

TAUNTON YOUTH CULTURE & ARTS

# the Tyca festival

all around Taunton

21 Oct  
to  
6 Nov  
2021

Free  
under 18s

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# Empowerment

**Arts Taunton are delighted to bring you Tyca 2021, a Festival of Culture and Arts for young people.**

As we emerge from the pandemic, we want to encourage young people to be bold, embrace life and share their stories through the arts so, this year's theme is Empowerment. Not only have we asked our performers to interpret this, we ourselves as organisers, have fed it into the very essence of the festival.

We see this as an opportunity to help young people grow, to facilitate opportunities where they can expand their knowledge (in a fun way) and for us to learn from them; what it is they want and need. We have brought some incredible talent to the table - people who are willing to share their extensive knowledge of their art and talents in empowering young people to be aspirational.

These talented performers include graduates who have left the area to train and have returned to share

their skills and experience, to empower younger artists to reach for that goal, confident that they follow others who have succeeded.

Through our workshop programme and our extensive outreach work we are aiming to help young people express themselves, try something new and tap into their inner creativity as a tool for empowerment across all aspects of their lives.

Tyca Festival 2021 is a celebration of all things empowering around youth culture and arts and we are delighted to, once again, give young people an important voice and avenue in which to perform.

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy the festival and, if you are between 10-25, take part in the workshops!

Book your tickets now for some exceptional performances, many of which are free, and help us celebrate our young people's strength and futures.

**For more detail of how this is happening please visit:  
<https://tycafestival.co.uk>**



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**Friday 22nd October**

## Tyca Music Festival

An eclectic evening of music featuring an array of up-and-coming young talent from around Taunton. The evening will showcase acoustic artists and bands and features a special collaborative commission with the hugely talented young Somerset composer, JJ Hathaway, and Simon Chalk with members of the Southern Sinfonia in what promises to be a spectacular melting pot of creativity and inspiration.

The performance will be the culmination of a number of weeks of workshops and rehearsals, that will see the young musicians being given unfettered access to their Southern Sinfonia counterparts, soaking up all of the experiences that these wonderful musicians can show them.

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**Thursday 21st October**

## Tyca Spoken Word Cabaret

Tyca has been working with young people across Somerset to bring you 'OnWords and UpWords', a spoken word cabaret, hosted by performance and spoken word artist Jackie Clementines.

Spoken word includes any kind of poetry recited out loud, including poetry readings, hip hop and rap, jazz poetry and monologues. The aim is to engage the audience with thought-provoking and sometimes challenging concepts.

This is a two-part event:

**4.30pm - 6.30pm** will feature the young spoken word artists, aged 11-17 years. (Tickets FREE)

**7.30pm - 9.30pm** will feature spoken word artists, aged 18-25 years. (Tickets £5)

**VENUE:** Tacchi Morris Arts Centre

**SEARCH ONLINE:**

[www.clementineslivearts.co.uk](http://www.clementineslivearts.co.uk)

**7:30pm**

**VENUE:** Tacchi Morris Arts Centre

**SEARCH ONLINE:**

**f** : JJ Hathaway Music  
[www.southernsinfonia.org.uk](http://www.southernsinfonia.org.uk)





Friday 29th October

## Tyca Workshop - Animation with Somerset Film

**Creature Features:** Learn how to create a simple 2-dimensional puppet of a strange creature and bring it to life using stop-frame animation.

A creative tabletop activity that combines crafting, imagination and digital technology. Create great animation using iPads/tablets, which will be provided on the day.

No experience needed. For aged 10+

**1pm - 3pm** (Tickets FREE)

**VENUE:** The Brewhouse Theatre, Creative Hub

**SEARCH ONLINE:**  
[www.thebrewhouse.net](http://www.thebrewhouse.net)

Friday 29th October

## Tyca Film Festival

This year we are launching a new initiative: a short film festival.

All films shown will be by young people on this year's festival theme of Empowerment. This will be followed by a Question and Answer session and feedback from a panel of judges from Somerset Film. There will be prizes of £75 for each category awarded.

Check out the Tyca website for details of how to enter: <https://tycafestival.co.uk/short-film-competition>

**5pm - 7pm**  
(Tickets: £5, under 18s FREE)

**VENUE:** The Brewhouse Theatre

**SEARCH ONLINE:**  
[www.somersetfilm.com](http://www.somersetfilm.com)

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Somerset  
Graduate Dancers  
supported by the  
Octagon Theatre

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**Friday 29th October**

## Tyca Dance Festival

Continuing with the theme of Empowerment, Tyca presents a celebration of dance, including two specially commissioned works by acclaimed choreographer Kay Crook of Chhaya Collective and Bristol's Helen Wilson, Director of award-winning Rise Youth Dance.

Dance companies include Somerset Graduate Dancers supported by the Octagon Theatre, Bridgwater & Taunton College Dancers, LA Dancers plus special guests, Rise Youth Dance from Bristol and Artistry Youth Dance from London.



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**7.30pm**

(Tickets: £5, under 18s FREE)

**VENUE:** The Brewhouse Theatre

**SEARCH ONLINE:**

[www.chhayacollective.com](http://www.chhayacollective.com)

[www.riseyouthdance.com](http://www.riseyouthdance.com)

[www.octagon-theatre.co.uk/whats-on/academy/somerset-graduate-dancers/8530/](http://www.octagon-theatre.co.uk/whats-on/academy/somerset-graduate-dancers/8530/)

[www.btc.ac.uk/students/academies/dance-academy/](http://www.btc.ac.uk/students/academies/dance-academy/)

[www.artistryyouthdance.com/](http://www.artistryyouthdance.com/)



**Saturday 30th October**

## Music Making Workshop with The Bluebirds Theatre Company

Join The Bluebirds team for a workshop of music-making. Become a 'Musician of Bremen' yourself!

Bring something that makes a sound (it can be anything - a paper bag, a saucepan, your voice or an existing instrument). We will have a fun workshop session making sounds together and learning a song from the show.

Suitable for all ages.

**10.30am - 12.30pm**

(Tickets: £5, under 18s FREE)

**VENUE:** The Brewhouse Theatre

**SEARCH ONLINE:**

[www.bluebirdtheatre.org](http://www.bluebirdtheatre.org)



**Saturday 30th October**

## The Musicians of Bremen

Tyca present a family show, 'The Musicians of Bremen', which is The Bluebirds' brand new musical show for family audiences. Based on the Grimm Brothers' tale of four abandoned animals seeking a new life, the show celebrates the musical potential of everyone.

The animals: donkey, dog, cat and chicken, all decide to go to Bremen to become musicians. After a scary experience with wicked robbers, they abandon their quest and instead resolve to live as musicians together. It's a joyful tale with some great dramatic characters brought to life with awesome puppets on the magical open-air stage of The Popera House.

**2.30 pm** (FREE - no need to book – just turn up and enjoy!)

**VENUE:** Outside The Brewhouse Theatre in the Popera House



Saturday 30th October

## Tyca Drama Festival

This evening is a presentation of short works by the Brewhouse Youth Theatre, featuring 'Sunday Roast' which explores the unsaid secrets among families and is centred around a Sunday Roast Dinner table. An intriguing mix of life experiences, all mixed together with singing vegetables, gravy and Yorkshire puddings!

The evening also includes new work by Richard Huish College Theatre Students, Taunton School Enrichment Programme performers and MAKE Performing Arts.

**7pm** (Tickets: £5, under 18's FREE)

**VENUE:** The Brewhouse Theatre (Studio Theatre)

**SEARCH ONLINE:**

[www.huish.ac.uk/student-information/enrichment/performing-arts-enrichment/](http://www.huish.ac.uk/student-information/enrichment/performing-arts-enrichment/)  
[www.tauntonschool.co.uk/prep/prep-academic/extension-enrichment-and-challenge/](http://www.tauntonschool.co.uk/prep/prep-academic/extension-enrichment-and-challenge/)

1st – 6th November

## Tyca Art and Fashion Exhibition

We are delighted this year to collaborate on a new event with Bridgwater and Taunton College.

Art students from the college have developed a response to the Tyca 2021 theme of Empowerment through a mixed media of photography, design, visual art, video and fashion.

This exhibition will be available to view to the public, free of charge.

**VENUE:** The Brewhouse Theatre Gallery

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Somerset Youth Theatre







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