

Taunton Youth Culture and Arts Festival

Tyca FESTIVAL 2023

June
10th
12:00 - 20:00

Coal Orchard, Taunton, TA1 1JL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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Taunton Youth Culture and Arts Festival celebrates the creativity of young people aged 5-25. It is organised by local charity, Arts Taunton, alongside a huge range of partners and supported by Arts Council England.

The festival is a great opportunity for people of all ages to see the work of local young people and get involved with a range of workshops and masterclasses.

This free family festival will run both inside the Brewhouse Theatre and outside in Somerset Square.

The TYCA 2023 theme is “Our Place” and a huge range of original work has been created on this theme.

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Somerset Square



The Brewhouse Stage

The Brewhouse stage is the theatre's main house. All shows are free but seats are limited. You can book free tickets on the Brewhouse website beforehand or at the box office on the day (whilst availability lasts).

14:20

Take Art presents:

The Spring Forward Takeover

Following the success of their three platforms in March, Spring Forward will come to TYCA bringing together local dancers to perform on a professional stage.

The Spring Forward Takeover will showcase an exciting mix of styles and choreography including Jazz, Contemporary, Street Dance and Dance Theatre, along with fantastic fun and feel-good performances from local schools, local youth dance companies and dance schools from Somerset.

16:00

Guildhall Young Artists Taunton Presents:

GYAT Rising Stars!

As part of TYCA Festival 2023 Guildhall Young Artists Taunton students will be presenting a series of solo performances accompanied by a professional pianist.

Guildhall Young Artists Taunton is part of Guildhall School's network of centres, providing inspiring performing arts training for children and young people.

The Brewhouse Stage

17:10

Spoken Word Showcase

Three brilliant young artists will share their words in this spellbinding showcase. Natasha and Maya will perform original spoken word poetry and Madison will present her vision for an upcoming theatre production.

Natasha Elizabeth -

Natasha tells us her poetry is a mixed bag of self-discovery, womanhood and the result of spending too much time in her own thoughts. Poetry is a way for her to understand herself and the world around her in the hope that it will do the same for those who take the time to listen to her "waffle", her word not ours!

Maya Salway-Powell -

A spoken word act exploring topics such as love, friendship, sexuality, life and death.

Maya is a deep thinker and uses poetry to explore this. Writing, for her, is cathartic. It empowers her to process difficult emotions she's faced with.

Madison Bouchta -

Madison is one of TYCA's 2023 commissioned artists. She is writing, directing and producing an original theatrical play, which breaks stereotypes and explores the challenges faced by young people in the modern era. She will present her vision and share a short video about her process.





19.15

Southern Sinfonia presents:

Our Place - by J.J. Hathaway

In this "side by side" concert, Southern Sinfonia will perform a brand new composition created for TYCA 2023 by award-winning young composer J.J. Hathaway. This event will see the young musicians of Taunton partnered with members of Southern Sinfonia to deliver this.

Based in Somerset, Southern Sinfonia play a diverse and exciting repertoire and present world-class performances of the highest quality across the South of England, all year round.

The Dreamers Stage

Our outdoor festival stage showcasing an awesome array of young musicians.



12 noon

Meredith Disney Walford

An acoustic set of original Indie-Rock songs

Meredith will play an acoustic set of original Indie-Rock songs from her highly anticipated EP. These songs combine her vast array of musical influences in Rock (and its subgenres), Rap, Jazz, and Jazz Fusion.

12.25

Elliot Coles

An original trumpet performance

Elliott started playing the trumpet at age 5 after being inspired by hearing The Last Post. He is currently working towards his grade 7 at the end of the year. He will play one original piece and one piece which inspires him.

13:00

NXSH

Originals and covers in Rock and Pop

NXSH (pronounced neesh) are an up and coming band with influences in rock and pop. Expect an eclectic mix of covers and originals to get you on your feet.

13:30

IDK_yet

Original songs to put a smile on your face!

IDK_yet write and perform original songs hoping to put smiles on audiences faces.

Practising regularly at the Minehead Eye their first live performance was at Young Somerset Live 2023.



13.50

Robbie Hope

An acoustic set of originals and covers

Robbie will perform an original song called 'Rocket ship' which got in the top 30 of this year's young songwriter 2023 competition, along with covers of Oasis, Coldplay and Stereophonics.

14:30

Don't Machine

An original ambient electronic set

A dark ambient electronic mess, describing little worlds and soundscapes through music. Don't Machine formed in 2020, starting out as a little indie project, soon creating more electronic and ambient soundscapes.

15.05

Mac Lee

Acoustic guitar and vocals playing covers and originals

Mac Lee is a 16 year old singer / songwriter from Taunton. In 2021 he picked up the guitar and began busking around Taunton. Mac is one of TYCA's 2023 commissioned Artists.

16:00

Mandatory

A Rock and Metal band

A Richard Huish College 1st year band. All have gigging experience in out of college environments.



Don't Machine

The Dreamers Stage

16.35

Syncopation

Alt-Rock with a Metal twist

Syncopation are a gig experienced band, they have played in venues across Somerset. They have also had experience in playing in outdoor festivals.

17:05

Totem DJ Collective takeover

Three powerful DJ sets from the three Totem members, Fleabag, Merciful and Rylander, ranging in genre from House and Garage to Jungle and Drum & Bass.

DJ Collective Totem have recently found success in the Taunton scene with their unique dance music events and raves.

Supported by Mammoth Sound System.





18:00

**Somerset Youth Theatre
presents:**

The Giant Man

SYT Taunton company have devised, produced and led the way in commissioning Artists to co-create The Giant Man, an outdoor theatre, music and circus performance that tells the story of characters in 19th century travelling fairs. Inspired by the true story of Joseph Sewell and his Giant Shoes, which you can see at the Somerset Museum, Taunton. SYT Taunton company have had great fun leading the way and learning how to produce this performance from scratch.

18:30

The Hobos

An interesting and fun band with a great live set, involving the crowd massively for an unforgettable experience.

The band was formed as part of coursework for their music course at Richard Huish College and they aim to be the best band they can be.

The Wandering Circus

Called the Wandering Circus because it really does wander! A range of street theatre, circus, dance and parkour performances spilling out around Somerset Square, with the aerial rig at its epicentre.



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12:30

Cirque de Silk presents:

An Aerial Circus extravaganza

The students of Cirque de Silk will be dazzling audiences with their dynamic, daring and stunning aerial performances. With performers ranging from 4 to 18 years old you'll get a glimpse into the wonderful world of aerial arts with performances on aerial silks and aerial hoops.

13:00

Open Aerial Circus Workshops:

From Cirque de Silk

Learn aerial circus skills from the very best!

These workshops are open to all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities.

No need to pre-book just turn up but make sure you are in the queue at the start time because slots will book up fast!



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AERIAL ARTS



13:30

Stacked Wonky Presents:

4 Minutes

A countdown duet for two 16-year-olds with just 4 minutes to report back on life. Raw, physically risky and delicate – like a radio that refuses to be tuned to one station.

Follow the 4 minutes balloon to find this performance.

Stacked Wonky is a glorious entanglement of performance making, incredible kids and a high street HQ in Porlock. They believe young people have the power to deliver a gut-punch to audiences unlike any other.

STACKED WONKY

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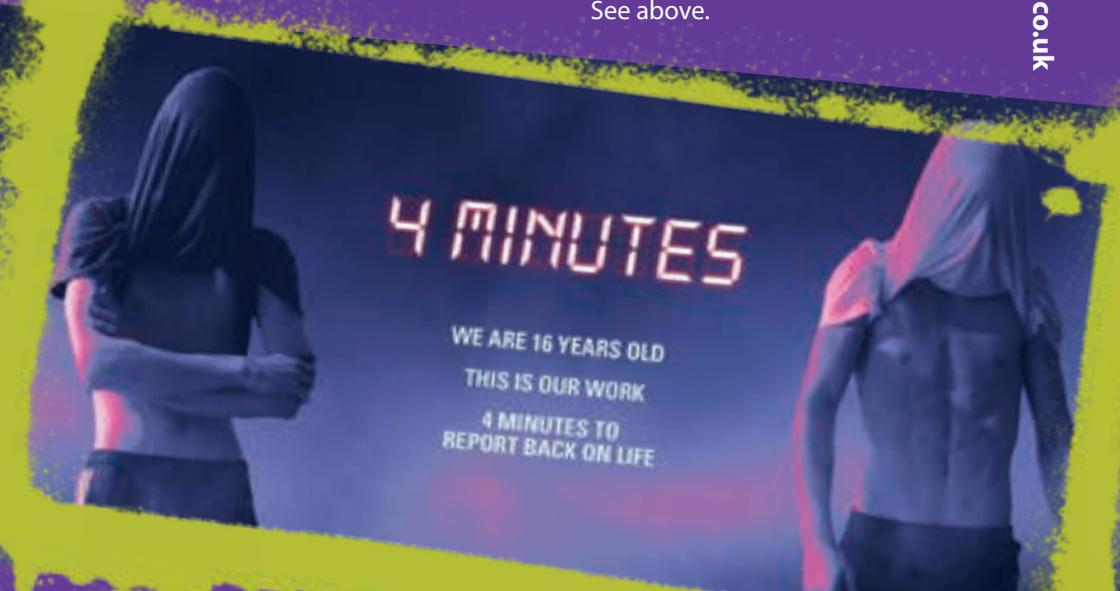
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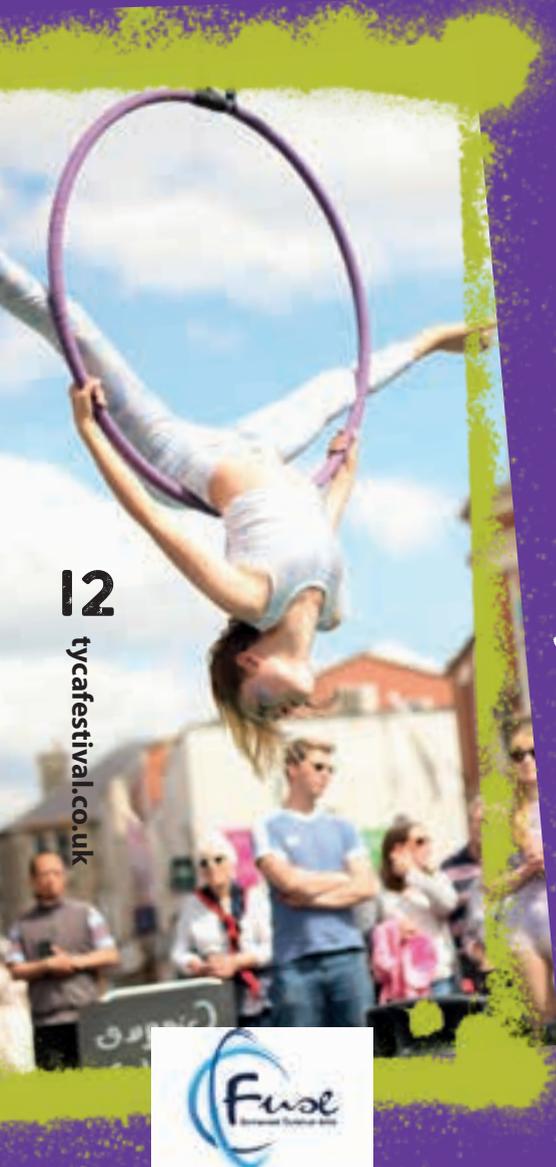
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The Wandering Circus



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15:30

Fuse Outdoor Arts Presents:

The Fuse Youth Circus Spectacular!

A stunning youth circus performance culminating in a big fiery finale!

Fuse is a not-for-profit arts organisation based in Somerset. For over 10 years they have run the award-winning Streetlinkz Creative Hub in Halcon, Taunton where they have been building up to this performance.

16:30

Stacked Wonky Presents:

4 Minutes

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The Gallery, Brewhouse

Curated by Go Create, the Brewhouse Gallery will exhibit all day as well as hosting film screenings at programmed times.



All Day

“Our Place” a Visual Arts Showcase

Curated by Go Create

This showcase is a celebration of 2D and 3D artwork created by young people aged 7-25. The festival theme of “Our Place” has been explored and interpreted in many different ways as the young people have used colour, shape, line, tone, form, space and texture to express their concept...

Go Create CIC strives to seek out, encourage and promote creativity, to make the arts accessible to everyone.



12 midday

Somerset Film Presents: Short Films by Young Somerset Filmmakers - the launch

A variety of short films produced by 16-19 year olds in Somerset. This will launch at 12 noon then the films will continue to be looped.

Somerset Film is an educational charity and film production company, committed to encouraging the creative use of moving image and digital media in Somerset.

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The Gallery, Brewhouse

15.00

The Ukrainian Arts Club
presents:

Наше місце: Our place

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presents:

A short film capturing the experiences of 15 local Ukrainian teenagers in response to the festival theme 'Our Place'. The film comprises 15 mini clips produced by the group exploring their personal identities and experiences both here and from their homeland in Ukraine.

GoCreate, Somerset Youth Theatre & CiCCiC have worked with young people from Ukraine to create this production.

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Workshops and activities, Somerset Square

Dotted around our event site you will find a range of brilliant free workshops and masterclasses where you can learn new skills from professional artists. No need to pre-book - just turn up!

12 - 18:00

Open Box Circus Workshops

By Fuse Outdoor Arts

Learn how to throw, catch, balance, spin and roll a whole host of traditional circus props! There will be something in this workshop for EVERYONE regardless of age or ability.

12 Midday - When it is finished!

Aerosol Art Workshop

By Fresh Rotten Apples

The truly incredible Sam Gaden from Fresh Rotten Apples will coordinate the creation of a live collaborative street art piece. Arrive early to avoid disappointment because when it is done it is done!

Sam has been working as a professional aerosol artist for over 4 years and has created many of Taunton's best loved street art pieces.

12.30, 14.00 and 15.30

Puppetry Workshops

By The Bluebirds Theatre Company

Join The Bluebirds Theatre Company for an interactive puppet and music making workshop on their very own mobile pop-up stage - The Popera House.

In the workshop you'll work with professional theatre makers with puppets and sound to create brand new stories in a magical theatre space. Suitable for all ages.

The Bluebirds are a professional Music Theatre company based in Somerset and London. They specialise in devising new and innovative work:

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