



THE OLD ELECTRIC

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Frydays: Louis Turner and Madeline Hatt

Friday 22 September • Time: 7pm • Age: 8+ • Price: £7

Twins, Chris and Chriss's, father owned the world famous fish and chip shop; FRYDAYS until he died a year ago. Since then they've dealt with this by locking themselves inside a freezer and refusing to engage with the world. Inside the freezer they play games and act out stories to entertain themselves. On their surreal and imaginary adventures they meet an array of bizarre characters. Wacky, wonderful and weird, FRYDAYS is an absurd musical comedy about family, friendship and fish and chips.



*Martha Pailing: Chat Sh*t, Get Hit (Work-in-progress)*

Friday 29 September • Time: 7pm • Age: 16+ • Price: £5

"What if your anger just simmers underneath? If it never quite reaches boiling point, but it's present, burning your insides?" Combining spoken word, theatre and football chants, Chat Sh*t, Get Hit is a poignant and hilarious new show about recovery, solidarity and the suppression of women's rage. Includes post-show Q&A with Martha and core creative team.



Beggars Belief Collective: Pennylick Show Development Workshop

Friday 6 October • Time: 7pm • Age: 18+ • Price: £5

Beggars Belief invite you to take part in this developmental workshop for their new family show; a tale of ice-cream and death. Please bring along a cherished object to help us uncover your story using simple art techniques and drama games. No experience required - all are welcome.

Thrills and Chills Week

Monday 23 October to Sunday 29 October

For one spooky week in October the macabre production company Omelas to Carcosa is taking over TheOE, programming a series of artists from the horror genre in a collection of live performances through the week. See website for full details.



THRILLS AND CHILLS WEEK
@ TheOE

Local Foreigner: Island Folk

Friday 17 November • Time: 7pm • Age: 16+ • Price: £7

The audience is taken on an immersive journey that begins 400 thousand years ago with the Homo heidelbergensis, passes through the Beaker, Romans, Celts, Normans, colonialism, the suffragettes, punk music, rave culture and Brexit to finally get to the present day. Along the way there are flying objects, toys, folk songs, sword fights, sailing, killings, hot tea and beautiful landscapes where the public gets to sing, cheer, be characters of the past and imagine how the future might look like.



Alternative Christmas Cabaret

Friday 8 December • Time: 7pm • Age: 18+ • Price: £10

Come join the coolest yule in town and support your local performance collective We will be showcasing a brilliant range of singing, dancing, music, spoken word and more.

Ending the night with big energy dance party vibes brought to you by Her House. Have you been naughty or nice? It doesn't matter - there's something in Santa's sack for everyone this year!





Life Drawing

Mike Cassidy

Mondays starting 11 September + 30 October for 6-weeks • Time: 6-8pm • Age: 18+
Price: £40 for a 6-week course

Develop your drawing skills by working with a live nude model, observing and drawing the form, and learn how to look and make marks that translate your experience onto paper. You'll also receive guidance and support where needed, and gain a new creative perspective on the human form and condition. We want to celebrate body diversity, if you're interested in being a model, please contact Mike

Moving with Wingz

Aishley Docherty

Tuesdays starting 12 September + 31 October for 6-weeks • Time: 2.30-4pm • Age: 18+
Price: Free

Explore the freeing, intuitive, social power of House Music as you stretch, move and get your groove on through these guided sessions aimed at adults of all ages and physicality.



Electric Pink Voices

Phil Fairhurst

Date: Tuesdays starting 12 September + 31 October for 6-weeks • Time: 6.30-8pm • Age: 18+ • Price: Free

Blackpool's new LGBTQ+ choir. In partnership with Manchester's The Sunday Boys is an inclusive singing group who sing great tunes, perform and make new friends. No audition, no entry fee, everyone welcome including allies. There's the opportunity to socialise after sessions 8-9pm in our relaxed, friendly alcohol-free space.

We will be working towards a showcase in December. If you are exploring gender identity and would feel more comfortable using a taxi service to attend these sessions, please contact us about support.



Singing + Music Making

Liz Wilkinson + Lucy Ray

Mondays starting 11 September + 30 October for 6-weeks • Time: 6.30-8pm • Age: 18+ • Price: Free

Find out how you can make music your own way! A chance to explore singing and a range of instruments; whether you're an absolute beginner or you've been enjoying making music for years. We'll explore different genres and songs, warming up and working together to make beautiful music. We will be working towards a showcase in December.



Creating Original Music

Liz Wilkinson + Lucy Ray

Mondays starting 30 October for 6-weeks
Time: 8.30-10pm • Age: 18+ • Price: Free

Have you ever wondered how professional songwriters create their work? We aim to demystify this process by inviting singers + musicians to explore the mechanics of how songs are constructed; including how to generate lyrics and set them to a melody and chord progression. A relaxed, friendly and supportive environment where beginners, improvers and more accomplished musicians alike can all play together and work towards a scratch orchestra; There will be a chance to record new works on a simple computer set-up.

Clubbercise Gemma Sweeney

Date: Tuesdays starting 12 September + 31 October for 6-weeks • Time: 8-9.30pm
Age: 18+ • Price: £30 for 6-weeks

Fun easy-to-follow dance workout to club anthems from 90s to today's hits.

Bring ya energy. Shake ya shimmy and have a laugh with some old skool tunes. Glow Sticks provided.





Nerdvana Games Night

Becky Doran-Brown

Date: Every fortnight on Wednesdays, 13 September, 27 September, 11 October, 8 November, 22 November • Time: 5.30-8pm • Age: 14+
Price: £2 per session

A relaxed night of gaming and socialising presented by Nerdvana. Everything from tabletop, party games, word play, chance, luck and full on strategy games there'll be a selection suited to all types of gamers as well as guidance and support in breaking down the rules. A broad range of games are supplied but please also feel free to bring your own along. Sessions take place every fortnight.



Performance Games

Melanie Whitehead

Date: Wednesdays starting 13 September + 1 November for 6-weeks • Time: 6-7.30pm
Age: 18+ • Price: Free

Learn to play as actors do in a rehearsal process. Explore how to use a broad range of games, exercises and techniques to build your self-awareness, stage presence, vocal power and movement skills in a safe, supportive environment. Sessions will run as 2 complete 6-week courses.



Script Sharing

Melanie Whitehead

Date: 13 September, 11 October, 8 November, 6 December • Time: 8-9.30pm • Age: 18+
Price: Free

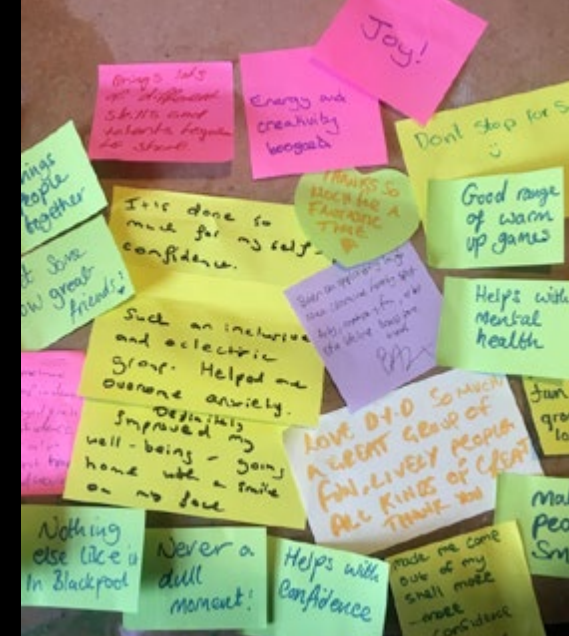
A monthly online and in-person group aimed at anyone interested in writing for the stage. Each month we read aloud new work by members of this group or other playwrights. A peer-supported group for writers who have ideas, scenes or whole plays they have developed; a safe environment for sharing, feeding back and being first to hear about new writing initiatives.

Creative Networking

Melanie Whitehead + Guests

First Thursday of the month - 7 September, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December • Time: 8.30-10am • Age: 18+ Price: Free

A monthly online and in-person networking opportunity open to any creative professionals living or working in Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre. A place to share ideas, to connect with peers, develop strategic partnership links, learn from each other and to nurture an open and transparent approach to programming in the area. These will be followed by:
ARTIST SURGERIES - A place for general advice, specific queries about funding, programming or partnerships and a chance to support your professional development needs. Free tea/coffee available on a self-serve basis if you bring along your own mug.



Non-Working Men's Club

Buzz Bury + Rob Mason + Ollie Clubb

Every fortnight on Thursdays - 14 September, 28 September, 12 October, 9 November, 23 November, 14 December, 28 December • Time: 9.30-11am
Age: 18+ • Price: Free

A new fortnightly opportunity for men of all ages to connect and talk with each other, a chance to explore, engage creatively and learn new skills, including podcasting possibilities. Free tea/coffee available on a self-serve basis if you bring along your own mug.

Podcast Production Studio

Through our partnership with Think Forward and recent funding from BCH, the Sound Booth is now available for community and commercial hire and use. We can guide you through exploring the podcasting world and support you to create and record content, build a following and get familiar with the space and the equipment. Get in touch for more information and prices. podcasts@thinkforwardcic.co.uk





The Nap Club

Buzz Bury + Stu North + Rik Thompson

First Thursday of the month - 7 September, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December

Time: 2-4pm • Age: 18+ • Price: £5 per session

The daytime sister of Sound-a-Sleep where DJ's guide you through a music inspired power nap and blissful siesta. Bring a mat, pillow and a blanket and experience a journey that takes you from ambient experimentalism to calming field recordings and all genres of quiet music. Tune in and tune out, slow things down with immersive ambient listening experience designed to leave you energised and ready to face the world.

Pot Club

Mike Cassidy

Saturday 10 October, 4 November, 9 December
Time: 10am-1pm • Age: 18+ • Price: £90 for 3 sessions

An introduction to ceramics. Exploring some basic forming and joining techniques, you'll get the chance to make your own stoneware cups, and design and make your own unique 'spirit vessel' You'll have input from Mike, whilst expressing yourself through your own chosen themes and designs. You'll even have the opportunity to get your own drawing converted into a 3D-printed stamp ready to use on your work. Following the final session, your work will be 'glaze' fired and will be ready for collection (before Christmas!) from TheOE.



Creativity for Self-esteem

Liz Wilkinson

Thursdays starting 2 November for 6 weeks

Time: 4-5.30pm • Age: 18+ • Price: £30 for 6-weeks

Be welcomed by our Associate Artist Liz Wilkinson and take part in a short course which will help you discover how you can improve your confidence and self-esteem. Using a series of fun and simple activities, in a friendly, low-pressure environment, we'll support each other and develop skills which you can transfer into your social life or workplace!

Burlesque

Becky Doran-Brown

Saturdays starting 4 November for 6-weeks

Time: 2-5pm • Age: 18+ • Price: £30 for 6-weeks

Explore movement and sexual power via elements of direct learning, movement exploration and group discussions where we collaborate to develop numbers which focus on our personal experiences, dreams, fantasies and ownership! We will be working towards a showcase in December.



Th'ESPs; Community Theatre Company Rehearsals

Melanie Whitehead

Date: TBC • Time: 6-9pm • Age: 18+ • Price: Free

From the company that brought you Sandgown Tails, St George & The Dragon, Dream, The Snow Queen and Dead Dog in a Suitcase; we're on the hunt for our next formation of dedicated, curious, playful, and skilled performers, makers and technicians. Email us at info@theoldlectric.co.uk if you're interested in being part of our groundbreaking company of theatre-makers.

Sensational Silent Disco

Stu North, Rob Del Terror and Her House

Saturday 4 November • Time: 7-10pm

Age: 18+ • Price: £8

A night where music and dance speak louder than words! You will be issued with wireless headphones on arrival, you then have the power to choose your soundtrack for the evening. Our DJ's will broadcast on 2-3 channels giving you the unique opportunity to curate your own dance night. It's a chance for our former nightclub space, now theatre, to step back in time and for the introverts and extroverts to embrace the dance floor.





Gong Bath

Go-Gongs

Saturday 2 December

Time: 7-9pm • Age: 18+ • Price: £10

During a gong session, your body absorbs sounds that it needs for healing whilst filtering out what is no longer required. The complex, yet delicate, overtones of the gongs, allow your superficial thoughts to dissipate and you can easily reach a much deeper consciousness leaving you in a very calm, relaxed state. The gong vibrations continue to work long after the gong bath has finished.

Negativity and chaos are suspended; irregularity and resistance disappear and the whole being is returned to harmonic balance; the ULTIMATE reset button. (Places limited to 20)



Space Hire

Whether you're looking for a place to meet, rehearse, perform or make, we've got a space that will suit your needs. Plus, all of our spaces are fully accessible via the lift.

For more information about our spaces including rates and capacities check our Booking Request Form on the Visit Us/Spaces+Hires section of our website.



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The Old Electric is just a stone's throw from Blackpool's iconic Golden Mile, Blackpool North Station and the Tower. Find us on Springfield Road, Blackpool, FY1 1QW



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