

SIRF|19

STOCKTON INTERNATIONAL
RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL

1-4 AUGUST WWW.SIRF.CO.UK





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We'd also like to say a huge thank you to all our partners, performers, volunteers, contributors and supporters who help make SIRF a success.



SIRF is a partner in Without Walls, working with festivals and artists to bring a fantastic range of outdoor arts to people in towns and cities across the UK. This year we are presenting 14 new shows that have been supported by Without Walls for 2019.



Welcome

If you're reading this then you're already interested in SIRF, and why wouldn't you be, it's the UK's finest street arts festival. Audiences come back year after year and their feedback is always positive. It's simple really; carefully selected performances from all over the world, some newly created for SIRF and some just new to our shores, squeezed cheek by jowl into Stockton's town centre, in 4 fizzing days of creativity. There'll be dancing on shipping containers and in camper vans, on tight ropes and atop poles, there'll be theatre under water and high above your heads, there'll be satire, storytelling and seriousness – and a bit of pyro! In his first year as SIRF's Artistic Director, the hugely experienced Jeremy Shine has prepared us a feast, and Stockton Council and Arts Council England are going Dutch so it's all free. Come, sit down and enjoy.

Reuben Kench

Director of Culture,
Events & Leisure,
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council



This programme lists all the companies appearing at the festival this year, conveniently grouped by location. You'll also find a handy timetable and map showing all the locations at the back of the programme.

Key:



Shows for
children and
their adults



Ticketed shows -
see listings for
more information

Show times are approximate and subject to change, especially in the case of bad weather. Visit the website and follow us on social media for any last minute changes.

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STOCKTON HIGH STREET



FESTIVAL LAUNCH

The Festival begins with an early evening launch as street artists and strolling bands bring colour and carnival to Stockton High Street.

Evening timetable:

6:00pm Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band
6:30pm Generik Vapeur
7:30pm Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band
7:45pm Motionhouse

GENERIK VAPEUR (FRANCE)

Drôles d'oiseaux et art blaxon

Stockton High Street
Thursday 1 August,
6:30pm



5 4 3 2 1 Go!

Follow a troop of 20 performers and a train of seven white cars as they progress along Stockton High Street.

Join the hubbub as the music gets into full swing and the cars are transformed into a painted sea of colour. The hullabaloo builds to a spectacular full throttle creation of a giant sized rainbow as we welcome the start of SIRF's 32nd festival.
www.generikvapeur.com

RAJASTHAN HERITAGE BRASS BAND (INDIA)

Stockton High Street
Thursday 1 August,
6pm and 7:30pm



Filling the High Street with spectacular, colourful and vibrant sounds will be The Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band. Their heady and hypnotic music will transport you to the golden sands and the Indian Thar Desert.
www.accessallareas.info



MOTIONHOUSE WILD

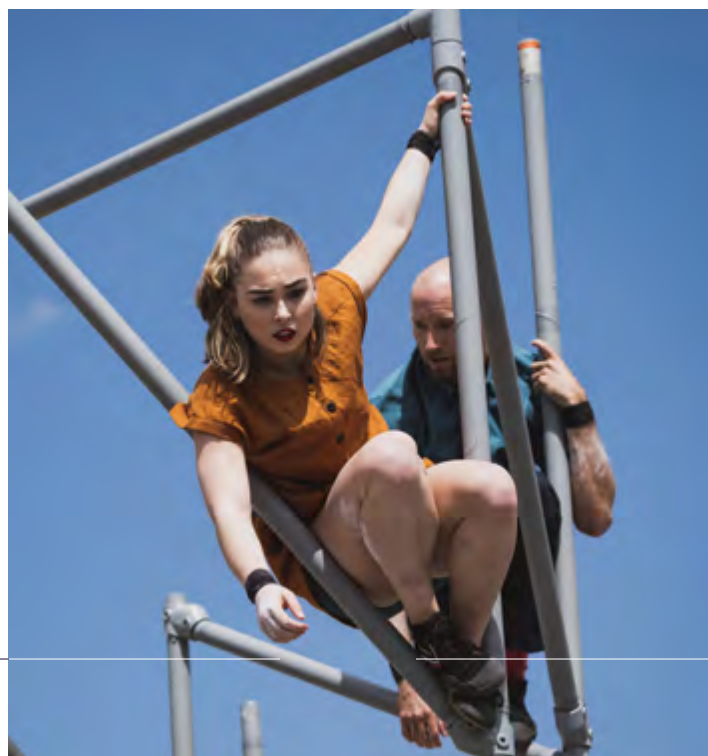
Stockton High Street
Thursday 1 August,
7:45pm



Wild is also being performed
Thursday 1 August; 1:15pm
Friday 2 August at 1:15pm
and 4:15pm

WILD, the daring new dance-circus production from Motionhouse, explores our disconnect with the natural environment. In our increasingly urban lives, is the wild still shaping our behaviour? Performers use powerful physicality and daring feats to move through an intriguing forest of giant poles.
www.motionhouse.co.uk

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THEATER TOL (NETHERLANDS)

Hotel Watercage

5 Stockton Riverside
Sunday 4 August,
9:30pm

A remarkable aerial performance by Theater Tol which portrays the battle between the head and the heart. The characters of Hotel Watercage appear to have lost each other forever because they have become out of touch with themselves. The world around them judges them from afar, deprives them of their freedom, and condemns them to isolation. The realisation that they are not alone in their imprisonment empowers them to redress their predicament. These soulmates find each other and together, they fight to find the key to happiness and leave their past behind to a flourish of pyrotechnics provided by pa-Boom
www.theatertol.com

FESTIVAL
FINALE



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SISUS SIRKUS (FINLAND)

Mosh Split

5 Stockton Riverside
Friday 2 August and
Saturday 3 August,
8:30pm

This energetic show is built around a crazy camper van, flexible legs and a 10-metre-high truss structure - featuring two simultaneously swinging

trapezes, skipping rope, pair acrobatics and Washington trapeze. When the doors of the van open, toilet paper will become a huge, hypnotic skirt and vacuum cleaners turn into hair dressers! This is what Mosh Split is made of!
www.sisus.net



FURINKAI (FRANCE)

Origami

5 Stockton Riverside
Friday 2 August
and Saturday 3 August,
9:30pm

Inspired by ancestral Japanese origami techniques, Origami turns a 40 foot shipping container into a shifting performance space. Dancer Satchie Noro slowly evolves on the mechanical structure as it folds up from triangle to square and rectangle. Origami is a duet between a machine and a dancer, an industrial romance in which a symbol of globalisation, a container, embraces the fragile scale of the human body.
www.furinkai.com



VINCENT GLOWINSKI (BELGIUM)

Human Brush

5 Stockton Riverside
Friday 2 August and
Saturday 3 August,
10:15pm

Vincent Glowinski is a living paintbrush using his body to create patterns and images that are recorded, multiplied and projected onto a giant screen by a suspended camera. The body, lit like a photo in a darkroom, leaves traces of pictures that grow and disappear. From the motion, rolling and vibrating of his body all sorts of shapes and figures emerge - other worldly skeletons, unknown vertebrate species and images reminiscent of old cave paintings or confusing X-ray details.
www.entropieproduction.be



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AVANTI DISPLAY

Full Circle

2 High Street Fountain
Friday 2 August,
2pm and 4:30pm
Saturday 3 August,
2pm and 5pm



Full Circle is a mischievous, experimental show performed in the round. A series of odd actions intrigue the audience, drawing them into a circle. The audience become more than a group of strangers, through helping the performers they become a team. Now invested in where the show is going, although they don't know where that is, they ultimately will decide how things end and for one audience member this decision will have consequences. A slow and intriguing performance with suspense, hilarity and unforeseeable consequences. Just how many buckets do they need? www.avantidisplay.co.uk



AXIAL DANCE

Dissolve

2 High Street Fountain
Friday 2 August,
3:15pm and 6pm
Saturday 3 August,
3:15pm and 6:30pm



This is a human story rather than a love story... with water. Two characters meet, the first, a positive soul who reaches out to the second to draw them into a better world. Water and human touch are essential elements in this story, where life forces play crucial roles. Created and choreographed for Stockton's central water fountain by Ruth Jones of Axial Dance.

DOROTHY'S SHOES

Ragroof Tea Dance

1 High Street Plinth
Sunday 4 August,
2pm-5pm



Fancy a whimsical Waltz, a cheeky Cha Cha or a jazzy Jive? The Ragroof Tea Dance welcomes every one of all ages and abilities to trip the light fantastic. Join us for an afternoon of dancing delights, featuring a DJ playing authentic music from the 1920s to 1950s, vintage costumes, glorious

dance displays, and mistress of the dance Dorothy's Shoes' trademark Instant Dance Classes, which guarantee to get everybody moving. All welcome – experienced dancers and absolute beginners alike. No dance partner needed. www.dorothymax.wixsite.com/dorothysshoes



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JOLI VYANN

Lance Moi En L'Air

2 High Street Fountain
Sunday 4 August,
2:45pm and 6:45pm

A show about the sensitivity and connection between two people, bringing about compatible contradictions. Can we be strong whilst relaxed? Heavy whilst light, grounded whilst levitated, submissive whilst in control? It explores a mixture of strength and weakness. Can we be dropped into the air? Humanity emerges, and acrobatic prowess speaks between bodies. In a mixture of abandonment and accountability this piece is sensitive, where bodies just fit together.

www.joli-vyann.com

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JOSS ARNOTT DANCE

PULSE!

1 High Street Plinth
Saturday 3 August,
1:15pm and 5:30pm

3 High Street South
Sunday 4 August,
1:15pm and 4:45pm



A brand-new dance and live music experience created for the streets. Performed entirely around a unique 3.5m high percussion wheel, designed by Eleanor Bull and engineered by Rolls-Royce. This adrenaline-fuelled show is a combination of rhythmical flare and heart-in-mouth choreography for all the family to enjoy.

Audio description is available for download.

www.jossarnottdance.com

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KAPOW DANCE CIRCUS THEATRE

Adrift

2 High Street Fountain
Saturday 3 August,
1:30pm and 4:30pm
Sunday 4 August,
1:30pm and 6:15pm



ADRIFT tells the story of two women lost at sea on a moving wooden raft. In this journey across oceans, we witness the danger, courage and struggles of the characters as they battle the odds and learn to live together in this small and unpredictable landscape. Performed in the round, using dance, physical theatre and circus, Kapow have captured a risky, exciting and dynamic journey, mixed with a sensitivity and uncertainty which can be understood by many.

www.kapowdance.co.uk

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INITIATIVE.DKF

Scalped

3 High Street South
Sunday 4 August,
2pm and 3:45pm

A mix of fashion and otherness, Scalped is an outdoor dance theatre exhibition piece focusing on black women's hair in professional spaces and western society. In a world of consistent judgement and literal poking and prodding, we play on the idea that life is a fashion show. The piece includes nods to Grace Jones whose career embodies breaking free from expectations and the boundaries faced by black women. The overriding message is of self-acceptance.

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NEWTONS LADDER

Sirin (Hope is the Thing with Feathers)

3 High Street South
Sunday 4 August,
3:15pm and 7:15pm

Through narrative aerial choreography, two compelling performers tell a love story like no other. Drawn from the ancient myth of man falling in love with a beautiful bird-like

women. It is inspired by human ambition to possess and tame the unknown.
www.newtonsladder.co.uk

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Newton's Ladder are returning with a full scale show having previously performed this show at SIRF17

MIMBRE

Lifted

2 High Street Fountain
Friday 2 August,
2:45pm and 5.15pm
Saturday 3 August,
2:45pm and 6pm



All female acrobatic theatre company Mimbire return this year with a brand new outdoor show, collaborating with three new choreographers to mix their trademark acrobalance movement and techniques with new styles. Lifted is a choreographic indulgence that celebrates and explores the expressions and impressions that appear when three strong women move, lift and balance each other.

www.mimbire.co.uk

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RAMSHACK- LICIOUS

The Band at the
End of the World!

2 High Street Fountain
Saturday 3 August,
8:30pm

3 High Street South
Sunday 4 August,
5pm and 8:30pm

Five musicians arrive, dressed in punk marching band attire and with the intensity of the inevitable end of the world burning through their eyes.

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Their simple existence, struggle and joy is unravelled and played out through a series of beautiful striking imagery and audience interactions ranging from gentle to manic. Be prepared as they take you into the next phase switching over to the new dawn, into the next frequency of consciousness. A humorous and emotional re-styling of the traditional street band.
www.ramshacklicious.com

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SAFETY CATCH THEATRE

Doctor! Doctor!

1 High Street Plinth
Friday 2 August,
3:30pm and 6:30pm
Saturday 3 August,
3:30pm and 7pm



The satirical slapstick medical roadshow - with the last Doctor, Nurse and Paramedic

still standing, holding the only equipment left. An artful, farcical love triangle set in a clapped out community ambulance. Can the audience in the waiting room help them cure all in this national health crisis? Surgical demonstration gone wrong meets old-time travelling medicine show.

Join the performers before the show for immersive and interactive activities including a medical test lab, and DIY surgery lessons.
www.safetycatch.co.uk



SPITZ & CO

Les Gloriables

2 High Street Fountain
Friday 2 August,
3:45pm and 7:15pm
Saturday 3 August,
3:45pm and 7:45pm

Inspired by "Les Miserables", legendary French actress Gloria Delaneuf has created a life-changing piece of theatre with the power to reunite Europe. She has dreamed a dream, and her hapless assistant

Josephine has promised to build a barricade. Expect a master class in mutiny – French style – complete with berets and baguettes.
www.spitzandco.com

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TANGLED FEET

That Parking Show

3 High Street South
Sunday 4 August,
2:30pm and 4:15pm

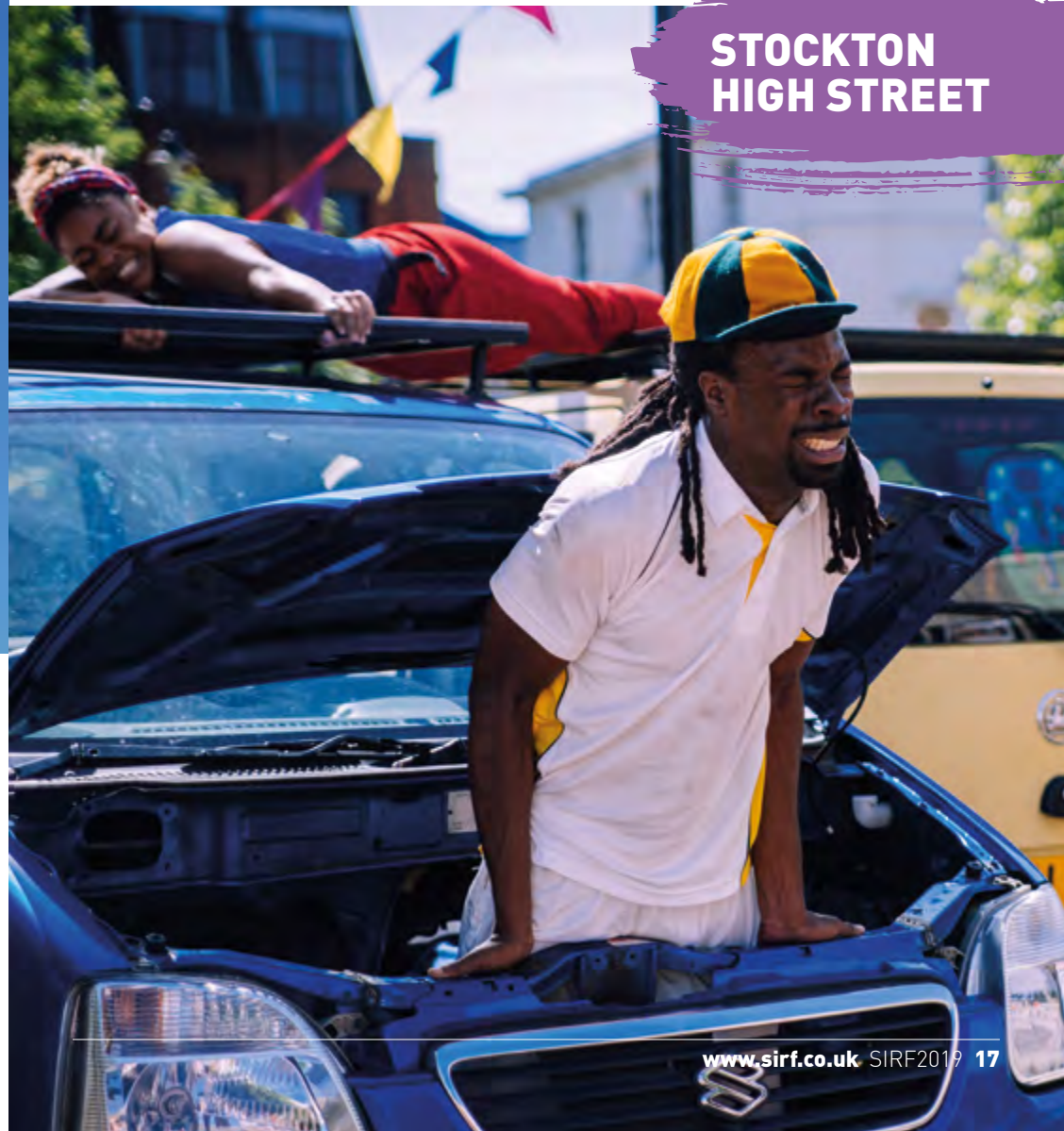


There are three certainties in life: death, taxes and people getting angry about parking

spaces. But what really fuels the road rage? Witness a hilarious, acrobatic and absurdist mix of parking row meets full-blown war as two cars vie for one parking spot. As cars collide so do the occupants, their musical

choices and the contents of the boot, as Tangled Feet explore the lighting rod of our daily frustrations. Bonnets pop, roofs peel open and everything (and everyone!) starts to unhinge.
www.tangledfeet.com

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DESPERATE MEN

Slapstick & Slaughter

1 High Street Plinth
Saturday 3 August,
2:30pm and 4:45pm

2 High Street Fountain
Sunday 4 August,
5:30pm and 7:45pm

Two men recklessly attempt to confront the absurdity of war in just 40 minutes, using their bodies, their voices and the surrealist toolbox of DADAism. Playful, physical and blackly comedic, SLAPSTICK & SLAUGHTER examines how the barbaric chaos of WW1 manifested itself in the nihilistic, nonsensical art that grew from it.

This show splatters big ideas on a small canvas, exploring art's reaction to the war's wholesale destruction of lives, the old order and old hypocrisies and finding echoes in equally absurd modern conflicts.

www.desperatemen.com

STOPGAP DANCE COMPANY

Frock

1 High Street Plinth
Saturday 3 August,
2pm and 4:15pm
Sunday 4 August,
1:30pm and 5pm

Brace yourself for an uplifting dance riot. Six striking dancers revel in 21st Century freedoms of self-identity. Watch a clash of eras, a collision of partner work and a blend of genders from Stopgap's virtuosic inclusive cast. This 'Punkish' dance invites you to think about your unconscious bias and reminds us why difference can and should be celebrated today.

www.stopgapdance.com

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UPSWING

Catch Me

1 High Street Plinth
Friday 2 August,
3pm and 5:45pm
Saturday 3 August,
3:15pm and 5:45pm

With an intergenerational cast, Catch Me playfully pokes at our expectations of the relationship between age and genders. Blending dance, circus, sound and design trickery to ask powerful questions about how we value others and what they are capable of.

www.upswing.org.uk

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COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Tales of the Tees Valley

10 SIRF Community Carnival
Stockton High Street and
Stockton Riverside
Saturday 3 August,
12pm-3:30pm

This year's SIRF Community Carnival will celebrate all that is unique and wonderful about our beautiful towns. Our Tales of the Tees Valley theme will bring together 40 community groups for a spectacular parade not to be missed.

The Carnival begins with a parade of hundreds of performers from local schools and community groups, many dressed in colourful costumes, celebrating the Tees Valley.

Thousands of people are expected to line the route for the vibrant parade as the procession passes along Stockton High Street leading to the Riverside where you can enjoy an afternoon of free live music, family entertainment and workshops following the parade.

Times:

12pm: The Parade begins on Church Road before turning left onto Stockton High Street. It will travel along the High Street passing the Town Hall and The Shambles before turning into Tower Street and looping back along Riverside Road.

12.30pm-3.30pm: The Parade will arrive on Stockton Riverside for an afternoon of performances, including live music, family entertainment and workshops.

Supported by HLF as part of Great Place Tees Valley

FROLICKED

Quest for the Tees Tusk



Free but ticketed,
tickets available from
SIRF Central as below:

10 Friday 2 August, Saturday 3
August and Sunday 4 August
Mornings; 10:45am, 11am,
11:15am and 12pm -
all tickets available from 10am
on day of performance

Afternoons; 2:45pm, 3pm,
3:15pm and 3:30pm -
all tickets available from 2pm
on day of performance

The Quest for the Tees Tusk is Frolicked theatre company's newest puppet-filled, puzzle-fuelled adventure for the whole family. You'll encounter a cast of colourful characters as you use your powers of deduction

to uncover a series of hidden locations whilst exploring familiar and not so well-known features of the town centre. Complete the hunt and you'll win a small prize AND be in with a chance to win a one-off original, framed illustration of the town's hidden (and not so hidden) wonders! www.frolicked.co.uk

Practical Information

- 1) The Treasure Hunt will take between 45-75 minutes depending on your skill at deciphering the clues.
- 2) The route is fully accessible and approximately 2 km.
- 3) It's suitable for all ages from 7 years old
- 4) Teams can comprise 2-5 people at least one of whom should be an adult.



PARISH GARDENS



FULLY BOOKED THEATRE

Once Upon a Wall

7 Parish Gardens
Friday 2 August,
2:45pm and 4:15pm
Sunday 4 August,
2:30pm and 4:15pm



A new interactive dance-theatre show for children and families. Join Hum-T on her fast-paced dancing adventure through the streets of Lost Sandwiches. Build a giant wall, throw down some signature moves, and watch one very large egg scramble to the top. Kids and adults alike join in the fun on the egg-venture of a lifetime, dancing the sizzling bacon dance, hip-hopping with the Royal Rebels and helping an egg to see the Sunnyside of life.

An egg. A wall. A very big fall.
www.fullybookedtheatre.com

THE FABULARIUM

Reynard The Fox

7 Parish Gardens
Saturday 3 August,
1:45pm and 3:30pm
Sunday 4 August,
1:45pm and 3:30pm



The tale of Reynard the Fox follows the woodlands most infamous scoundrel who prides himself on being the trickster of the forest. But when the Woodland Court announces the theft of the King's Crown Jewels the animal kingdom

immediately blame the fox. Reynard must do everything he can to prove his innocence and avoid certain death, as well as maintaining his devious persona. Will the gift of his silver tongue be a shade too bright against his roguish red fur to save his own tail?

Performed on their traditional wooden cart, the show features storytelling, puppetry, original live music and The Fabularium's bespoke animal headpieces.
www.fabularium.co.uk



APOCALYPTIC CIRCUS

My House

7 Parish Gardens
Friday 2 August,
1:45pm and 3:15pm



Saturday 3 August,
1:15pm, 3pm and 4:45pm
Sunday 4 August,
1:15pm and 3pm

Welcome to "My House"! Come close and look in through the enticing doors and windows. If you are patient enough you might find out who lives here! "My House" is a circus theatre experience for little people and their families. This magical, quirky structure, invites people to come close and almost become part of the performance. The show exploring, in a playful way, what habits and routines

we create to feel at home and how we must compromise to live alongside others. After the show everyone is welcome to explore and play (carefully) in the structure.
www.linnbroden.com

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BALLOONATIC

The Bonkers Balloon Show

7 Parish Gardens
Friday 2 August,
2:15pm and 3:45pm
Saturday 3 August,
2:30pm and 4:15pm



The Bonkers Balloon Show does what it says on the tin! A completely off the wall, unique show filled with comedy, circus fun, music, magic and lots and lots of balloons. A simple balloon gets turned into an alien, a helicopter and an air guitar, audience members are transformed into balloon creatures in front of your very eyes, and a magic trick makes a balloon appear from nowhere.
www.foolsparadise.co.uk



PARISH GARDENS

LIBERTIVORE (FRANCE)

Phasmes

7 Parish Gardens
Friday 2 August and
Saturday 3 August,
8pm

Phasmes, a sensuous two-person performance that invents a new acrobatic language, developed from the raw, tactile and transmutable

body. It questions the place of humans in nature. The bodies mutate, move and interact with the environment, evoking animal, mineral and plant life. Prepare to experience morphing figures galloping between headless creatures, delicate insects, creeping aliens and architecture.
www.libertivore.fr



EXPLORE STOCKTON



RAY LEE

Congregation



Free but ticketed;
Tickets available
from SIRF Central
one hour before advertised
starting time

10 Starts at SIRF Central
Friday 2 August and
Saturday 3 August,
11:45am, 1:45pm,
5pm and 7pm

A sonic mystery-tour.
Let Ray Lee's magic sonic
spheres take you on a mystery

tour across Stockton to a secret location, guiding you by sound alone. Your job is to keep the sphere happy by going in the right direction. Remember, only the sphere knows where you are being taken! If you go the right way it will let you know by making a 'happy' sound, but if you start to go the wrong way it will sound sad.
www.invisible-forces.com

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Important information

- 1) Starting points are 5-15 minutes walk from SIRF Central – all but one are fully accessible
- 2) Walking distance is between 1 and 2 km
- 3) Each sphere can be used for 1 person or small groups
- 4) Please allow 45-60 minutes for this performance
- 5) No minimum age but under 16's must be accompanied by an adult

THE OTHER WAY WORKS

A Moment of Madness



Free but ticketed;
Tickets available
from SIRF Central
one hour before advertised
starting time

10 Starts at SIRF Central
Friday 2 August, Saturday 3
August and Sunday 4 August,
1:45pm, 5pm and 7:30pm

As the press gather for a big announcement on the new environmental bill, a politician's future hangs in the balance. Thrust into the heart of a spy thriller, you'll navigate the political scandal of the decade. Staking out a multi-storey car park, you must use every mode of surveillance to hunt down facts and intercept evidence. As agents of the state you will expose a complex network of corruption that threatens to destroy the UK's path to environmental progress.
www.theotherwayworks.co.uk

Practical Information

- 1) Limited capacity - 24 tickets available per show, a maximum of 2 tickets per person
- 2) Participants will need to be able to get in and out of a car that remains static.
- 3) Each car has maximum capacity of 4 people
- 4) Minimum age; 16 but under 18's must be accompanied by an adult
- 5) Please allow 75 minutes from advertised starting time
- 6) Walking distance approximately 1 km

LO-GIUDICE DANCE

L'uomo

4 Green Dragon Yard
Saturday 3 August and
Sunday 4 August,
2pm and 4pm

L'uomo (Italian for 'The Man') is a short dance theatre duet that tells a story of two men struggling to articulate their feelings for one-another, created using real-life accounts from LGBTQ people about public displays of affection. Caught between a place where moments driven by the heart-felt become entangled with the discomforts of prejudice, L'uomo examines and highlights the concerns same-sex couples can still face when holding hands or showing affection in public.
www.logiudicedance.com



**GREEN
DRAGON
YARD**

MEET OUTSIDE ARC



ACTION D'ESPACE (FRANCE)

First Cry

11 Secret Location,
meet outside ARC
Saturday 3 August and
Sunday 4 August,
12pm and 4pm

When you arrive at the secret location, two men and two women appear. They speak of children...of what it is like to be a mother, a father. What it is to procreate or decide not to; to have children or not to, destiny, nature, love, chance, necessity...They become silent, live life through dance, skim by us in an outdoor ballet. They slip their hands in ours, recognise us, we are from the same tribe and we also go forth. They cling to our arms, scream into our bodies, confide to us doubts and convictions, tell us eye to eye their vibrant truth. Different lives, common destinies, life then death.
www.actiondespace.wordpress.com

Important information

- 1) The route is fully accessible and is approximately 1 km from ARC
- 2) Please allow approximately 90 minutes from departure time
- 3) The audience may be required to follow performance as it moves through the site

The company receives the backing of French Ministry of Culture and Communication (General Direction for Artistic Creation, Regional Direction for Cultural Affairs); Occitanie Regional Council, Hérault Departmental Council and the City of Montpellier.

DEBORDANTE (FRANCE)

Far

5 Infinity Bridge (Stockton side)
Saturday 3 August and
Sunday 4 August,
10am and 7.30pm

If you look carefully, you will see in the distance, bodies appear and detach from the landscape. Like a mirage they appear blurry, their gestures vague. They are getting closer and we can distinguish more precise

movement, their silhouettes emerge, the landscape is transformed around them. Some of them progress faster than others, retreat, leave. They amalgamate, form a group, supporting each other, then separate becoming again solitary individuals.
www.ladebordante.com

Important information

- 1) The Infinity Bridge is approximately 1 km from Stockton High Street
- 2) Please allow 15 minutes to walk each way



**INFINITY
BRIDGE**

HIGH STREET (WALKABOUT)



KAMCHÀTKA (CATALUÑA/ SPAIN)

High Street Walkabout
Saturday 3 August,
11am and 3:30pm
Sunday 4 August,
1:15pm and 4:30pm



Roaming around the town centre, you may come across, eight lost characters. Carrying their own suitcase you're left to decide if they are passers-by or immigrants. Naïve and curious, their emotions are barely contained, they know nothing about our norms, rules or way of life. The game they play is so subtle it could be mistaken for reality.

The spectator becomes an active part of the exchange. Shall we build our future with the Kamchàtka members or should we reject them? Kamchàtka is the first part of a trilogy – the Company will return with Habitaculum in 2020 and Fugit in 2021
www.kamchatka.cat

PLUNGE BOOM BOING

High Street Walkabout
Saturday 3 August,
11am and 2pm



BOING is a character who makes noises but never speaks. His whole body is full of sound that's literally bursting to get out - be it from his fingers or his feet. A cheeky chap with an insatiable curiosity for the world around him, BOING invites you to see & hear the world from his own unique perspective. A show for all ages combining humour with pathos.
www.plungeboom.com

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BACK CHAT BRASS

High Street Walkabout
Saturday 3 August,
2:30pm



Back Chat Brass are an instant favourite. With a nod to their roots in pop, funk and hip hop,

their brassy twist on classic tunes combined with electrifying showmanship will ignite the street. Wielding their horns whilst roaming the street they won't fail to get your toe tapping and the party started.
www.backchatbrass.co.uk





CHURCH ROAD

ELEPHANTS LAUGH (REPUBLIC OF KOREA)

MULJIL

8 Church Road
Friday 2 August and
Saturday 3 August,
10pm

The Korean word 'MULJIL' refers to diving activities by Haenyeo, female divers of Jeju Island. When diving for shellfish,

each Haenyeo endures a critical moment of breathlessness at least twice. Only those who are determined to risk their lives can overcome such brief moments of crisis. The crossroads of life and death that Haenyeo encounter when diving exists in our daily lives and although separated like islands,

we are all immersed in the same sea. Nobody can choose the conditions of life themselves.
www.elephantslaugh.com

Commissioned by Ansan Street Arts Festival, Seoul Street Arts Creation Center and supported by Arts Council Korea.



CHURCH ROAD

TICKERTAPE PARADE

Fantabulosa!

8 Church Road
Friday 2 August and
Saturday 3 August
2:30pm and 5pm



Step into the unforgettable magic of Fantabulosa! - a fantastical pop-up world of imagination, storytelling and

glitter; where boundaries are forgotten and everyone and anyone can be whoever they want to be. Join some of the UK's leading drag artists for a queer-positive participatory family drag show for public spaces encompassing interactive storytelling, lipsync, performance, dress-up, games

and original songs. Fantabulosa! is open to anyone, young and old, who wants to experience the joys and freedom of self-expression. Age Range: 3-8 (but fabulous for adults too) www.tickertapeparade.org

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WILD N BEETS

Buck A Brenda

8 Church Road
Friday 2 August
1:30pm and 4pm
Saturday 3 August
2pm and 4pm

Join country and western lovers, Beryl and Cyril, for 'Buck-A-Brenda', the wheelchair wobbling game of chance. Based on the popular family game 'Buckaroo', teams take it in turns to place objects on our burdened Brenda. But be careful as you go, one flip, and that's it! Disability politics meet 'Dallas' in this rip-roaring, participatory performance for all ages!
www.darylbeeton.com

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THE COURTYARD OFF CHURCH ROAD

Please note; The Courtyard has a limited capacity of 200 people and we may have to turn people away during busy periods.

AMER I AFRICA (CATALUNYA/ SPAIN)

Envà

9 The Courtyard
Friday 2 August and
Saturday 3 August, 8:30pm
Sunday 4 August, 8:15pm

Between 250kg of straw and 125kg of human mass, two people play around through movement, balance, humour and composition of space, exploring the peculiarities of human relationships. ENVÀ (in Catalan) is a thin wall that is constructed to separate spaces. People often build mental walls that protect us from a serious emotional danger regarding others. We spend our lives looking for a way to free ourselves and all we need is to knock that wall down.

www.amerafricacirc.com

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THE SPORTHORSES AND THE GUGGENHEIM BOX (SWITZERLAND)

Rock the Box

9 The Courtyard
Friday 2 August and
Saturday 3 August,
7pm and 9.45pm

Clip-clop, here come the Sporthorses with a thrilling DIY electronic concert the Guggenheim Box. Prepare to see dancing, jumping and air drumming. Generating music by crossing light barriers that trigger a modular synthesised sounds and samples, The Sporthorses create a musical experience like no other.

'The Box' includes self-made electric instruments such as a fiddle, a guitar and a one-string bass, filter stations and flashing Blinksy. The electronic sounds will make your dancing shoes move, your heart gallop and your imaginary spaceship take off! And after the Show: you can have a go - Clip Clop - you rock the Box!

www.thesporthorses.com



PRESQUE SIAMOISES (FRANCE)

Au point du jour



Tickets £2 to cover cost of breakfast. Limited capacity of 46 tickets for both days will be available at 5:30pm on Thursday 1 August from SIRF Central (Tickets needed for children over 3yrs - Babes in arms free)

9 The Courtyard
Saturday 3 August
and Sunday 4 August, 10am

If good things have an end, they also have a beginning. At the point of the day (Au Point du Jour) invites you in the early morning to take time to celebrate the day ahead with some toast, good coffee and maybe a juggled egg. Counter contortions and convoluted services: getting up on the right foot is an acrobatic story! Curiosity awakened - appetite for the day comes... Good morning!
www.presque-siamoises.fr

YOUR GUIDE TO ALL THINGS SIFR

Whether you're a regular visitor, or this is your first SIFR, we are here to help you make the most of your Festival visit:

- Choose your shows
 - Get the latest updates at www.sifr.co.uk or follow us on social media
 - Come prepared for all weathers - bring a raincoat, sunscreen and sunglasses too!
 - Take time out of your busy Festival day to enjoy our Festival Village and sample some of the best food and drink our town has to offer
- Enjoy!**

SIFR CENTRAL

Located on Stockton High Street this is your one stop shop for more information about the festival, merchandise and tickets.

SIFR Central, Rediscover Stockton, 134b High Street, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1LP

THE TEAM ON THE STREET

Our incredibly friendly and helpful Visitor Experience Team in their orange SIFR t-shirts will be located at all our venues so do ask them for;

- Directions and other useful information
- Programmes (if you need another one)
- Guiding you around the Festival, providing support, advice and recommendations on what to see
- Helping you navigate the festival with up-to-date information if anything changes

ACCESSIBLE SIFR

We're committed to ensuring that SIFR is as accessible as possible for everyone.

Find out more on our website or visit SIFR Central for more information.

- SIFR buddy service
- Access lanyards
- Disabled access
- BSL performances
 - Tickertape Parade (page 31), all Saturday shows
- Touch tours
 - Kapow (page 15), available on all shows, must be booked in advance at SIFR Central

SIFR TICKETS

All but one SIFR19 shows are FREE and for most of them you can just turn up for the start. However there are four shows with a limited capacity - these are clearly marked with a T sign with information about when to get your tickets for each from SIFR Central.

SIFR19 ticketed shows:

- Frolicked, page 21
- Ray Lee, page 25
- The Other Way Works, page 26
- Presque Siamoises, Page 33



FESTIVAL VILLAGE

Location 6 on map

The Festival Village is situated at the crossroads of SIFR - between High Street, Riverside and Parish Gardens - location 6 on map. A place to sit and chat with family and friends, or make new ones whilst grabbing a snack from a top class range of street food stalls.

NCT & TEESSIDE SLING LIBRARY

Location 7 on map

SIFR & National Childbirth Trust (NCT) have teamed up to offer a pop up family tent within Parish Gardens. The space will offer baby changing facilities, space and seats for breastfeeding mums. There will also be an opportunity to hire a sling from Teesside Sling Library to help you get around the festival and for tired little legs.

GETTING TO SIFR

Buses: Stockton Town Centre is well served by buses from across the Tees Valley.

Train: Stockton station is 5 minutes walk from the Town Centre. Thornaby station is just across the river - it's a 15 minutes walk to the Town Centre and there are frequent buses from outside the station as well as a taxi rank.

Driving: There is ample car parking within easy walking distance to Stockton Town Centre. Please see website for a list of the available car parks along with any road and parking restrictions in-place during the festival.



For further information:

Visit www.sifr.co.uk

General enquires, Accessible SIFR & SIFR Central: **01642 528130**

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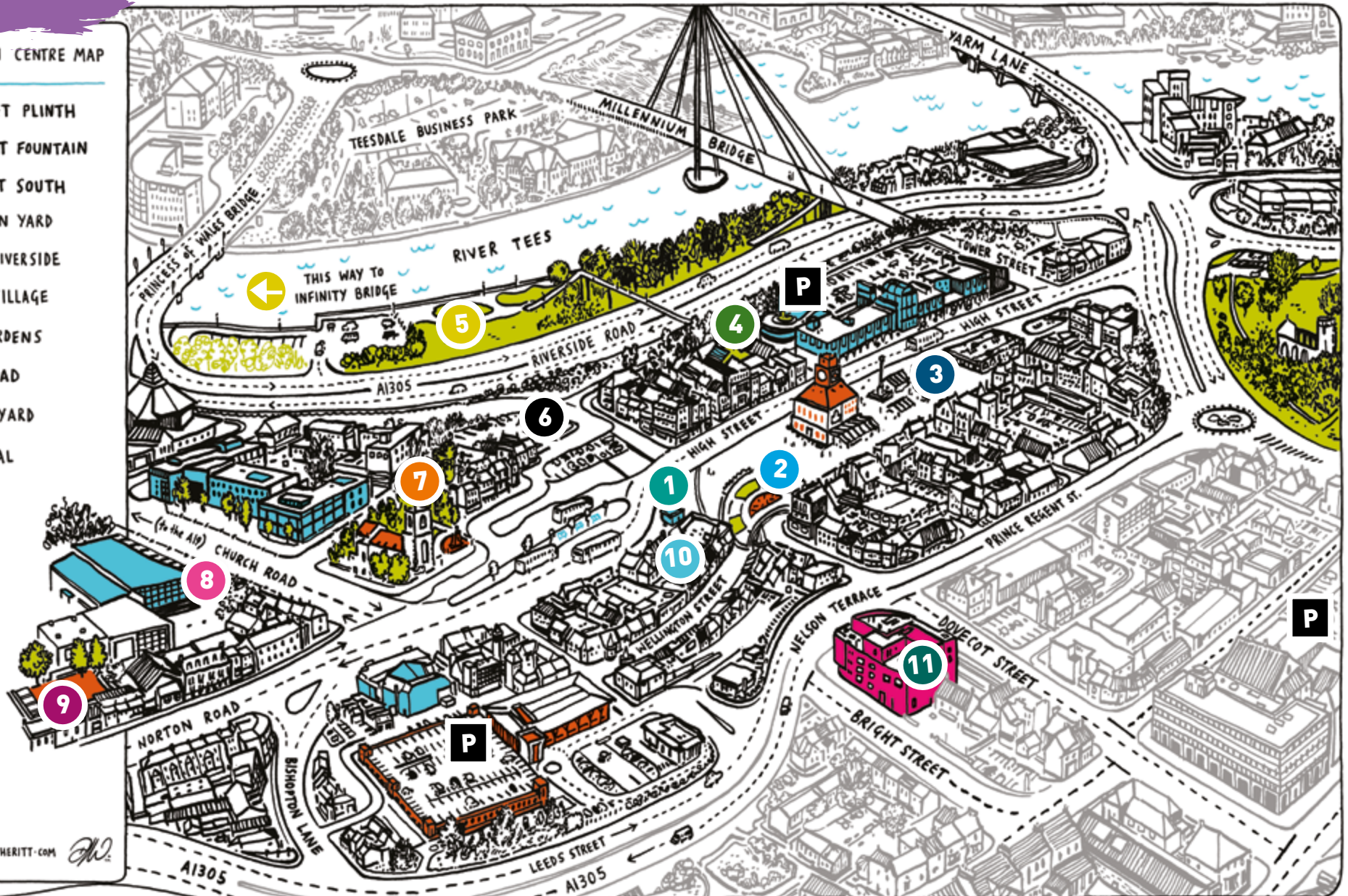
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SIRF LOCATIONS

STOCKTON TOWN CENTRE MAP

- 1 HIGH STREET PLINTH
- 2 HIGH STREET FOUNTAIN
- 3 HIGH STREET SOUTH
- 4 GREEN DRAGON YARD
- 5 STOCKTON RIVERSIDE
- 6 FESTIVAL VILLAGE
- 7 PARISH GARDENS
- 8 CHURCH ROAD
- 9 THE COURTYARD
- 10 SIRF CENTRAL
- 11 ARC

P PARKING



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DAILY TIMETABLES

THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST 2019

VENUE	6.00pm	6.15pm	6.30pm	6.45pm	7.00pm	7.15pm	7.30pm	7.45pm	8.00pm	8.15pm
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Tickertape Parade
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FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2019

VENUE	10.00am	10.15am	10.30am	10.45am	11.00am	11.15am	11.30am	11.45am	12.00pm	12.15pm	12.30pm	12.45pm	1.15pm	1.30pm	1.45pm	2.00pm	2.15pm	2.30pm	2.45pm	3.00pm	3.15pm	3.30pm	3.45pm	4.00pm	4.15pm	4.30pm
1 High Street Plinth													Motionhouse pg4							Upswing pg19		Safety Catch pg15			Motionhouse pg4	
2 High Street Fountain																Avanti Display pg10			Mimbre pg14		Axial Dance pg10		Spitz & Co pg16		Avanti Display pg10	
7 Parish Gardens															Apocalyptic Circus pg23		Balloonic pg23		Fully Booked Theatre pg22		Apocalyptic Circus pg23		Balloonic pg23		Fully Booked Theatre pg22	
8 Church Road														Wild N Beets pg31		Pre-show Tickertape Parade pg31		Tickertape Parade pg31				Post-show Ticker-tape Parade pg31		Wild N Beets pg31		Pre-show Tickertape Parade pg31
10 Ticketed shows - start SIRf Central								Ray Lee pg25						Ray Lee pg25				Frolicked pg21								
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High Street Walkabout											Balloonic pg23															

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1 High Street Plinth						Upswing pg19			Safety Catch pg15																	
2 High Street Fountain	Avanti Display pg10			Mimbre pg14				Axial Dance pg10			Spitz & Co pg16															
5 Stockton Riverside																	Sisus Sirkus pg8				Furinkai pg8			Vincent Glowinski pg9		
7 Parish Gardens															Libertivore pg24											
8 Church Road	Pre-show Tickertape Parade pg31		Tickertape Parade pg31					Post-show Ticker-tape Parade pg31															Elephants Laugh pg30			
9 The Courtyard											The Sporthorses and the Guggenheim Box pg33						Amer i Á frica pg32					The Sporthorses and the Guggenheim Box pg33				
10 Ticketed shows - start SIRf Central			Ray Lee pg25								Ray Lee pg25															
			The Other Way Works pg26										The Other Way Works pg26													

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2019

VENUE	10.00am	10.15am	10.30am	10.45am	11.00am	11.15am	11.30am	11.45am	12.00pm	12.15pm	12.30pm	12.45pm	1.00pm	1.15pm	1.30pm	1.45pm	2.00pm	2.15pm	2.30pm	2.45pm	3.00pm	3.15pm	3.30pm	3.45pm	4.00pm	4.15pm	4.30pm	
1 High Street Plinth														Joss Arnott Dance pg13			Stopgap pg18		Desperate men pg18		Upswing pg19		Safety Catch pg15			Stopgap pg18		
2 High Street Fountain															Kapow pg13		Avanti Display pg10		Mimbre pg14		Axial Dance pg10		Spitz & Co pg16			Kapow pg13		
4 Green Dragon Yard																	Lo-Giudice Dance pg26									Lo-Giudice Dance pg26		
5 Stockton Riverside													Community Carnival and Aftershow pg20															
7 Parish Gardens														Apocalyptic Circus pg23	The Fabularium pg22			Balloonic pg23		Apocalyptic Circus pg23		The Fabularium pg22				Balloonic pg23		
8 Church Road																	Wild N Beets pg31		Tickertape Parade pg31				Post-show Tickertape Parade pg31		Wild N Beets pg31	Pre-show Tickertape Parade pg31		
9 The Courtyard	Presque Siamoises pg33																											
10 Ticketed shows – start SIRF Central									Ray Lee pg25								Ray Lee pg25			Frolicked pg21								
					Frolicked pg21												The Other Way Works pg26											
11 Explore – start at ARC									Action d’espace pg27																	Action d’espace pg27		
High Street Walkabout					Kamchatka pg28				Community Carnival pg20														Kamchatka pg28					
					Balloonic pg23													Plunge Boom pg23										
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2 High Street Fountain	Kapow pg13		Avanti Display pg10				Mimbre pg14		Axial Dance pg10					Spitz & Co pg16			RamShacklicious pg15										
5 Stockton Riverside																	Sisus Sirkus pg8				Furinkai pg8			Vincent Glowinski pg9			
7 Parish Gardens		Apocalyptic Circus pg23												Libertivore pg24													
8 Church Road	Pre-show Tickertape Parade pg31		Tickertape Parade pg31				Post-show Tickertape Parade pg31																Elephants Laugh pg30				
9 The Courtyard											The Sporthorses and the Guggenheim Box pg33						Amer i Á frica pg32					The Sporthorses and the Guggenheim Box pg33					
10 Ticketed shows - start SIRF Central			Ray Lee pg25								Ray Lee pg25																
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SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 2019

VENUE	10.00am	10.15am	10.30am	10.45am	11.00am	11.15am	11.30am	11.45am	12.00pm	12.15pm	12.30pm	12.45pm	1.00pm	1.15pm	1.30pm	1.45pm	2.00pm	2.15pm	2.30pm	2.45pm	3.00pm	3.15pm	3.30pm	3.45pm	4.00pm	4.15pm	4.30pm
1 High Street Plinth															Stopgap pg18		Dorothy's Shoes pg11										
2 High Street Fountain															Kapow pg13				Joli Vyann pg12								
3 High Street South														Joss Arnott Dance pg13			Initiative.dkf pg12	Tangled Feet pg17		Newton's Ladder pg14		Initiative.dkf pg12	Tangled Feet pg17				
4 Green Dragon Yard																	Lo-Giudice Dance pg26							Lo-Giudice Dance pg26			
7 Parish Gardens														Apocalyptic Circus pg23		The Fabularium pg22		Fully Booked Theatre pg22	Apocalyptic Circus pg23		The Fabularium pg22		Fully Booked Theatre pg22				
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SIRF NEEDS YOU

Ever watched a show at SIRF and thought 'I'd like to try that?' Well you can;

Next year SIRF and ARC in partnership will be launching a new street theatre group for young people aged 18 - 24, if you'd like to be part of this, please register your interest on our website by sending us a message via the 'Contact' section

www.sirf.co.uk

