul & modern flair, Will Johns is one of the most distinctive and exciting British Blues performers in the world today.

Booking: Tickets sold on door; Komedia Box Office

DOORS 7:30PM // SEATED // Ages 14+ (Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult) £12

Booking and Covid info



Seats are allocated and available online for designated group sizes only. If you would like to book more or less tickets at once, or sit with a separate booking, please contact us at least 24 hours before the show via info@komediabath.co.uk. The maximum group size is 6. We will not be able to change group sizes on the day. Please note, there is no disabled access to the balcony.

Seated events – Please contact us if you have specific access requirements.



Thursday 10 June

19:30

Komedia presents:

The Undercover Hippy

Drum and Bass MC turned singer-songwriter Billy Rowan, aka The Undercover Hippy, is definitely not your average singer songwriter.

Booking: Tickets sold on door; Komedia Box Office

DOORS 7:30PM // Ages 14+ (Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult)

£14

Friday 11 June

19:30

Komedia presents:

From the Specials - Neville Staple Band + Talisman

Neville Staple, Legendary front man of The Specials, Fun Boy Three and Special Beat, also known as The Original Rude Boy, is credited with changing the face of pop music not only once but twice.

Booking: Tickets sold on door; Komedia Box Office
14+ (Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult)
DOORS 7:30pm

SHOW & LIVESTREAM STARTS 8:00pm

£15

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Sunday 20 June

14:00

Komedia presents:

The Skimmity Hitchers + John D Revelator

Sunday live music matinee with Scrumpy & Western favourites Skimmity Hitchers and John D Revelator!

Booking: Tickets sold on door; Komedia Box Office

DOORS 2:00pm // Ages 14+ (Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult) Tables are allocated and available for groups of 6 only.

£10



Monday 21 June

17:00

Komedia presents:

FREE Music Festival Featuring: Novatines, Bite The Buffalo, Meekers and more

Komedia Bath is proud to present a FREE night of the very best in live local music. Featuring 6 awesome bands across 2 stages, this mini-festival will run from 5pm – 10pm and is open to all ages (with under 16s to be accompanied by an adult).

Booking: Tickets sold on door; Komedia Box Office

STANDING & SEATED // DOORS 17:00 // All Ages Welcome. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

FREE

Booking: Tickets sold on door; Komedia Box Office
This is a free event but we do recommend booking a ticket in advance to guarantee entry at what we're sure will be a very busy event. A small booking fee will be incurred on advanced tickets..

FREE TICKETED EVENT.

STANDING & SEATED // DOORS 17:00 // All Ages Welcome. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.



Friday 25 June

17:00

Komedia presents:

FREE Music Festival Featuring: Bare Jams, The Maitree Express, Plume and More

Komedia Bath is proud to present a FREE night of live music guaranteed to get your feet moving, this mini-festival will run from 5pm – 10pm and is open to all ages.



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Independent events



Friday 11, Saturday 12 June

19:30 Friday, 14:00 & 19:30 Saturday

BUST presents

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By Oscar Wilde

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The Mission Theatre

Tickets available from: www.thesubath.com/bust/
£7 STANDARD, £5 CONCESSION

20:00 (doors open 19:30)

Spindle Ensemble Inkling Album Tour

Contemporary chamber quartet Spindle Ensemble will be performing pieces from their second album Inkling (Hidden Notes Records) at the beautiful St Swithin's Church, Walcot St.

"If you love to be delighted by fluid and sparkling musical arrangements and instrumentation you'll greatly enjoy this record." Nick Luscombe (BBC Radio 3 Late Junction)

Daniel Inzani - piano, Celtic harp

Caelia Lunniss - violin

Harriet Riley - marimba, vibraphone

Jo Silverston - cello

spindleensemble.com

St Swithin's Church

Booking: [Bath Box Office](mailto:BathBoxOffice@stswithin.org)

£10.00



Tuesday 8 June

19:30 (doors open 19:00)

The Poetry Teacher: Andy Gilbert

The self-proclaimed No. 1 poetry teacher in the UK delivers a mini masterclass, before combining poetry, storytelling and theatre. *Annus Horribilis*, *Anus Horribilis* (*Horrible Year, Horrible Bottom*) is both vulgar and deluded but the sincerity of Gilbert cannot be doubted. 16+ strong language and adult themes. One hour show.

The Belvoir Castle

Tickets from venue in advance

FREE

Thursday 10 - Saturday 12 June

19:30 Thursday and Saturday, 14.30 Friday.

BUST presents

The Tempest

By William Shakespeare

Shakespeare's last play, 'The Tempest' comes to life this Summer! Come and see the best play performed in the last year... probably... who cares it is going to be amazing! Our cast perform this short version of the classic with such brilliance, you will be left astonished and in awe!

The Edge, University of Bath

Tickets from: www.thesubath.com/bust/

FREE



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Start the experience online



Although we here at Bath Fringe are partisan for real-life real-world real-time experiences - the vast majority of what is in this programme - it hasn't escaped us that for the last 15 months most people have been getting their culture via a screen, and that for some it's even going to be that way for a while yet. And we've got something for you too.

A couple of the major outdoor /installation art projects in this year's Fringe have a strong online presence, and in many cases you can start engaging with the narrative, set-up and key elements of the piece: they are designed that way, the show starts online and so can you. . . Ramshacklicious' CLUB SUPREME lives, breathes, builds and interacts online on club-supreme.com and www.facebook.com/dubsupremeit - and you are advised to go look there for important preparation, and you



will likely need to book the live experience in Bath online through those portals. And the online Club Supreme is entertainment itself too.

This year's Bedlam Fair also includes the first stage of what is intended to be one of 2022's highlight events. We are lined up for a visit from The United Nations Board of Significant Inspiration (UNBOSI) to propose their latest project, in-depth research into the properties of Marbles to retain the seed of an inspiration. This is all quite complicated stuff so you'd be well-advised to visit www.unbosi.org/marbles before the end of June and see how you can get involved, and what activities they are proposing. You will be able to sign up on the day, too, but it's well worth being prepared and going further into the project, so the online dimension is recommended. Any jokes about losing marbles? - they will already have thought of them...

As before and as always, www.fringebath.co.uk is not just the place to go for information on the Fringe's Visual Arts programme, but there will also be videoed and online-interactive art projects to engage with online as well as in the more expected spaces.

The performance part of the Fringe lives at www.bathfringe.co.uk, where you will find links to companies & groups' online presence, and videos and streaming links if you want to try before committing yourself to a visit.



Club Supreme



Marbles



Fringe

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THE BELL INN



Come share with us



OPEN SHARE OFFER

Become a member and shareholder of The Bell Co-Operative and part owner of The Bell Inn, 103 Walcot St. Bath BA1 5BW
Details, conditions and applications go to:
www.bellcommunity.org.uk/shares or just scan the code on the right.



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BUY YOUR FAVOURITE PUB

The Bell Inn (Bath) Limited is pleased to announce a new open share offer!

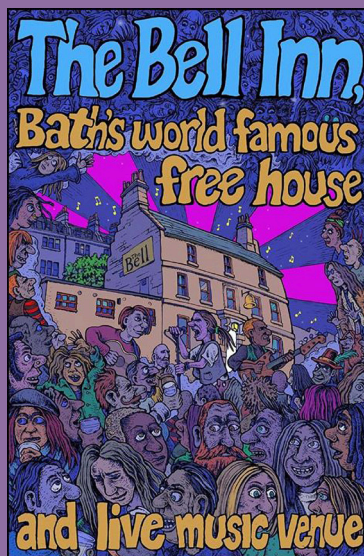
This unique and wonderful pub has been owned and run as a community co-operative since July 2013 when 536 individuals pitched in to buy the Bell, raising an amazing total of £786,000, to ensure it stays as it is - and just the way we all like it!

You can read more about the story of the original community buyout at www.bellcommunity.org.uk. Until now it has not been possible for other customers to join the co-operative and become shareholder members. But it has always been the intention to allow more members to join - and now is the time! The terms and conditions of this offer are the same as they were back in 2013.

As all of you who have visited know, very little has changed in the last 8 years. In fact, we think it just gets better! The Bell continues to offer great live music, and a space for the Bell community to hold events, socialise and enjoy the pub's vibrant atmosphere.

So why are we making this offer now? We are not in desperate need of money – don't panic! The Bell is the most financially successful community owned pub in the country in terms of profitability and remains financially secure.

But The Bell is a community pub and we want our community, the customers, to be involved in the long-term future of the Bell by becoming members of the society. This will help conserve this great institution and keep it relevant to the community it serves for years to come.



Live at The Bell

The Fringe's favourite pub (not just because it's where our office is) will be running its renowned free live music programme both in person and streaming online as soon as non-distanced crowds are allowed, and for at least a few experimental events, as a distanced/streamed hybrid before that.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond everyone's control as we go to press on this programme,

The Bell's dates and details are not yet available. We suggest you check out what they're saying on www.thebellinnbath.co.uk

We do think there is a Walcot Arts Weekend on the first weekend of July.

Bedlam Fair - the moveable feast



Following our adventures in Scotland, **UNBOSI** are pleased to announce the discovery of multiple sources of inspiration in Birmingham. We need feet on the ground to spread the awesome power of inspiration, so please get involved. We need to know where your marbles are and where they've been!



Saturday 26th June

From 1pm

The United Nations Board of Significant Inspiration (UNBOSI)

Our friends at Bureau of Silly Ideas bring their latest creation to Bath. The United Nations Board of Significant Inspiration (UNBOSI) has been researching sites of human genius since the 1950s. Unfortunately, our research has shown inspiration to be lacking in the places we need it the most. The inspiration could be hiding anywhere, in your houses, gardens or broader community. Help us to imbue marbles with inspiration that can be sent to world leaders who seem to have lost theirs. Look out for further information about how to get involved!

Venue TBA

For more details see: <http://www.unbosi.org/marble-runs-workshops/>

Sunday June 27

4-6pm Saw Close, Kingsmead Square, and around

Our street arts weekend is usually literally the heart of the festival, and in many ways it still is: several of the more leftfield propositions in this programme are from artists and projects that have been supported through bedlam in the past: Ramshacklicious, Curious Co., Natural Theatre, Little Lost Robot. . .

It's just that rather than being the middle weekend of the Fringe as usual, the famous roadmap has led us to assume that we stand more chance of doing more of it at close quarters if we shift it a few weeks to after the next anticipated unlockdowning phase - so we're running a day of top quality street theatre and other related entertainments on the afternoon of Sunday June 27th, in our usual haunts around Saw Close and Kingsmead Square. But if the next phase hasn't appeared, don't be afeared - we got enough practice in last autumn that we're sure we can deliver a show, even an interactive one, just at a bit more of a distance.

We haven't confirmed everything yet - life is confusing for artists at the moment too - but we already know we will be seeing the following:

16 rpm - The Carpeters

The Natural Theatre

Rimski

Bureau of Silly Ideas

The Bath Tub Orchestra

Ska Aerobics

...and more to be announced

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FRINGE ARTS BATH FaB

28 May to 13 June 2021

Fringe Arts Bath (FaB) brings visual arts to the heart of the city of Bath, to challenge and delight in equal measure, providing a platform for emerging Curators and Artists to experiment, develop and explore their practice.

Re-emerging from the pandemic, for 2021 expect a series of interventions around town in shop windows and public spaces, alongside pop-up live broadcasts online.

Pick up our printed listings for more up-to date info at 44AD artspace, check our website fringeartsbath.co.uk and @fringeartsbath on instagram, twitter and facebook too.

Keep following over the summer for future FaB events, we're spilling out beyond our festival dates...

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Image © Anne Murray, Museum of Unfulfilled Dreams



44AD Artspace, 4 Abbey Street, BA1 1NN

FaB Photomathon - view the 15th year of our day-long photo challenge around the gallery's staircase. Over 60 people submitted their photo responses to the 10 themes FaB and friends set them - fringeartsbath.co.uk/2021-photomathon

Silent Film - from 31 May, a showcase of non-audio video art from UK based artists with a wide range of approaches and subjects explored through the silent lens - Curated by Rebecca Hilton and Toby Rainbird - fringeartsbath.co.uk/silent



Subject to change
Visit fringeartsbath.co.uk and



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Online - fringeartsbath.co.uk and @fringeartsbath on [twit/insta/fbook](#)

Co-Lab Sounds - experimental sounds developed by an international group of Artists, a collaboration continuing on from the FaB 2020 project - Curated by Marley Treloar - fringeartsbath.co.uk/colab

Arboreal III - Artists, academics, writers and scientists respond to and engage with trees - Curated by Fay Stevens - fringeartsbath.co.uk/arboreal

Automatic Sight: Autofókusz - The Museum of Unfulfilled Dreams shares works highlighting what really matters, how priorities have changed during the pandemic, gaining clarity on our collective future - Curated by Anne Murray - fringeartsbath.co.uk/automatic

94-96 Walcot Street, BA1 5BG

Memorial - An art and poetry installation in response to the slow reawakening from the pandemic - Curated by Geoff Dunlop - fringeartsbath.co.uk/memorial

Enjoy more while you're here...

Social Knitwork - Drawing in space with wool throughout the exhibition, Artist Lou Baker explores how art can be used to build connections between local communities after the extended isolation of lockdown. Follow the trail, meet the Artist and add to the artwork - 1 May to 7 June - The Art Cohort, 13 Chelsea Road, BA1 3DU - theartcohort.co.uk

Bear Flat Open Studios - Discover a variety of talent and creativity as local artists and makers open their studios and homes - 29 to 31 May, 11am to 5pm - see the map at bearflatartists.co.uk

From The Heart - An exhibition of multidisciplinary artwork exploring personal approaches to landscape, with Artists Juliet Duckworth and Sally Gaden - 24 to 30 May - 44AD artspace, 4 Abbey Street, BA1 1NN - 44ad.net

Locations - Local Artist Michael Pell's atmospheric paintings of Dartmouth, Cornish harbours, Kefalonia, Amsterdam, Venice, Bath and more - 31 May to 5 June - 44AD artspace, 4 Abbey Street, BA1 1NN - 44ad.net

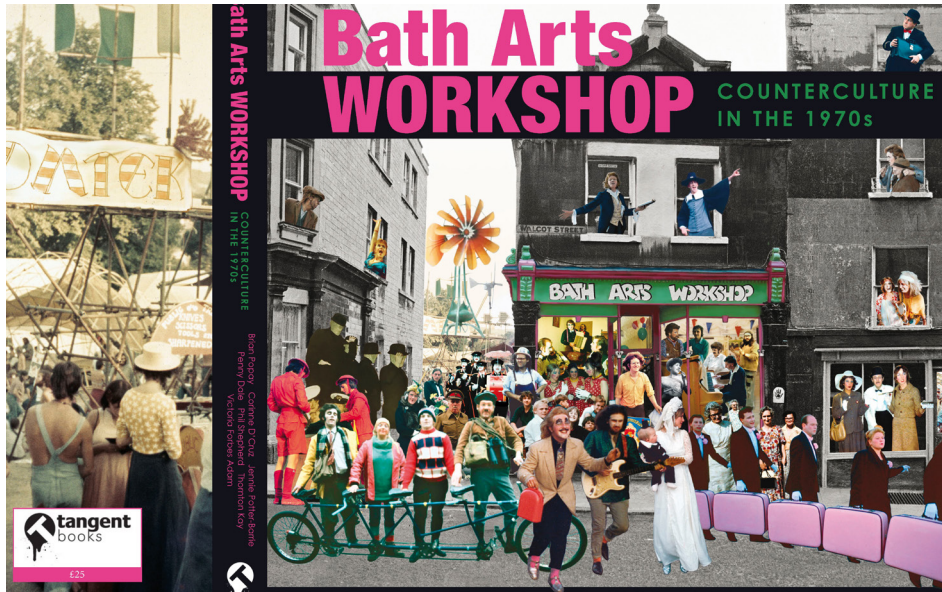
Inch by IN:CH - A travelling exhibition considering transition, interchange and the transportation of ideas - 29 May to 13 June - Bath Artists' Studios garages, Comfortable Place, BA1 3AJ - inchbyinch.uk

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Bonkers but brilliant



MOBAW exhibition

Bonkers but Brilliant!

Exhibition at Museum of Bath at Work May 17-November 1 2021

Founded in 1969 the Bath Arts Workshop spawned the Natural Theatre Company, Walcot Reclamation and John's Bikes and – ahem - the Bath Fringe Festival. Back by popular demand.

They ran a youth club, a rock group, a tea shop, a junk shop and baby sitting operations. The things those crazy seventies people got up to! Fifty years of frivolity and whim encapsulated in one great exhibition. Far out.

ADMISSION WITH TICKET TO MUSEUM.

BAW Book launch

Sunday 12th September

Time and venue TBC

Bath Arts Workshop: Counterculture in the 1970s

They thought art could change the world. Thousands joined in and things were never the same again.

'Bath Arts Workshop: Counterculture in the 1970s' will be published on September 12th 2021 by Tangent Books.

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Natural Theatre Company



Wednesday 2 June – Saturday 5 June

Wednesday 9 June – Saturday 12 June

20:00 (doors open 19:30)

Natural Theatre Co.

Dirty Bath

Behind its beige façade, Bath is hiding a past riddled with tales of debauchery, villainy and depravity. The Natural Theatre Company invite you on a voyage through Bath's murkier waters as they throw light on

the less virtuous aspects of the city's history. It won't be plain sailing, but it will be very funny.

Rondo Theatre

Booking: *The Rondo; Bath Comedy Festival*

FULL £16 / CONCESSIONS £14

Friday 23 July

at 18:00 and 19:00

Saturday 24 July and Sunday 25 July

at 15:00, 16:00, 18:00, 19:00

Natural Theatre Co.

Shakespeare Undone

The Natural Theatre Company has 'unearthed' an early work of Shakespeare, written when Will was a young whippersnapper.

Shakespeare Undone! is an immersive experience that takes you on a theatrical journey around the cobbled streets of Venice* - where the best bits of Shakespeare come to life around you!

(*aka Bath...)

Assembly Rooms

Booking: *The Rondo*

£16

Fake Escape present 20:20 Vision

Don't be a Stranger... Keep your friends close...

Friends for over a decade. Colleagues. Collaborators. They thought they knew each other inside out, but when the unthinkable happened, everything changed. When these artists reunite to create what they hope will be their masterpiece, will secrets, lies and more than a few home truths threaten to implode everything they have built?

Devised by Fake Escape -

Don't Be A Stranger is an immersive experience where no two shows are the same.

Thurs 22nd July, Fri 23rd July, Sat 24th July

14.00 & 16.00

FREE

Venue TBC

Supported by Arts Council England



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Freedom in the City Festival Bath's own celebration of Haile Selassie I



Events include

- Performance of Juwon Ogungbe's opera about King Solomon & the Queen of Sheba, Bath Guildhall , 17 July
- Ethiopian Orthodox Church Service, Bath Abbey , 18 September
- Birthday celebration for the Emperor, July 23/24
- Streamed talks & discussions on many themes connected to Selassie, Ethiopia, Rastafari, and the Black British African identity.

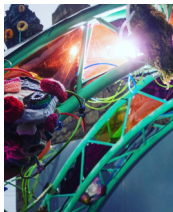
More information about the festival along with a full list of events and activities is available at www.freedominthecity.org and www.facebook.com/Freedominthecity

Emperor Haile Selassie I moved to Bath in 1936 to campaign for international support of his homeland which had been invaded by Mussolini's fascist regime. Selassie and his family lived in Fairfield House, Newbridge, Bath, until 1940 when he returned to Ethiopia to reign for another three decades. During his time living in Bath, Emperor Selassie received a warm welcome from local residents and this generosity was reciprocated when he gave Fairfield House to the city to be used for elders. In 1954 while on a state visit to Bath, Selassie was awarded the Freedom of the City; the highest official honour a city can bestow on an individual. Today he is still worshipped as God incarnate by the Rastafari movement with Fairfield House a site of pilgrimage for many from the Rastafari, Ethiopian and African Caribbean communities.



Unexpected art in the bagging area...

OPEN SHOP is a project by Bath Fringe and Fringe Arts Bath supported by Arts Council England and with the collaboration of Bath & North East Somerset Council. We only got the grant confirmed a short while ago and the details are still being worked out, but there will be a series of arts events, exhibitions, performances & installations in an empty shop or shops in central Bath running on from Fringe time into the summer, with outposts planned for Midsomer Norton and Keynsham. Some of the events in this programme brochure are included under the project but there will be more: www.bathfringe.co.uk is your destination to find out what happens after retail therapy.



Saturday 12 June

From 10:00

Curious Company

The Dept of Complaints

Let's Grumble!

Drop in to our pop up office and have a grumble; no niggle too small or issue too big.

This light-hearted theatrical simulation of a complaints department offers an opportunity to have a good moan and gossip, all in the name of sharing and caring.

19 New Bond St
FREE

Monday 21 - Sunday 27 June

From 10:00

Little Lost Robot Studio

Digital Playground

An immersive, walk-through forest installation of oversized robotic flowers and hanging gardens. Reminding us all to take it slowly, breathe and play! As visitors move around, the sculpture will react with gentle movements. Not replacing nature, but representing our relationship with the environment and exploring possibilities of technological innovation to aid ecological sustainability.

17/18 Milsom Street
FREE

Thursday 22 July – Saturday 24 July

at 14:00 & 17:00

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Secret Location in Bath

FREE EXPERIENCE (Donations welcome). Look out for further details about how to get a ticket.

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MORE FESTIVALS COMING SOON!

Folk Renaissance



Yes you read that right:
BATH FOLK FESTIVAL
will return in 2021!

Not enough of it is yet confirmed in detail to be able to write about here, but expect gigs in venues like The Bell, The Royal Oak, and The Grapes, as well as one-offs at other landmark spaces in the city, and that it will have a strong local focus, because the Bath Folk community is particularly strong at the moment and busting to play after lockdown.



Dates are 7-15 August, and more information will be found on www.facebook.com/bathfolk