

What's On

May - August 2024

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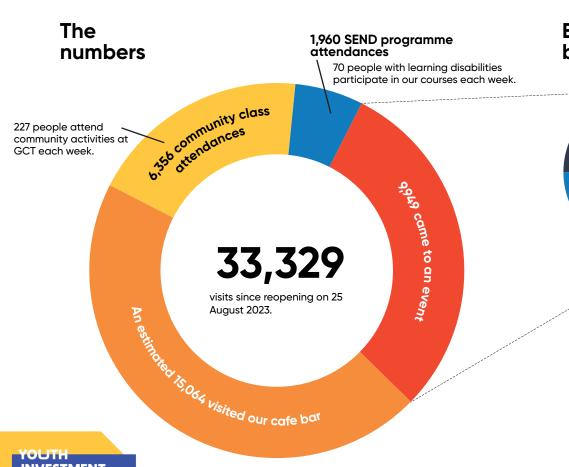




Heart of the community

Get ready for an electrifying Summer! It's a packed lineup, featuring the return of our legendary Beer Festival and the debut of our first ever Summer School for 7 to 16-year-olds. But that's not all - expect stellar live music, captivatina theatre, blockbuster films, sidesplitting comedy, and engaging activities for vouna people.

Before we dive in, a massive thank you to everyone who's supported Gosforth Civic Theatre since our grand reopening last August. Your unwavering enthusiasm has been phenomenal, filling our events, bustling café, and community activities with life. It's hugely important for Gosforth and the local area that our community is coming together. As we look to the future, we're thrilled to share some astounding attendance figures, showcasing the monumental impact you've made. The future is bright!



Events

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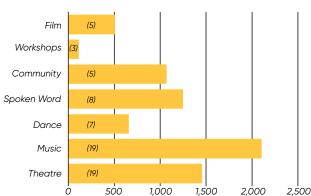
99 total events

33 private

(weddings, parties, meetings, conferences, and other non-public facing events.)

Cultural event audiences

(number of events)



"It's really heartening to see a relaunched theatre with a great atmosphere, great people and a real buzz about the place!"









Who we are

Gosforth Civic Theatre is an amazing social enterprise; when you buy tickets to a performance, hire us to host your beautiful events, or visit us to enjoy our hospitality, we use the money you spend to provide opportunities for young people with and without learning disabilities and autism.

From our experience, if we told you the truth about why Gosforth Civic Theatre exists, you probably wouldn't believe us; there is a group of people with learning disabilities who set up and ran a theatre company called Liberdade (Lib-er-dar-iie). In 2012 they decided they wanted to open a theatre where everyone was welcome. They wanted to have jobs in their theatre and to provide the opportunities they'd had for other young people, and so that is



what we did, and that's how Gosforth Civic Theatre came to be.

The journey to get to where we are makes GCT unique. Add to that a governance structure that empowers and gives a voice to both people with learning disabilities and young people, and you have a cultural building that can create real social change in a community. We think people can sense that when they come and visit us.



Our courses



We offer arts and health activities for people with learning disabilities which can form part of an additional study programme for 16+ SEND students. They can also be an alternative to social and further education provision for learners leaving college. They are engaging, fun and are run by our passionate and talented delivery team. A lot of our courses are at capacity right now but we have space in the following groups:

Health and Wellbeing

These programmes are designed to support participants to lead a healthy lifestyle. Trying to change our eating and exercise behaviours isn't easy, but it helps when you do it in a fun and engaging way with support and encouragement from others.

Ages 18 - 30, Wednesdays 10am - 3pm.

Fee based course.

Dance Development

This programme is for young people who have an interest in dance and performance. You will take part in dance technique classes, creative tasks, choreography and performances across the region.

Ages 18 - 30, Thursdays 10am - 3pm.

Fee based course.

Get in Touch

We offer more courses for adults with learning disabilities and outreach work mainstream and SEND Schools. Take part in our creative, engaging dance and performance programme. Freedom Creative, and work with one of our professional outreach coordinators and perform on stage at GCT.

if you're interested in finding out more, please contact:

Liberdade





Pint?



Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August | Free entry

GOSFORTH CIVIC THEATRE

20 taps of keg | 10 taps of cask | cocktail, spirits and wine bar | no and low bar | food | live music | family friendly | crafts | retro gaming

What's On?



This is every show, performance, gig, screening and event coming up this Autumn and Winter here at GCT. Book tickets via gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk.



Workshop/ Community



Film



Music



Spoken Word





Kathryn Williams & Withered Hand Thu 2 May, 7.30pm doors, £18.50

Prolific singer-songwriter Kathryn Williams and recently reinvigorated troubadour Dan Willson (aka Withered Hand) release a collaboration album, Willson Williams. Their inventive folk instrumentation, and modest confessionals, written poetically and over nostalgic and atmospheric melodies, are as relatable as ever, and together they find new ways to unpack their feelings.

Presented by Jumpin' Hot Club.



Michael Head and the Red Elastic Band Fri 3 May, 7.30pm doors, £26, standing only

Michael Head is a singer-songwriter from Liverpool best known as the frontman of The Pale Fountains, the band released two albums together before splitting in 1987. He has since gone on to form several other projects, notably including the band Shack. His most recent serving under the Michael Head & The Red Elastic Band moniker, 'Dear Scott', arrived in 2022, following 2017's 'Adiós Señor Pussycat'. Presented by F54 Live.



Limelight

Sat 4 May, 1pm & 7pm, £16, £14 conc

You are invited backstage to the Theatre Royal in 1854.

Returning from London to tread the boards in her hometown, Julia is greeted by fellow actresses Emily and Fanny. Backstage in their dressing room we discover their dreams, aspirations and secrets and reflect on the nature of fame.

Set against the backdrop of a dramatic night in the town, Limelight is based on the career of Julia St George, a real-life star of the Victorian stage born on Broad Chare, Newcastle.

Performed with songs from the era, this is a new production from the acclaimed team who brought you Haddock and Chips.

Written by Janet Plater

Direction Christina Berriman Dawson

Composer Wilf Stone

Design Consultant Lee Ward

Presented by CaroleW Productions, with support from Newcastle Theatre Royal.

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Swap Don't Shop

Mon 13 May, 6pm, £2.50 on the door

This community clothes swap is the perfect way to declutter and refresh vour wardrobe without spending any money. It is also a quilt free ethical and more sustainable way to shop. It's simple. Bring garments and accessories (clothes, shoes, baas, iewellery) that you no longer wear and swap them. Please bring quality, well maintained items and a bag to put your swaps in.



Daisy Chute, Hollie Rogers and Lady Nade + Martha Hill & Ruth Lvon | Fri 17 May, 7.30pm, £18

The Mystery Guest Tour, featuring Daisy Chute, Hollie Rogers, and Lady Nade, is set to bring a unique experience to venues across the UK. Daisy Chute, Hollie Rogers, and Lady Nade are dynamic artists leaving a lasting impact on the music scene, uniting to celebrate collaboration in music, paying homage to community strength and creativity.

As alumni of both the Global Music Match and English Folk Expo programs, these dynamic artists promise a highlight of the 2024 music calendar. With their innate ability to surprise, delight and draw in audiences with their natural stage presences and spellbinding music, this tour is set to leave a lasting impact on audiences.

Performing on stage in turns, this show also includes local special quests Martha Hill and Ruth Lyon for an uplifting. emotional, and unexpected musical experience at every stop.



Jesterval is Curious Comedy Special Sat 18 May, 7pm doors, £14, £12 conc, 16+

Join us at Gosforth Civic Theatre for an unforgettable night of comedy with some of the best LGBQTIA+ comedians on the circuit! Hosted by Cal Halbert and featuring Louise Young, Bethany Black, Connor Read and Nicola Mantalios. Enjoy a night packed with camp fun. side-splitting jokes, and witty one-liners. So gather your friends and get ready for a night of non-stop laughter. Presented by Curious Arts and Jesterval.



Film Screening: The Holdovers Thu 23 May, 7pm, £5

In this comedy drama, set in the 1970s, an unpopular teacher, a rebellious student, and a recently-bereaved school cook form an unexpected bond while stuck together over the Christmas break. Starring Paul Giamatti and an Oscar-winning performance by Da'Vine Joy Randolf. The Holdovers is one of the best films of 2023. and this is your chance to see it on our big screen.

Year: 2023 | Cert: 15 | Duration: 133 | Dir: Alexander Payne



GCT - Great Circus Takeover

Thu 30 May, 9.30am - 4.30pm, £32.50 per place

Join Newcastle Circus Arts for a full day of thrilling activity at Gosforth Civic Theatre! Run away and join the circus and get the chance to become a circus star! Become an acrobat, trapeze artist, jugaling extraordinaire, a tight wire pro or a hypnotic hula hooper, the circus is for everyone. Food is available to buy from our cafe, or please bring a packed lunch., groups will be split according to age. For ages 7-11 and 12-16.



Professor Slug's House of Bugs Sat 1 June, 11am & 2pm, £10 adult, £8 child

Professor Slug is an eccentric expert on invertebrates who helps bugs out with their buggy problems - and you can too! Get as strong as an ant! Teach a bee how to buzz! And help a dung beetle make a pooey perfume for its big date... This interactive show is packed full of colourful puppets, catchy songs, and educational info about the wonderful world of buas. A 50-minute performance for young people aged 3-8 and their grown-ups.



Frognal & Fox - A Life in Song

Thu 6 June, 7.30pm, £16, £14 conc

Meet Margaret Frognal (Jane Holman) and Adele Fox (Zoe Lambert), two fading performers, as they showcase their singing and playing talents accompanied by their bemused and cynical pianist. Featuring favourite songs by songwriters such as Cole Porter, the Gershwins, Stephen Sondheim and Noel Coward, this raucous, cabaret-style show is not to be missed. Presented by Cinzia Hardy, in association with CaroleW Productions.



Prime Wrestling

Sat 8 June, 5.15pm doors, £15 ring side, £13 general

Get ready to dust off those foam fingers and scream as loud as you can as Prime Wrestling returns to Gosforth Civic Theatre this June! Featuring the biggest brawlers and the most outlandish characters, see the sky-high moves and feel the shake of every slam live and in living colour. Tickets available from primewrestling.co.uk. Suitable for all ages. Presented by Prime Wrestling.



The Magpies + Kari Macleod Fri 14 June, 7.30pm, £12, £10 conc

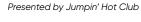
Transatlantic folk band The Magpies are quickly becoming one of the most exciting and innovative acts on the contemporary roots scene. Combining sublime harmonies with exquisite musicianship and impressive songwriting, The Magpies traverse Anglo and American roots, drawing inspiration from traditional Celtic folk, bluegrass and Appalachian trails, to create an effortless melting pot of music.



Errol Linton and Band

Fri 21 June, 7.30pm doors, £20

Errol Linton carries the legacy of Little Walter and Sonny Boy Williamson into the twenty first century, moving the genre forward by combining 50s Chicago blues with gentle Jamaican reggae rhythms. He has been featured on radio and TV and his two albums have become British blues milestones, and his band was rated by the late Charlie Gillett as one of the UK's greatest live bands





Bernard Butler

Sun 23 June, 7.30pm doors, £22

Bernard Butler is a Brit and Grammy Award winning musician. In 1989 he formed Suede releasing the Mercury winning debut "Suede". The era-defining "Dog Man Star" was followed by his collaboration with David McAlmont on the anthem "Yes". Two solo albums yielded a Brit nomination before producing seminal releases by The Libertines, Tricky, Kate Nash, James Morrison, Texas, Paloma Faith and Duffy. Presented by F54 Live.



The Kroc Club

Fri 28 June, 6.30pm - 9.30pm, £5, 18+

The Kroc Klub is a vibrant monthly nightclub run by and for people with learning disabilities. Join the mesmerising world of The Kroc Klub, a monthly nightclub where DJs with learning disabilities redefine the meaning of a party. Guided by professional DJs, this dynamic group has mastered the art of beat-matching, audio recording, and digital workstations, creating an electric atmosphere that transcends boundaries. *Presented by Lawnmowers*.



Jesterval Comedy

Sat 29 Jun, 7pm doors, £14, £12 conc

Join us for a hilarious night of laughter at Gosforth Civic Theatre that will leave you in stitches. With side-splitting jokes, witty one-liners, and belly-aching performances, this event is a must-attend for comedy enthusiasts. So, gather your friends and get ready for a night of non-stop laughter at Jesterval Comedy. Featuring TV and radio Micky Hutton, and talented local comedian Lauren Pattison, with more to be announced.



Film Screening: Poor Things Thu 11 July, 7pm, £5

An unusual woman goes on a journey of self-discovery and sexual enlightenment in this coming-of-age sci-fi comedy drama. Although she comes face to face with cruelty and abuse, the tone never darkens for long. Winner of Best Film at Venice Film Festival and swept three wins and several nominations at this year's Oscars.

Year: 2023 | Cert: 18 | Duration: 141 | Dir: Yorgos Lanthimos



Freedom Moving Fri 19 July, 7pm, £6

Our flagship performance platform, Freedom Moving is an evening of dance and physical theatre pieces showcasing the creative talents of our own Liberdade groups and partner organisations. At GCT we believe in Bringing People Together and this evening supports companies who actively promote and develop work with and by Autistic people and people with Learning Disabilities.



Film Screening: Wish Sat 20 July, 11am, £5

A wishful young girl finds help from the skies as she battles a villainous sorcerer in this lively animated children's film, in which scary scenes are set in a rousing tale of good overcoming evil. Their latest feature length movie is full of the Disney magic that we've come to expect and this is the perfect chance to catch it on the big screen if you missed it first time round.

Year: 2023 | Cert: U | Duration: 95 | Dir: Chris Buck



Film Screening: Wonka Sat 20 July, 2pm, £5

With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers. It's the Willy Wonka origin story that was a huge hit last year, with Timothée Chalamet bringing a touch of magic to Wonka, and a ton of familiar faces.

Year: 2023 | Cert: PG | Duration: 116 | Dir: Paul King



Love feat. Johnny Echols

Wed 24 July 7.30pm doors, £20, standing only

LOVE with Johnny Echols sees Arthur Lee's longest serving band return to the UK to perform classic songs from Love's first three albums "Love", "Da Capo, Four Sail" and of course "Forever Changes". Joining Johnny Echols on stage is Baby Lemonade who from 1993 until Arthur's death in 2006 performed as his band and became an essential part of the renaissance of LOVE's music. Presented by F54.



Tomatoes Tried to Kill me but Banjos Saved my Life | Sun 28 July, 3pm, £12, £10 conc

A joke tellin', banjo playin', heart healin' experience. Originating in North America, this inspirational true story of overcoming obstacles, pursuing passions, and the healing power of music has delighted international audiences. This multi award winning, inspirational story comes to the UK for a Northeast England exclusive tour.

Presented by CarolW Productions.



GCT Beer Festival 2024

Fri 2 to Sun 4 Aug, free entry

Our community beer festival returns this year after a two year hiatus. The always popular free event, showcases 30 taps of craft and cask beer from local and national breweries, plus plenty of entertainment across the weekend, including live bands, DJ, family craft activities, retro gaming and street food. Keep your eyes peeled for detailed line-up announcements in the coming months!



Suburban Soul Disco at GCT Beer Festival Fri 2 Aug, 7pm - 11pm, free entry

Prepare for an unforgettable night out! We're luring you onto the dance floor with a fusion of Soul, R&B, Pop, Disco, Hip Hop, and more. Get ready for a mix of classics and bangers, infused with infectious rhythms and deep grooves of electro-music to keep you grooving all night long. Leading this sonic journey is Sister Shack's DJ Awkward Black Girl, renowned for crafting sets that create shared experiences and unforgettable nights.



Jesterval Comedy

Sat 31 Aug, 7pm doors, £14, £12 conc

Join us for a hilarious night of laughter at Gosforth Civic Theatre that will leave you in stitches. With side-splitting jokes, witty one-liners, and belly-aching performances, this event is a must-attend for comedy enthusiasts. Featuring one of the most exciting comics on the circuit and Beyond The Fringe Herald Angel Award-winning, Jonny Pelham, and the comedian's comedian Mick Ferry, with more to be announced.

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Or join our FREE GCT Membership scheme and get discounts in our cafe and exclusive ticket deals.

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Get Creative Takeover

> Introducing summer schools for 7 - 11 year-olds and 12-16 year-olds at GCT.

Mon 19-Fri 23rd Aug, 9.30am-4.30pm, £160 pp per week

Get Creative with GCT this summer with an action packed week of activities for 7-11yrs and 12-16yrs!

Join us in our newly refurbished venue and enjoy dance, drama, sports, gaming, circus, film and much more.

Each day there will be dedicated arts professionals to help you try a new skill, with a different focus each day ending in 'Fun day Friday' where you choose the film to watch on our cinema screen and relax after an action packed week! Meet new people and get creative, we invite you to takeover GCT with your energy and enthusiasm. Book now limited spaces.

Food available to buy from our cafe or please bring packed lunch.



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GCT Voices Youth Choir

Mondays during term time, 5pm - 6.30pm, FREE. Contact helenkumar@gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk for more info.

Come and sing with us! Ran by Voices of Virtue Gospel Choir, our youth choir provides a place of belonging, a family where young people can be educated on the rich heritage of gospel music, explore harmonies, and learn to work together.

For 11-18yrs (up to 24 if you have additional needs). Delivered by Voices of Virtue Gospel Choir.

GCT Gaming Social

Tuesdays during term time, under 11s, 4.30pm – 6pm; 12–18s, 6pm – 8pm, FREE or pay what you can per term.

Contact info@gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk for more info.

The Gaming Social is a weekly gaming drop in for young people to socialise and mix in a relaxed environment. Gaming Social is a place where gamers can come together to play our huge range of consoles with your friends. *Under 11s must be accompanied by an adult. Delivered by GCT.*



Contemporary Dance Class

Wednesdays during term time, 4pm - 5pm, FREE Contact kelly@liberdade.co.uk for more info.

Our Contemporary Dance Class is open to young people with learning disabilities who enjoy dance, all you have to do is turn up! Led by a qualified contemporary dance teacher, beginners contemporary is perfect for those wishing to attend a fun class which will leave you feeling energised, inspired and worked out! For ages 14 - 24 years. *Delivered by GCT*.

Curious Youth Music

Tuesdays during term time, 5.30pm - 8.30pm, FREE Contact youth@curiousarts.org.uk for more info.

Curious Youth Music is a group for LGBTQIA+ musicians and aspiring producers aged 12-19. Led by Curious Arts, Curious Youth Music is an inclusive session to share your passion for music with fellow music fans. Come along to our meet-ups and have jam sessions, develop your song writing and work with professional musicians. *Delivered by Curious Arts*.





Newcastle Parent/Carers Forum

Cinema sessions during school holidays for 0-25yrs and Gaming sessions during school holidays for 8 - 15 and 16-25 year olds.

Contact Newcastle PCF on Facebook, or email contact@newcastlecpf.co.uk for more info.

Newcastle Parent Carer Forum are a group of volunteer parents and carers who work in partnership with Newcastle Local Authority, Health, Education and Social Care providers to help make sure that the services they deliver meet the needs of children, young people and their families.

North East Deaf Youth Theatre

Third Saturday every month, 9.30am - 11.30am, FREE Contact info@unfoldingtheatre.co.uk for more info.

Join us for monthly North East Deaf Youth Theatre workshops! Designed for deaf children and young people aged 5 – 12 years, North East Deaf Youth Theatre explores all aspects of theatremaking including, creative writing, storytelling, acting, lighting and backstage skills to create group productions to share with friends and family. Delivered by Unfolding Theatre.





Timba Time!

Fourth Saturday every month, 1 hour sessions, FREE Contact timbadashtheatre@amail.com for more info.

TimbaDash Theatre presents 'Timba time!' A monthly sensory story session designed for young people under 16 with complex and additional needs. Come along on our story adventures and be immersed in a sensory world...there will be lots to feel, hear, smell and see, including some interesting new characters! All sessions are accessible and inclusive to meet the needs of the young people. Delivered by TimbaDash Theatre.





Your event, your way

Did you know you can hire GCT?

Gosforth Civic Theatre is your home for celebrations, meetings, conferences and events of all kinds.

For more information, or to make a booking contact our Events Manager at venue@gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk.

Visiting GCT

As you may know we work with adults and young people with learning disabilities, autistic people and those who have additional needs, this means that our top priority is keeping GCT a safe place for the most vulnerable people visiting and using our spaces. We take the health and safety of our customers, participants and staff extremely seriously and will continue to endeavour to make the experience of coming to a performance here, visiting our bar & kitchen or hiring our spaces a comfortable and safe one as well as an enjoyable one.

Payment

While we accept cash payments we encourage card and contactless payments wherever possible, we accept all major credit and debit cards as well as Apple and Google Pay.

Car park

We have a car park of 12 bays at the rear of the building, which is accessible through the entrance to Regent Plaza Apartments next door to us. This car park is busy and prioritised for staff, participants and artists. There is alternative parking around us, including at Regent Centre Metro Station, Gosforth Leisure Centre and Bulman House, however please do your research on parking restrictions at external car parks when planning your journey.

GCT Cafe Bar

Our bar is open before, during and after all of our shows offering a range of beer, wine, spirits, hot and soft drinks and bar snacks when available. Our deli service is available pre-show or after show for matinee performances. Get in touch to check our opening times and book a table.

Buying tickets

You can buy tickets for advertised shows, events or activities by visiting our website. While all GCT promoted events and some selected third party promoted events will be available to purchase in person at the Theatre, some third party promoted events will only be available to buy online.



Finding us

Fees

A booking fee applies per ticket when booking online through our ticketing platform; booking fees may vary when booking through other third party sites.

Concessions and carers

Concession tickets are available to people with disabilities, OAPs, under 18s and Asylum Seekers. We will endeavour to provide free tickets to carers where possible. Please contact us directly if you require carer's ticket.

Child and family tickets

A child is classed as anyone under the age of 14, and Family Tickets, where advertised, apply to a family of four where there is at least one adult and one child in the group. Babes in Arms, up to the age of 12 months, go free at all of our family shows.

Refunds

Refunds are only available up to 7 days before the date of GCT promoted events, otherwise refunds are at the discretion of the promoter. If an event must be postponed, rescheduled or cancelled, tickets purchased for the event will be valid for any new date agreed with the artist/promoter, and the ticket buyer entitled to a full refund if they are unable to attend the new date.

Receiving your tickets

We do not print physical tickets in house and instead email you a copy of your tickets. You can show us your tickets on a mobile device or simply give us the name of the lead booker when you arrive at the Theatre for the event.

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We're less than one minute from Regent Centre Metro station, which is on the green Airport to South Hylton Tyne and Wear Metro Line. Regular buses also run to Regent Centre and Great North Road, while a car or taxi ride will take you about 10 minutes from Newcastle city centre.

Accessibility

All of our entrances are wheelchair accessible. We have two blue badge parking spots in the car park and an accessible toilet on site. If you have any questions before you visit please give us a call on 0191 284 3700.



Support us











Thank you.



















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