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# Schedule: September - December

## Performances, Events + Monthly Sessions

September			
Mon 2 - Sat 7	Fancy a Turn?	TBC	18+
Thu 5	Creative Network Breakfast	9-10.30am	18+
Fri 6	The Fancy A Turn Showcase Revue	7pm	18+
Mon 9	Beginners Digital DJ-ing	4.30-6pm	18+
Thu 12	Laughter Yoga	6-8pm	18+
Sat 14	Pen + Ink Sketching	10am-12noon	18+
Fri 27	The Lodger	7pm	14+
October			
Thu 3	Creative Network Breakfast	9-10.30am	18+
Fri 4	8-hours there and back	7pm	13+
Fri 11	The Kasper Hauser Experiment	7pm	16+
Fri 18	Cultivating Mad Cow	7pm	16+
Fri 25	Batty!	7pm	16+
Sat 26	Batty!	2pm	16+
November			
Thu 7	Creative Network Breakfast	9-10.30am	18+
Fri 8	Long Strong Hair	7pm	16+
Fri 22	Toxic	7pm	16+
December			
Thu 5	Creative Network Breakfast	9-10.30am	18+
Fri 6	Alternative Christmas Cabaret	7pm	18+

## Weekly Sessions - Please check page listings for full details.

Mondays	
Life Drawing   6.30-8pm   Starts 16 Sept + 4 Nov	
Vocal Jam   6.30-8pm   Starts 16 Sept + 4 Nov	
Tuesdays	
From Page to Stage: A Practical Introduction to Spoken Word   6.30-8pm   Starts 24 Sept + 5 Nov	
Electric Pink Voices   6.30-8pm   Starts 17 Sept + 5 Nov	
Wednesdays	
Musical Improv + Composition   6.30-8pm   Starts 18 Sept + 6 Nov	
Clubbercise   6.30-8pm   Starts 18 Sept + 6 Nov	
Thursdays	
Non-Working Mens Club   9.30-11am   Starts 12 Sept (fortnightly)	
Drama for Fun   4.30-6pm   Starts 19 Sept + 7 Nov	
Community Theatre   6.30-8.30pm   Starts 19 Sept + 7 Nov	



# Alternative Christmas Cabaret

Friday 6 December • 7pm • 18+ • £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.

Have you been naughty or nice? It doesn't matter - there's something in Santa's sack for everyone this year!

Back by popular demand!



## *The Fancy A Turn Showcase Revue*

Friday 6 September • 7pm • 18+ • £5

Scratch the surface and experience the fabulous, funny or perhaps even freaky in brand new cabaret acts and performances from our very own Queer Amusements development programme, Fancy A Turn?

Ten iconic legends will debut and premiere something they've been making and honing all week and you'll be the very first in the world to enjoy it!

## *Fancy a Turn?*

Monday 2 - Saturday 7 September

Ever fancied dipping your toe into the exciting world of cabaret? Perhaps you wanna create a brand new piece of short form performance?

Well we've absolutely got you covered, babes! Here is your chance to get involved as we present Fancy A Turn? A week long development opportunity from two award winning show offs, Scottee and Harry Clayton-Wright.

Book your place at [queeramusements.com](http://queeramusements.com)



## *The Lodger*

Friday 27 September • 7pm • 14+ • £8

Ever felt like you were on a quest to find home and a sense of belonging? In this new work in progress theatre maker Dora Colquhoun explores this question. The world of *The Lodger* is disparate, hilarious and sometimes heartbreaking. You will meet a Sunday school teacher, a holiday camp entertainer, and a landlady all trying to find a sense of belonging.

This show is an entertaining collage of storytelling, original music and playful characters exploring our need for connection and community, and ask what happens when it breaks down?

## *8-hours there and back*

Friday 4 October • 7pm • 13+ • £8

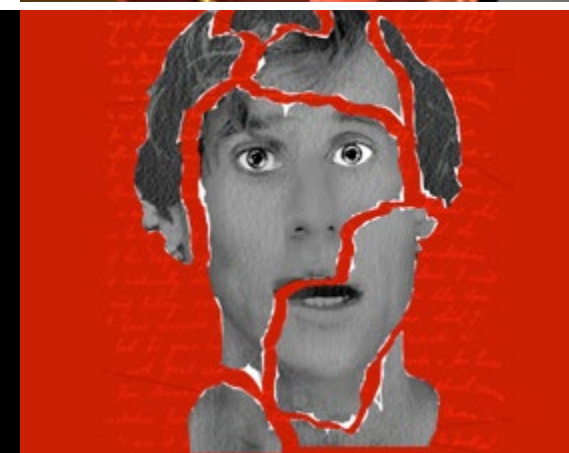
Our Lives are timed around phone calls and visits that clash with our footy practice, dance classes, mate's birthday parties, school lessons... We move house and live with our nans and granddads and aunts and uncles. We go to school and try and dodge looks and questions. What did they do? How long did they get? Have you seen them? We get our heads down, try to get good marks, stay out of trouble, blend in, be normal '8 Hours There and Back' follows the stories of Finn, Liam and Grace as they navigate a world that they shouldn't be in and a judicial system that has forgotten about them.



## *The Kasper Hauser Experiment*

Friday 11 October • 7pm • 16+ • £8

It's 1828 and a strange boy calling himself 'Kasper Hauser' appears in the town square claiming to have been held prisoner in a darkened cell for 17 years. But who is he really? Conman? Orphan? Or an abducted prince caught in the middle of a political game? You are invited to the court of Nuremberg to witness key testimonies from those who know him best, hear the conspiracies and rumours that surround him and watch Kasper try to uncover the facts.



## *Cultivating Mad Cow*

Friday 18 October • 7pm • 16+ • £8

This high Octane, crazy, giant puddle of energetic chaos of a play is stirred up by a psychotic social-worker mum who loves to write, loves her community and loves a man in a call center she has never met. It follows an eight month period in the life of Kathryn, a desperately ill woman making 9 foot paper mache penis's in her garden, buying lighthouses and occasionally getting herself arrested in swimming pools. With no one managing to give her any meaningful support, she desperately seeks out someone as a last ditch attempt to save her life. This dark comedy will have you laughing and crying all at the same time.





## Batty!

Friday 25 October at 7pm + Saturday 26 October at 2pm • 16+ • £8

Have you got a wild side? Batty has dreams – vivid ones of running barefoot, wild swimming, of talking to trees, strange animals and the scent of the seasons turning. In fact she’s starting to wonder if she might be a witch. Of course she can’t be – but something is changing, something is coming...

Join Batty as she finds herself, and the environment, in this daringly funny and down to earth look at how we embrace the power of our magic and wildness.



## Long Strong Hair

Friday 8 November • 7pm • 16+ • £8

In this autobiographical two-hander using movement, projection and poetry, we follow the character of Amrit, a neurodivergent, Queer, Non-Binary Sikh person from Manchester.

With the aid of a friend, we embark on a journey of self discovery and how hair is an integral part of Amrit’s identity, gender, sexuality and spiritual growth. Amrit explores binary gender dynamics and body hair shame. Asking why is the hair on our head honoured and the hair on our body shamed?



## Toxic

Friday 22 November • 7pm • 16+ • £8

Andy’s husband has left him. Best friend James is a man’s man, who uses gags to disguise his vulnerability. As Andy’s mental health spirals, they both must learn to speak up or be swallowed. Time is running out.

Winner of the 2021 Write For The Stage and OffFest Awards, Toxic is an exploration of what it means to be a man and the power of friendship at a time when men account for three quarters of all UK suicides.

## Beginners Digital DJ-ing

DJ Devolicious

Monday 9 September • 4.30-6pm • 18+ • £5

Love dance music? Ever wondered what DJs are doing up there twiddling knobs? Want to be able to play and share your selections with energetic flow? Come have a play!



## Laughter Yoga

James Porteous

Thursday 12 September • 6-8pm • 18+ • £3

Join James Porteous in a unique taster session that we hope might become a regular Laughter Club here. Laughter Yoga is a movement that began in 1995 in India by a doctor and has spread across the world. It provides a huge range of benefits to your mental health and physical well-being such as boosting your immune system and lifting your mood. Laughter is created by the use of simulated laughter exercises until it becomes real, as scientific evidence says that the body cannot differentiate between real of fake laughter. No use of jokes, comedy or humour, just a series of playful exercises combined with Pranayama (deep breathing exercises) and that is where the name Laughter Yoga comes from.



## Pen + Ink Sketching

John Crompton

Saturday 14 September • 10am-12noon • £5

Join artist John Crompton in this one-off taster session designed to kick-start your connection to pen and ink drawing. John will offer ideas to get you started in this art form as well as support you to improve your technique. This is a friendly, supportive environment open to absolute beginners as well as more experienced artists. Get ready to capture those beautiful autumnal scenes with ease and simplicity. All materials will be provided.





### *Life Drawing* Mike Cassidy

Mondays starting from 16 Sept for 6-weeks + 4 Nov for 5-weeks • 6.30-8pm • 18+ • £50-60

Develop your drawing skills by working with a live nude model, observing and drawing the form, and learn how to translate your experience onto paper. You'll receive guidance and support where needed, and gain a new creative perspective on the human form and condition.



### *Vocal Jam* Liz Wilkinson

Mondays starting from 16 Sept for 6-weeks + 4 Nov for 5-weeks • 6.30-8pm • 18+ • Free

Vocal Jam is a chance to come and sing together! Using a wide range of song styles and influences, you'll learn exercises to improve your singing and feel how singing as part of a group can improve your health and wellbeing, whatever your experience or ability level.



### *From Page to Stage*

A Practical Introduction to Spoken Word with Bebe

Tuesdays starting from 24 Sept for 5-weeks + 5 Nov for 5-weeks 6.30-8pm • 16+ • £20

Bebe will guide you through a range of techniques for getting your ideas out of your head and onto paper, taking those words and standing up in front of others to share them. For absolute beginners as well as those looking to be supported in honing their craft. Includes an opportunity to develop a piece for our Alternative Christmas Cabaret for those who want to showcase their ideas in front of a larger audience.



### *Electric Pink Voices*

Blackpool's LGBTQ+ choir led by Phill Fairhurst

Tuesdays starting from 17 Sept for 6-weeks + 5 Nov for 5-weeks • 6.30-8pm • 18+ • Free

Join a safe, inclusive and creative space to sing and make music. Now a well-established group, Electric Pink Voices, these weekly rehearsals are an opportunity for members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies to celebrate, challenge and explore the world through song and performance.

### *Musical Improv + Composition* Lucy Rae

Wednesdays starting from 18 Sept for 6-weeks + 6 Nov for 5-weeks • 6.30-8pm • 18+ • Free

A musical gathering for complete beginner and intermediate instrumentalists alike. We will look at methods for creating original music through a series of music improvisation workshop pieces that examine the process of listening and generating music, leading to the collective creation of various pieces of music and songs. Come and explore the fundamentals of what music creation is and how it works.



### *Clubbercise* Gemma Sweeney

Wednesdays starting from 18 Sept for 6-weeks + 6 Nov for 5-weeks • 6.30-8.30pm • 18+ • £6

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.



### *Drama for Fun* Melanie Whitehead

Thursdays starting from 19 Sept for 6-weeks + 7 Nov for 5-weeks • 4.30-6pm • 18+ • Free

Join Melanie for fun, interactive sessions delving into various topics using rehearsal room techniques. Boost your confidence, enhance performance skills, and connect with fellow theatre lovers. Each course offers a diverse mix of activities including physical exercises, vocal drills, and more.



### *Community Theatre*

Thursdays starting from 19 Sept for 6-weeks + 7 Nov for 5-weeks • 6.30-8pm • 18+ • Free

Each season we work collaboratively on a new and ambitious performance project, designed for anyone interested in making new, exciting theatre. The next project is still tbc. If you'd like to stretch your skills, push yourself outside of your comfort zone, feel part of a welcoming and supportive creative community and be actively involved in the decision-making process, then come along on 19 September.





## Creative Network Breakfast

Thursdays 5 Sept, 3 Oct, 7 Nov + 5 Dec  
9-10.30am • 18+ • 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.



## Space Hire

Whether you're looking for a place to meet, rehearse, perform or make, we've got a welcoming, fully accessible, and unique space to suit your needs. To check availability, to book in for a show round, or to discuss rates, access and capacities, please do get in touch via the website: Visit Us / Spaces & Hires



## Non-Working Men's Club

Thursday 12+26 Sept, 10+24 Oct, 14+28 Nov + 12 Dec  
9.30-11am • 18+ • Free

Twice a month safe space for men of every age converge to foster connections and engage in meaningful conversations. The partnership approach led by Think Forward provides a unique opportunity provides a platform to explore diverse topics, unleash creativity, and acquire new skills – maybe even podcasting. Join us in this dynamic gathering, where camaraderie, exploration, and the pursuit of knowledge intertwine to create an enriching experience for all involved.



## Tours

If you're interested in finding out more about the building then please contact us about booking in a time slot for either a self-guided audio tour or an in-person tour with one of our team.



## Podcasting 101 + Consultancy

Do you have a dream of hosting your own podcast? The Old Electric Podcast Studio is offering the chance to learn from the basic principles, through to the publishing and promoting of podcasting. Join Rob Mason, host of The Middle Aisle Podcast for a series of sessions that will deliver to you the skills and the competency to write, record, produce and publish your own show.

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