

What's On

January - March 2026

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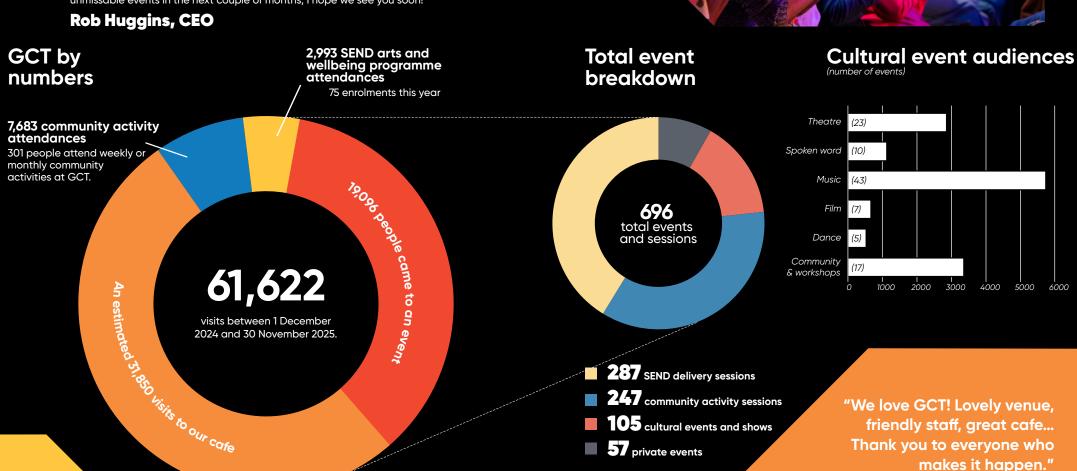
Making an impact

Welcome to our first Guide of 2026!

I wanted to say a huge thank you for all of your support last year. As you can see by the incredible numbers below we've had our busiest year yet. We have delivered and hosted a record number of public and private events, plus sessions for our own SEND delivery and community groups.

This genuinely makes a huge impact; GCT was imagined by people with learning disabilities and created for everyone, so to see so many of you supporting us and benefiting from the venue, be it enjoying our cafe, experiencing brilliant culture or celebrating together at an event, is heartwarming.

2026 will mark 10 years of GCT (I know, where has the time gone?), so watch out for a host of great events and opportunities to get involved. Before then though, check out some unmissable events in the next couple of months, I hope we see you soon!





Your place for good food and good times

Whether you're grabbing a morning coffee, catching up with friends over brunch, or winding down after work with something tasty, our Cafe Bar is your go-to spot.

We're all about the laid-back vibes, fresh flavours, and a warm welcome; kids, laptops, and four-legged friends included!

Brunch your way with our all-day favourites served until 4pm—think fresh eags, hearty breakfasts, and the perfect flat white.

Not up for brunch? No worries. Our Deli menu has you covered with vibrant salads, toasted sourdough sandwiches, flatbreads, and more which are served from lunch through early evening.

Need a change of scenery from the office? We've got free Wi-Fi, plenty of plug sockets, and a relaxed atmosphere that makes working (or pretending to) a breeze.

Open Tuesday to Sunday from 8.30am.

Come for the coffee, stay for the community.

Opening hours

Our opening times are Tuesday to Sunday 8.30am - 4pm. We are open later on days where there are public events (gigs and shows) or regular activities (such as GCT Gaming Social and community groups).











Thu 19 Mar, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, from £30

Join us for an intimate evening of wine, cheese and live music to support GCT. Majestic Wine will host a guided tasting of four delectable wines, paired with delicious local cheeses from Northumberland Cheese Company and premium chutneys from Northumbrian Pantry. Enjoy relaxed live music, friendly company and a raffle with fantastic prizes.

Kindly supported by Majestic Wine, Northumberland Cheese Company and Northumbrian Pantry.

What's On?



This is every show, performance, gig, and event coming up at GCT. Book tickets via aosforthcivictheatre.co.uk.











Theatre/



Tony Christie - The Great Farewell Sat 10 Jan, 7.30pm doors, from £32

The legendary crooner continues his Great Farewell 'Unplugged' Tour entertaining audiences around the world with incredible showmanship, an unmistakable powerful vocal that has captivated generation after generation and a set list that packs a punch. Tony performs tracks from across his career, including show stopping covers from the late greats that helped shape his career. Presented by Renegade Communications.



Martyn Joseph

Thu 22 Jan, 7.30pm doors, £24

Martyn Joseph is unique talent driven by passion, social awareness, and love for his trade. Combining impressive guitar playing with a powerful show stopping voice, he's been called "The Welsh Springsteen". He is gifted with the rare ability to speak to the soul with his expressive and poignant lyrics and has a career spanning over 40 years, 27 studio albums, over a half a million record sales and thousands of live performances.



Pod on the Tyne Live

Fri 23 Jan, 6.30pm doors, SOLD OUT

After two sold-out shows at Gosforth Civic Theatre, Pod on the Tyne live is back - not guite as you previously knew it, but still as irreverent and entertaining as ever. Join host Taylor Payne trying to keep The Athletic's George Caulkin, Chris Waugh and Jacob Whitehead on track as they provide insight into the goings-on behind the scenes at St James' Park, with never-before-told stories and off-the-record anecdates.



Prime Wrestling: New Year's Brawl

Sat 24 Jan, 4.15pm doors, from £13 via Prime Wrestling only

Ring in the New Year with a pro wrestling slamboree as Prime Wrestling returns to GCT with New Year's Brawl 2026! It's family-friendly wrestling like nothing you have seen before, as the best athletes from around the country make it their resolution to win by any means necessary! Featuring Shreddy, Saxon Huxley, Henry Faust alonaside UK standouts "The Geezer" Tommy Tanner and "The Stallion" Chris Bronson! Presented by Prime Wrestling.



Gosforth Business Network

Thu 29 Jan, 9am - 11am, free

You are invited to our new networking event for businesses in Gosforth and surrounding areas allowing you to meet with other local business people. Did vou know that you are more likely to generate more sales leads, acquire new knowledge and increase profits for your business when you network? Presented with UniqueThinking Coaching.



Pete Roth Trio feat, Bill Bruford Fri 30 Jan, 7.30pm doors, £22

The Pete Roth Trio features leader Pete on guitar, Mike Pratt on bass, and the incomparable Bill Bruford (Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee as a member of 'Yes') on drums. The band creates jazz for a new generation of music enthusiasts, exploring beyond traditional jazz conventions. The band will likely reshape your perspective on what the guitar trio format can achieve. Part of Independent Venue Week.



GCT Wedding Showcase

Sat 31 Jan, 11am - 2pm, free

Experience GCT beautifully styled for a wedding and explore ideas for your big day. Meet our recommended suppliers while sipping complimentary fizz, sampling delicious canapés and enjoying live music. It's the perfect opportunity to chat with our Wedding team, ask questions, and start planning your dream celebration. Don't miss this inspiring event designed to make your wedding unforgettable!



John Bramwell (I am Kloot) Sat 31 Jan, 7.30pm doors, £27

As the singer in I Am Kloot from 1999 to 2014, John Bramwell achieved a Mercury Prize nomination for 2010's The Sky At Night, a Top 10 chart position for 2013's Let It All In, and a triumphant farewell at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with an orchestra in 2014. Now he is taking his heartwarming songs to the stage and enjoying another moment in time with his devoted fans. Part of Independent Venue Week, Presented by Hapless Museum Worker,



Pat Nevin: Football and How to Survive It Thu 12 Feb, 7.30pm doors, £18.50

Ex-Chelsea, Everton and Scottish International Pat Nevin shares stories and reflections from his 40 years in football. He is one of the most articulate and progressive voices in football: a music fan as likely to be found DJina at indie club nights or actively taking on terrace racists as appearing as a media pundit. His two recent acclaimed memoirs are packed with surprising encounters and improbable anecdotes. Presented by Radio Days.



Schoolhouse Productions presents

The Complete Works of Jane Austen, Abridged

Thu 5 Mar, 7.30pm, £18.50

Come along for a fun, funny, and fast-paced romp through the masterpieces of Jane Austen. Three nimble actors take on all of Austen's beloved heroines, friends, and love interests—and her incisive social satire—in just 80 minutes.

It is a truth universally acknowledged that an audience in possession of high spirits must be in want of a ticket to this big-hearted comedy that will delight Janeites and newcomers alike.

★★★★★ "An absolute must-see" City Girl network

★★★★★ "Brilliant"

★★★★ "Hilarious" Stagetalk magazine



Little Seeds Music presents

Cinderella Ice **Cream Seller**

Sat 21 Feb, 11am & 2pm, £10

David Gibb.

Suitable for all the family but ideal for 5+.

the kingdom's most beloved ice cream company, with a parlour on every street corner. But how did a humble ice cream maker with not a penny to her name end up as a multimillionaire business woman with her own ice cream empire?

Over the last four decades, Cinderella's has become

This exciting musical retelling of a fairytale classic promises a delightful blend of storytelling, stunning live music, and theatrical magic that will capture your heart and tickle your taste buds.

"The show charms with brilliant songs, colourful staging, and a generous helping of comedy for both kids and adults." 🛨 🛨 🛨 🛨 The Scotsman (Edinburgh Fringe 2025 midway picks: must-see shows)



Paul McCaffrey: What a Time to Be Alive Fri 13 Feb, 7pm doors, from £13.50

The new show from one of the funniest comics working in the UK today. Modern life is annoying but was it really much better before? McCaffrey asks in this warm, charming hour of comedy. Star of Live At The Apollo, Impractical Jokers and Russell Howard's Good News. Paul is an award-winning comedian and has performed numerous critically acclaimed Edinburgh shows as well as major music festivals. Presented by Off the Kerb.



Poppy - Eliot Smith Dance

Thu 19 Feb, 7.15pm doors, from £16.50

Eliot Smith Dance makes a much-anticipated return to Gosforth Civic Theatre with a bold reimagining of Eliot Smith's POPPY — a powerful reflection on war, conflict, and sacrifice. Featuring a new original score by multiaward winning composer Adam Johnson and performed by five exceptional dancers, this evocative piece draws on the enduring symbolism of the poppy flower of John McCrae.



Bella Hardy

Sat 28 Feb. 7.30pm doors, £19.50

Bella Hardy, one of the most celebrated voices of modern folk, returns to the stage in 2026 ahead of the release of her eagerly-anticipated new album. Known for her crystal-clear voice and fearless songwriting, Hardy continues to push the boundaries of contemporary folk while staying deeply rooted in the traditions that inspired her. Don't miss your chance to experience one of folk's most compelling voices live. Presented by 432.



Jesterval Comedy

Fri 6 Mar, 7pm doors, from £13.50

A superb night of stand up comedy that will leave you in stitches. Catherine Young, one of the North East's most in-demand acts, delivers bold, brash humour. Eddy Brimson, an award-winning comedian and actor, offers a fearless, surreal style that's earned global acclaim. Completing the bill is Peter Brush, a BBC New Comedy Award finalist known for razor-sharp one-liners and brilliantly original routines. Presented by Jesterval.



Songs, Stories & Laughter for George Welch Sat 7 Mar, 2pm doors, music 3pm - 9pm, £22

Join us for a memorial concert to acknowledge George's huge contribution to the folk world in a life of music, laughter and smiles, bringing together many of the best folk acts in the north who have freely given their time and talent to celebrate George's life with their outstanding music. A fitting tribute to such a memorable character who left an indelible mark on the world of folk music. All profits to Nordoff and Robbins music charity.

Kid Carpet and the Noisy Animals

Jack and The Beanstalk (sort of) Sat 21 Mar,

Suitable for 3-10-year-olds and their families.

11am & 2pm, £10

Kid Carpet hates panto. The Noisy Animals absolutely love it. So guess what they're doing? Yep. A panto. Now there's a beanstalk in the middle of everything, and nobody's quite sure what's going on.

This is Jack & The Beanstalk like it's been thrown in a blender with a drum machine and dodgy celebrity lookalikes. Part Air Guitar workshop, part magical mess, this lo-fi, hi-tech, big-beat bonkers show is stuffed with songs, silliness and surprise grannies.

Bring your kids. Bring yer nan. Bring snacks. It's theatre, but it's loud, proud and completely off its bean(stalk). Perfect for ages 3–10, families, party monsters, and fans of noisy nonsense.











Andrew Wasylyk

Fri 13 Mar, 7.30pm doors, £18

Navigating jazz, neo-classical, and electronica, Andrew will perform with a specially curated ensemble featuring strings, brass, and woodwind. This unique live experience will showcase songs from his forthcoming new album, alongside highlights from his four Scottish Album of the Year Award-nominated records. Expect lush arrangements, cinematic soundscapes, and an intimate atmosphere. Presented by 432.

Bede Wind: Swing, Song & Screen Sat 14 Mar, 6.30pm doors, £11

Bede Wind, based at the Glasshouse International Music Centre in Gateshead, bring a rich history of international performances across Europe and the USA. This upcoming concert at Gosforth Civic Theatre will showcase a vibrant mix of music from musicals and film scores to Latin American rhythms, jazz, and traditional marches promising a captivating and memorable evening for all. Presented by Bede Wind.

Jason Isaacs and His Big Band - By Popular Demand Fri 20 Mar. 7.30pm doors. £32

Together with his powerhouse big band, Jason Isaacs creates a thrilling live experience that's second to none. Expect a night of timeless classics, from the smooth swing of Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. to the legendary anthems of Elvis Presley, Bobby Darin and more. With impeccable arrangements, soaring brass, and Jason's charismatic delivery, every number promises the sophistication, sparkle, and glamour of Vegas.

Engage

Fri 27 Mar, 7pm, £10

Engage celebrates the creative talents of our in-house GCT programmes; Dance Development, Company Members, GCT Collective and Youth Dance groups. All of these groups showcase our amazing dancers and performers with learning disabilities. Joining them to share the stage are groups who we create with outside the venue through our outreach work in local schools and colleges, and other GCT in-house Community groups.

Rob Heron & The Tea Pad Orchestra Sat 28 Mar, 7.30pm doors, from £22

2026 sees Rob Heron & The Tea Pad Orchestra 15 years into their existence! Since 2011, they have been gleefully trampling over genre boundaries for chucking rockabilly, blues, country, swing, soul and more into their musical gumbo, but always sounding mostly just like themselves. This special, recorded 15 year anniversary show will feature a number of past-members, as well as some brand new special quests.



Get involved

Our theatre is home to a variety of community groups that meet regularly throughout the week. From creative sessions like Mouthful Voices and Sound Healing and baby groups like Hartbeeps to special interest groups such as The Newcastle Bonsai Club and Majority Film Club, there's something here for everyone.









Do you run or take part in a local community group or class?

Our Community Studio has a special hire rate of £25 per hour during specified times. This rate is exclusively available for block or repeat bookings of unfunded community activity.

Contact venue@gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk to enquire.

Your alternative wedding venue

Get married at GCT

Did you know, GCT is a licensed wedding venue? We are your alternative, suburban venue with a social conscience and a unique vibe. Make GCT your own and have a flexible, professional theatre and music venue at your finger tips. Including full theatrical lighting, gig quality sound system, HD cinema, a dedicated tech and event team, alongside our professional kitchen, bar and catering team, to make your event everything you want it to be.









Hire us

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

Activities for young people



GCT Gaming Social

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

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

Our 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 friends. *Under 11s must be accompanied by an adult. Delivered by GCT.*

Contemporary Dance Class

Wednesdays during term time, 4pm - 5pm, 14-24yrs, free Contact kelly@gosforthcivictheatre.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! For ages 14 - 24 years. Delivered by GCT.





North East Deaf Youth Theatre

Third Saturday every month, 9.30am - 11.30am, 5-12yrs, free Contact info@unfoldinatheatre.co.uk for more info.

Designed for deaf children and young people aged 5 - 12 years, they explore all aspects of theatre-making including, creative writing, storytelling, and acting. Delivered by Unfolding Theatre.

Famous 4.15

Sundays during term time, 9am - 5.30pm, 3-18yrs, fees apply Contact info@famous415.co.uk for more info.

Famous 4.15 offers dance, singing and drama training to ages 3 - 18 years in a dynamic, contemporary way. Acceptance, tolerance, and respect for the individual are at the heart of what they do. *Delivered by Famous 4.15.*



Gosforth Civic Theatre

Join our MOLESTANDER

For young people aged 14-18yrs (up to 25 SEND)

What is it?

We are looking for young people who would like to help us shape what happens at GCT.

Our Youth Board advise our Trustees on everything from 'what's on', to 'what's on the menu'. It's your chance to make an impact on your community.

The benefits

- A budget to put on events.
- Free tickets to see selected shows.
- 20% discount on food in the café.
- Expenses to get to meetings/ development sessions.

Your commitment

meeting per month

development sessions per year

Interested?

Contact helenkumar@ gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk to find out more.





Join our community of GCT **Champions and Trailblazers**

Starting from just £5 per month you'll get some great perks including:

> Exclusive access to advanced tickets and ticket offers.

10% off at GCT Cafe.

A fabulous GCT Tote Bag.

An invitation to our annual members event.

Free tickets to one of our in house shows.

Your name on our website.

Join us and help keep GCT open for everyone.

"GCT is a real community asset, I'm proud to be a supporter"

Alison Fowler, GCT Champion



For more info, please contact Jennifer@gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk or scan below!



Did you know?

Our Work Placement Programme creates meaningful opportunities for young people with learning disabilities aged between 16-24.



Since December 2024

two

eight

people have joined our Work Placement Programme.

That's the equivalent of 1,038 hours work in our cafe.

graduates have gained employment elsewhere.

graduates have gone on to further education and training.



"I feel very well trained... I wish I could come back next vear!"

Cameron, GCT Work Placement



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Align your brand with a sector-leading cultural venue and demonstrate your commitment to the social impact GCT makes in our community and beyond. We've launched our brand new memberships for business; helping you grow your brand visibility in Gosforth and our region.

Please email Jennifer: jennifer@gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk for more information or visit gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk/support-us/corporate-sponsorship.

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IF YOU'D LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW WE CAN HELP, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH.

Some important stuff

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 endeavour to make coming to a performance, visiting our Cafe Bar or hiring our spaces, a comfortable, safe and enjoyable experience.

Payment

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

Car park

We have a free car park of 12 bays at the rear of the building, which is accessible through Regent Plaza car park next door to us. Please note the numbered bays are not ours and are subject to a pay and display scheme. Our car park gets busy and is 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. Check the website 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.



Fees

Ticket prices will include a booking fee that covers the cost of the ticket platform and the administration of tickets, ticket prices will be consistent whether booking online or in person. Tickets bought on other ticketing platforms from third-party promoters and agents may be subject to different booking fees beyond the control of Gosforth Civic Theatre.

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 at info@gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk if you require a carers 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

While we are not required to offer refunds under The Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013, refunds are available up until 28 days before the date of an event and will be granted at the Theatre's discretion. To request a refund, email info@gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk.

Receiving your tickets

We do not print physical tickets 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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Finding us

Gosforth Civic Theatre, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD

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.



Thank you to our funders



















Trailblazers:

Margaret and Philip and Janice and Jo Neil Curry Sarah English Jonathan Morris Blackett

Thank you to our GCT Champions for their continued support. If you would like to become a member find out more here: assforthcivictheatre.co.uk/support-us/become-a-member.



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