



STOCKTON INTERNATIONAL RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL

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Welcome

As we approach SIRF 2022 things feel different. We've not staged the event for two years. In that time COVID has made many of us behave differently, spending more time alone or connected only via a screen. The economic context is also different, the cost-of-living crisis is real and is limiting people's choices, particularly for their entertainment and leisure time.

Against this backdrop, the Festival's varied programme tempts us to be part of a real crowd, glued to the drama and humour of the performances and connected by our shared reactions. For four days in August, artists will take audiences on a free journey to imaginary worlds, beyond their day-to-day worries.

Come to SIRF to marvel and wonder, laugh and cry. Come to see the world in a universal story, told in sinew-stretching physical reality a few feet in front of you, on the streets of Stockton-on-Tees.

You know you want to.

Reuben Kench

Director of Community Services,
Environment and Culture,
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



Free but ticketed shows.
All tickets are available from
SIRF Central. See show listings
for details.



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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 England. This year we are presenting 6 new shows that have been supported by Without Walls for 2022.



Local performers and young musicians from Apollo Arts will start this year's festival with a special musical set as crowds gather for Gratte Ciel's spectacular show - TAWA.

GRATTE CIEL (FRANCE)

TAWA

Riverside

Thursday 4 August
7.30pm

Experience the joy and thrill of Gratte Ciel's show TAWA. TAWA is an evergreen monumental tree with long willow like branches. As live music fills the air, aerialists and acrobats spin in a spectacular explosion of colour, with incredible acts of human strength and resilience.

SIRF is committed to creating an environmentally friendly festival. The paper explosions that are used as part of this event are 100% biodegradable and some will be repurposed by SIRF Carnival artists in 2023. Gratte Ciel will also be planting tree saplings in Stockton-on-Tees which will offset the weight of the paper used in the show.

LIEUX PUBLICS (FRANCE)

Harmonic Fields

Tees Barrage

Thursday 4 August,
Friday 5 August &
Saturday 6 August
1pm - 7pm

In the "air of the times", without electricity, without a computer, Harmonic Fields is an invitation to an exceptional journey. A concert that goes beyond the show, an original sensory experience, a journey to the heart of music.

The wind is a formidable composer. Who hasn't whistled with the wind and its harmonics? Based on this idea, Pierre Sauvageot has invented a wind symphony of 500 instruments including harmonic cellos, vibrating drums, glockenspiel mills, bamboo whistles, propeller-sirens, gyratory music boxes, Balinese scarecrows, chromatic tepees, pentatonic grails, sound bows, flute trees and fishing rods. The musical composition of Harmonic Fields is a mastery of assembly, a dialogue between resonance, space and temporalities.



GOBBLEDEGOOK THEATRE

Ear Trumpet

Tees Barrage

Friday 5 August, &
Saturday 6 August
1pm - 3pm & 4pm - 6pm

Ear Trumpet is about listening. It's about the sound under the ground. The noises that you would miss if you didn't listen for them. A team of sonic

investigators have managed to track an exceptional auditory occurrence. Eons-worth of sound is trapped inside our ancient rock and occasionally, these sounds bubble up and erupt to the surface. Ear Trumpet allows you to listen in on this incredible sonic phenomenon.

Commissioned by Without Walls, Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival and Hat Fair.

CANAL & RIVER TRUST

Brilliant Barrage

Tees Barrage

Thursday 4 August &
Friday 5 August
1pm - 4.30pm

Join Canal & River Trust for family fun activities to celebrate the charity's 10th birthday. Wild ones will enjoy seal mask making, seal spotting and pond dipping. Budding engineers will enjoy the bridge building challenge and guided tours of the barrage control room which will take place on the hour, every hour. Activities are free to take part, no booking required.

Canal & River Trust cares for 2,000 miles of waterways across England and Wales,



making life better by water for millions of people. Research shows that spending time by water really does make us happier and healthier. So, if you fancy relaxing and unwinding with a walk along the river, Tees Barrage is the perfect place to do so.

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/tees-barrage-and-stockton



ENTRE TERRE ET CIEL (FRANCE)

Envol

Tees Barrage

Friday 5 August &
Saturday 6 August
9.30pm

A journey through dance, music and fire. Here on earth, passing through, we, who have stolen fire from the heavens, have a duty to plant seeds of consciousness and light. This fire show, created around the symbol of the tree, invites us to celebrate the beauty of life, to reconnect with our common source and unite with the other, the whole, the all.





THEATRE ILLUMIERE

Hedge Men

High Street Walkabout

Sunday 7 August
3.15pm & 4.15pm

While you are enjoying the festival colourful characters will wander through the town. Watch out for a few green fingered folk. Have a tree hug from the amazing real life Hedge Men, the Living Topiary! They look exactly like the real thing only bigger, better, noisier and funnier.

Hedge Men will also pop up in our new SIRF Green.



ALTERED STATES

The Invisible Man

High Street Walkabout

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
12.30pm, 2.15pm & 4.45pm

Come face to face with the man who isn't there! A living, breathing science experiment gone wrong. Contained by his mysterious scientist, witness the scientific marvel and learn more about how he came to (not) be! Using advanced technology, you can interact with him as he explores his new powers but be warned you may see more (or less) than you bargained for!

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by SIRF and Salisbury International Arts Festival.

CURIOUS ARTS

Wildflower

High Street Walkabout

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
12.30pm, 2.30pm & 4.00pm

Blooming wherever you're planted. Being your vibrant, colourful self, sometimes under the harshest conditions. Join the Wildflowers as they ride by for a fun, floral pop-up performance. Creating a welcoming environment where everyone can thrive.

Commissioned by SIRF and produced by leading LGBTQIA+ arts organisation Curious Arts.



LUKASZ PUCZO (POLAND)

Burek the Dog



High Street Walkabout

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
12.30pm, 2pm & 4.30pm

Lukasz Puczko was born and lives in Poland and has been performing with his puppets for the last nine years. In 2013, after five years of studying, he graduated from the Academy of Theatre in Warsaw within the Department of Puppetry in Bialystok (Poland) with a master's degree in puppetry. A walkabout performance for adults, kids and especially dogs as Burek goes walkies.



FULLY BOOKED THEATRE

String and Strong's Great Big Game-a-thon

High Street Walkabout

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
12.30pm, 1.30pm, 3pm & 4.15pm

String and Strong want to play a game, but they've completely forgotten how to play.

Thank Goodness you're here! Join String and Strong for anarchic fun and 'Old Skool' games with a little help from parents and children alike.

This energy-packed performance will entertain anyone with lots of audience participation. It will be the highlight of your weekend!

KIERAN BARKER

The Stockton Treasure

High Street Walkabout



Free but ticketed.
Tickets from SIRF Central
each day from 10.30am.

Friday 5 August,
Saturday 6 August &
Sunday 7 August
11.30am

20 years ago, Susan and Charlotte Crane followed their best friend Jacob Grey into a mystery and were never seen again. The mystery of their disappearance has never truly



been investigated, until now. Newly found recordings said to have been created by the missing couple may tell you, the investigators, where they were before vanishing in Stockton. Are they still out there? Did they discover the truth behind the mystery? What happened to Jacob Grey? Who or what could have caused this

and why? Only you can decide what happened on the search for The Stockton Treasure.

Investigators will require an internet smartphone that has a QR scanner and headphones.

Part of the SIRF Commissions Programme in partnership with ARC Stockton



UPPER LEVEL

Rainbow Stilts

High Street Walkabout

Sunday 7 August
4.45pm

The rainbow stilt walkers will dazzle their way around Stockton with their colourful costumes and moves like jagger. Their bright outfits and sunny personalities are guaranteed to make everybody smile.

Look out for us in the SIRF Carnival.

AUDREY COOK

Ricky the Itch

High Street Secret Location



Free but ticketed. Tickets available from
SIRF Central each evening at 8.30pm.

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
9.30pm

Ricky the Itch is a piece of queer solo performance that combines a youthful coming of age story, with gothic shanty town folk lore. Ricky the Itch presents 'The Itch', a well known and commonly feared local cryptid that one day emerged from the Tees. When the story is taken from the locals and told by the monster, the Itch goes on an absurd journey of reclaiming his identity as a putrid creature.

Part of the SIRF Commissions Programme in partnership with ARC Stockton.



A BIRD IN THE HAND THEATRE

A Sweep of Swallows

High Street Walkabout

Sunday 7 August
4pm & 5.15pm

Harbingers of long summer days, our swallows paint the skies with colour, movement and the sweet sound of birdsong.

A Sweep of Swallows is a set of beautiful silk kite walkabout puppets. Catching the wind, they create a beautiful aerial picture, bringing joy as they pass through the streets of Stockton.

Look out for us in the SIRF Carnival.

ARTEMIS

Cali and Mari

High Street Walkabout

Sunday 7 August
3.45pm

Cali and Mari have eight legs, three hearts and intelligence to spare. These very friendly, larger than life characters have emerged from the river and are curious to explore Stockton.

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BLANK CANVAS

Castlegate Shopping Centre

Thursday 4 August 12pm - 6pm
Friday 5 August 12pm - 6pm
Saturday 6 August 12pm - 6pm
Sunday 7 August 12pm - 4pm

In October 2022 Castlegate Shopping Centre will be demolished to make way for a huge town centre redevelopment that will bring the River Tees and the High Street together joined by green space, shops and restaurants.

Before the building is demolished, a collective of four artists will transform part of Spencer Market and you're invited to make your mark on this iconic building! Come and create with our brilliant artists and tell us how you think town centres can be re-imagined.

A SIRF Commission delivered by ARC Stockton.

DANIEL BYE AND AIDAN MOESBY

C'mon in, the water's lovely

Castlegate Shopping Centre

Friday 5 August 12pm - 6pm
Saturday 6 August 12pm - 6pm
Sunday 7 August 12pm - 4pm

We're told to keep calm and carry on, but for the health of ourselves and our planet, maybe sometimes we should just stop. But can we do that without making things worse? This installation, set in an Antarctic research station, explores the contradictions at the heart of the drive to get better.

A SIRF Commission delivered by ARC Stockton.



YORKSHIRE LIFE AQUATIC

Million Dollar Mermaids

Town Hall Area & Fountain Area

Sunday 7 August
2.30pm, 3.45pm & 5pm

Million Dollar Mermaids is an homage to Esther Williams, the original mermaid of the silver screens. The bathing beauties present a fun and family friendly show with a vintage twist and a comedic nod to the days of Hollywood. Expect clowning, synchronised swimming (on land) and a whole lot of polka dots!



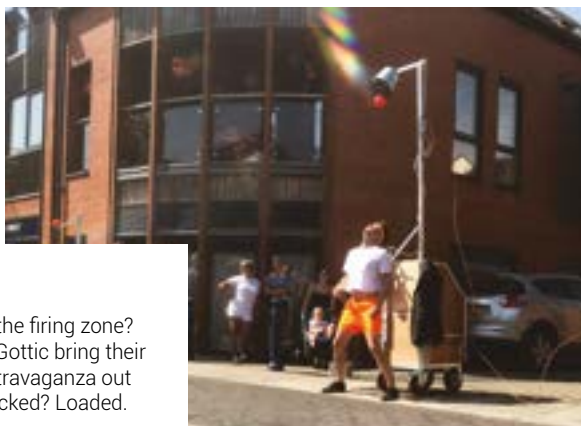
PANGOTTIC

Loaded

Town Hall Area & Fountain Area

Sunday 7 August
1.15pm, 3pm & 5.30pm

Are you ready for take-off? Or are you in the firing zone? Hold on to the seat of your pants as PanGottic bring their latest projectile-blasting, air-powered extravaganza out of the workshop and onto the streets. Locked? Loaded.



DARYL BEETON

Look Mum, No Hands!

Town Hall Area & Fountain Area

Friday 5 August &
Saturday 6 August
2.15pm & 5.30pm

Look Mum, No Hands! is a tender story about friendship and growing up. It explores a visually beautiful and physically surprising, coming-of-age story about two friends testing their own boundaries. Together they explore freedom, taking risks and independence and how these change depending on who you are. Using a combination of theatre, movement, and acrobatics as a powerful narrative tool, the two friends play, pushing the boundaries of what is possible, until together, they find the perfect balance of each of their limits.

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by Hat Fair and Greenwich and Docklands International Festival.

JUST MORE PRODUCTIONS

Do What Yah Mamma Told Yah

Town Hall Area & Fountain Area

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
1.15pm & 3pm

Join Chef Messy Mama T' and her assistant Tiny, Tidy T', on a colourful journey through Mama's kitchen! Once all the lemons have been juggled, the plates spun, the flaming pans put out, it's time for the grand finale, where the clumsy assistant finally gets a taste of the food! It's so good, so sweet! Suddenly Tiny T' is no longer clumsy, gains superpowers and Hula Hoops 50 hulas in one go!

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by SIRF & Just So Festival.





STRONG LADY PRODUCTIONS

Strong Enough

Town Hall & Fountain Area

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
1.45pm & 5pm

This show is a celebration of the strength we find in unexpected places. The strength we build when we are wobbling at our edge. A circus strong lady telling stories of strength that are far more exciting than just lifting heavy things. Funny, physical and full of hope - it is an optimistic declaration that we are strong enough.

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by Hat Fair and Just So Festival.



TIN ARTS

Got Your Nose!

Town Hall & Fountain Area

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
4.30pm & 6.15pm

Be a part of the Great Conk Census. The Nostrillas are here to find the finest nose to add to their collection. Will you help them pick it? Sergeant Snoot, Monsieur Atchoo, Mia Buttonnose and Al Picket are all on the scent... it's snot a job to be sniffed at! Gather round, have a nose and join in with this fun-filled inclusive dance theatre show for all the family.

Commissioned by SIRF.



TÊTES DE MULES (FRANCE)

Parasite Circus

Town Hall & Fountain Area

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
3.30pm & 9.30pm

All you have secretly wished to see in a circus and never had the chance to! Têtes de Mules brings on stage all the circus magic of old times, covered by a thick coat of black humour.

The best of the worst will finally happen here tonight! Quench your thirst of haemoglobin and be ready for great bloody sensations. This show is a collective act of liberation! A desecration of common sense and the idea of political correctness. A freedom cry against the daily burdens of life. A roaring laughter in the face of death!



THE CLAY CONNECTION

Lives of Clay

High Street Car Park (North)

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
7.30pm

If clay could talk, what would it say? Stories of women from ancient myth and modern life are brought vividly to life through thrilling classical Indian dance, original music and half a ton of clay. Vidya Thirunakaran combines her expertise in Bharata Natyam dance with her skill as a potter in a unique theatrical event. Directed by Tim Supple, choreographed by Debbie Fionn Barr, and with original text by Vayu Naidu.

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by Brighton Festival and Certain Blacks.

KAPOW DANCE CIRCUS THEATRE

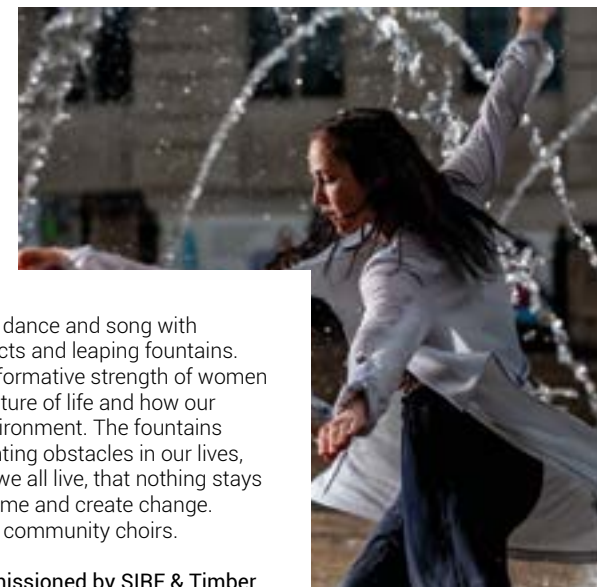
Mayfly

High Street Car Park (North)

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
3.30pm & 8.15pm

Mayfly is a spectacular fusion of water, dance and song with the stage coming to life with water effects and leaping fountains. It is a poetic story expressing the transformative strength of women and explores the fleeting, ephemeral nature of life and how our survival is inextricably linked to our environment. The fountains provide numerous metaphors, representing obstacles in our lives, the ever-changing landscape in which we all live, that nothing stays the same, that we can stand up, overcome and create change. This performance will also be joined by community choirs.

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by SIRF & Timber.





MISS HIGH LEG KICK

Eau de Memoire

High Street Car Park (North)

Friday 5 August &
Saturday 6 August
2.45pm & 6.45pm

Explore the rich experiences and memories evoked by smells in a show that celebrates our oldest sense. Artists will present live "perfumances" with smell-along fragrances bringing memories of places and times to life. Eau de Memoire is a show for everyone, with inclusivity at its heart. Fun, quirky and approachable... and smells amazing!



Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by SIRF and Timber.

THEATRE TÉMOIN

FLOOD

High Street Car Park (North)



Free but ticketed. Tickets available from SIRF Central 1 hour before the show.

Friday 5 August &
Saturday 6 August
2.15pm & 4.30pm

It's 2030, the world's oceans have become volatile, dangerous and unable to sustain life. Three strangers meet on the high seas. A storm is coming.

FLOOD is a new, interactive outdoor spectacle using circus, music and acrobatics. It takes you on an epic adventure to understand how our coastline and communities have become 'seasick'. Standing under your own personalised 'sound umbrella', FLOOD will take you far beyond your front door and into the eye of the storm. FLOOD is watery acrobatic adventure that makes a splash (literally).

Supported by Without Walls and Tendring District Council.



FAT BRASS

High Street Car Park (North)

Sunday 7 August
3.45pm

Fat Brass are an explosive lip-splitting brass tour de force that flip instantly recognisable samples from the very bottom of the crate, be it a DJ Premier instrumental or a N*E*R*D B-side. Composed of the creme-de-la-creme of up-and-coming horn players and drummers, the band seamlessly blends into one giant wall of sound that you can hear coming across the horizon way before you spot the trumpet bells glinting in the sunshine.



OLD TIME SAILORS

High Street Car Park (North)

Sunday 7 August
1pm

Old Time Sailors is a flash mob musical show designed to take the audience back in time through an unforgettable trip to the 19th century and beyond. Become a sailor and dance and sing along with an epic crew of 17 shanty musicians as part of our Carnival Sunday party.

You can also catch Old Time Sailors at SIRF Green.



JOLI VYANN

Timeless

High Street Plinth

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
1.15pm & 5pm

Community Curtain Raiser performance

Joli Vyann have worked with local young performers to choreograph a special curtain raiser for the 5pm shows.

Timeless is about the passing of time and the fear that we as humanity are literally running out of it. Joli Vyann use their unique and dynamic style of dance, circus and theatre on a 7-metre-high rotating hourglass, to tell the story of civilisation as we know it and its fragile relationship with time and nature. Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by SIRF and Brighton Festival.



DESPERATE MEN

Generations

High Street Plinth

Friday 5 August &
Saturday 6 August
5.30pm & 8.45pm

The Desperate Men (and women) take a comic look at imminent societal collapse. An inter-generational cast ask, "who are the influencers?" "Are Instagram moments real?" "Who will feed the baby boomers?" A physical theatre show that finds a positive future for all generations.



DAMAEDANCE

IRMA Sister

High Street Plinth

Friday 5 August &
Saturday 6 August
1.45pm & 4pm

What does it take to become close to someone? And, ultimately, what does it mean? Damae Dance's mesmerising outdoor work, IRMA-sister, is

an exhilarating, cutting-edge exploration of beauty and challenges of our relationships with one another, looking at how they affect and shape the way we perceive ourselves and our surrounding environment. Complex and thought-provoking, IRMA-sister aims to challenge preconceptions about women's representation

on stage, celebrating their strength and power and ultimately portraying women, who have weight, can sustain weight and at same time display vulnerability.

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by SIRF and Winchester Hat Fair.

URBAN PLAYGROUND

Zoo Humans

High Street Plinth

Sunday 7 August
3pm & 5pm

Following the 5pm performance there's a chance to join in as part of stay and play activity.

Inspired by news that three quarters of young people in the UK spend less time outdoors than prisoners, Zoo Humans sees The Urban Playground Team bring their distinctive performance-parkour and Attenborough's smooth narrative to a group of humans on the verge of forgetting how to move.

As they slowly become aware of the artificial world in which they're living, they must decide if they'll swap touchscreens for human contact and risk the comfort of their cage for the lure of the great outdoors. Through a unique language of dance at speed and height, they ask, what will it take to get us moving again, before it's too late?



DULCE DUCA (PORTUGAL)

Streets with Attitude

High Street Plinth

Sunday 7 August
2.30pm & 4.30pm

A woman is confronted with extreme situations, provoked or not by her, that drives her to embrace chaos. Streets with Attitude is an eccentric comedy combining skateboarding, juggling, music and plastic arts in a very original and extravagant comedy.



WHIPPET UP

For the People, By the People

Trinity Green

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
1.30pm & 4.30pm



For the People, By the People tells tales inspired by local folklore. Redcar and Cleveland based Whippet Up worked alongside people referred to them for a wellbeing boost to turn junk and found items into puppets, props and costumes. Together they have created a dazzling family friendly show that unlocks the humour, meaning and mayhem found in local tails.

BASH STREET THEATRE

The Cameraman

Trinity Green

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
3.30pm

Set around the seedy French Cafe du Pont, a jaded detective looks back on his early career as a young crime-fighter in the 'Roaring 20s' - the days of fake news, a world pandemic and global warming. In a playful homage to the film-noir genre, with a voiceover narration and live musical accompaniment. There are songs, excitement and silent comedy as the storyline follows the fortunes of an inept cameraman who inadvertently becomes the main witness in an international robbery worth millions of dollars - the theft of the world's largest diamond.





LIMBIC CINEMA AND FULL TILT AERIAL

Within Without

Inside Trinity Church



Free but ticketed. Tickets available from SIRF Central at 3pm each day.

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
Show 1 - 10pm
Show 2 - 10.45pm
Full audience information given at the point of ticket collection.

Show 1

9.50pm doors open
10pm show start
10.20pm show finish

Show 2

10.35pm doors open
10.45pm show start
11.05pm show finish

Within Without is an immersive multimedia performance that explores visceral and personal articulations of safe and sacred space. The piece is informed by responses from local people gathered on the theme of Sanctuary. Trinity Church will be transformed into a cathedral of light, texture and movement. Audiences will be enveloped in a 360-degree canvas of projected animations which augment the church in rhythm with the dancers' movements. Expect to be immersed in a queer and luminous exploration of architecture, visual art and the expressive body. Developed exclusively for SIRF by a creative team including Limbic Cinema, Full Tilt Aerial and Korean composers Salamanda A SIRF commission.

SAFEKEEPING 1pm - 6pm

'Safekeeping' is an experiential audio experience in collaboration with composer and multi-instrumentalist Holly Khan, which weaves together original music and sound recordings gathered during a series of community workshops in Stockton-on-Tees, discussing the definition of 'sanctuary'. The documentary-style audio narrative will be played during the daytime for audiences to hear the stories from across the Borough.

Due to surfaces in this historical building we have created an accessible viewing space, places are limited so please register at SIRF Central.



FULL CIRCLE

Stomping Ground

Trinity Green

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
9.10pm

It feels like you've finally forged your own Stomping Ground, and the wider world is beginning to accept you, so a sense of belonging begins to grow. But then the world is turned upside down in every way imaginable and no one can fix it. Full Circle invites you into a lesser-seen world of lesser-told stories, revealing that the communities we create can be magical. There is a story about the fight for a rightful place for learning disabled people told with wit, pathos, and celebration, using their signature visual style, triumphantly translating to outdoor work for the first time in this world premiere.

A Little Cog and Full Circle Production in Association with ARC Stockton.



FULL CIRCLE PARTICIPATION WORKSHOP Saturday 6 August 3pm - 3.45pm

Join Full Circle for some open air moving and grooving as they take you through some of the 'gentler' dance moves. Learning disabled people and their friends and supporters are particularly welcome. Help us stake a groovy claim on our own stomping ground.



FROLICKED

Seeing Red

Trinity Green



Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
1pm, 3pm & 6pm

A large, furry trunk unfolds into a big, bad wolf in a show performed by Red Riding Hood herself (along with her grandma), where they tell the real story of their fight to escape from the wolf's greedy clutches. The gruesome tale happens in and around the wolf's body in this modern twist on the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

LA PUNTUAL (CATALUNA, SPAIN)

Pippa

Trinity Green



Friday 5 August &
Saturday 6 August
2.15pm & 5.15pm

Pippa does not want a quiet and lazy life, he wants to play, have fun, fall in love, live life. But he will come across a world full of surprising characters: Mister Tofol and his selfie stick, Nina and her ice cream, the Banker and his machine, and even a very hungry crocodile and its bubbles. It is a crazy, often surreal, and tender comedy for puppets.

"Pipa" means sunflower seed in Spanish. The hero of our show owes its name to the famous piece of Ai Wei Wei "Sunflower Seeds" (exhibited in the Tate Modern, 2010). A work composed of 100 million handmade porcelain sunflower seeds where each sunflower seed represents the individual and its freedom, and the whole set of seeds represent the people, capable of transforming things.



AΦE
OAR

Parish Gardens

Aged 5+ recommended



Free but ticketed. Tickets can be collected from
SIRF Central 1 hour before each show time.

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
1.15pm, 1.45pm, 2.15pm, 2.45pm,
4.15pm, 4.45pm, 5.15pm, 5.45pm.

OAR (zero AR) is a collection of short dance works in Augmented Reality (AR). It is based on the 2005 ground-breaking production zero degrees - a collaboration between Sadler's Wells Associate Artists Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui, Akram Khan and Nitin Sawney, with sculptor Antony Gormley.

OAR brings the liveness and collective aspect of the theatrical experience into AR, reimagining the application of this technology.



MADAME ZUCCHINI

Madame Zucchini & her Amazing
Vegetable Entertainment



Parish Gardens

Workshops:

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
12.30pm - 2pm & 3pm - 4.30pm

Show - 5.30pm

Madame Zucchini entertains with vegetables (and sometimes with fruit). She has crafted a unique world where vegetables are the stars, with characters like Leek Skywalker, Darth Tater, Justin Timberleek and Cresstina Aguilera to name but a few, featuring in her gazebo of veg fun. Come see the characters and make your own veg art (veg is provided).

At the end of each day, join Madame Zucchini in her new eco themed veg puppet show, "The Veg Avengers save Beanworld!" Starring Spudderman, Thortichoke and leafy eco-warrior Greta Iceberg.



MATTHEW HARRISON

Community Chest

Aged 5+ recommended



Parish Gardens



Free but ticketed. Tickets can be collected from
SIRF Central 1 hour before each show time.

Friday 5 August & Saturday 6 August
1.15pm, 1.45pm, 2.15pm, 2.45pm,
4.15pm, 4.45pm, 5.15pm, 5.45pm.

Community Chest is a collaborative escape room experience for all. Venture into this mysterious wooden chest for a treasure seeking, puzzle solving, interactive escape experience for all ages. Four groups of players are simultaneously locked into four separate chambers of the chest and must help each other to escape. Can they find the communal spirit and revive the heart of the community?

This participatory art installation aims to bring people together by testing communication skills and encouraging neighborliness.

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by Norfolk & Norwich Festival and Out There Festival.





WHALLEY RANGE ALL STARS

Godzillatown

Parish Gardens

Friday 5 August &
Saturday 6 August
12.30pm - 2.30pm &
4pm - 6pm

Godzillatown is a 10m X 10m model city set out in the form of a maze. Come along and find your way through the maze two people at a time. But before you are allowed in you need to take a Godzilla puppet to help you navigate your way around. See Godzilla take a wrong turn! See Godzilla wondering where to go next!

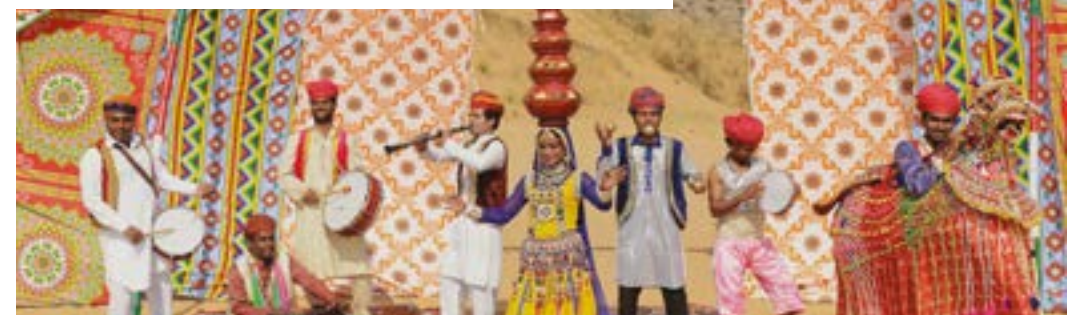


CIRCUS RAJ AND THE GRAND INDIAN BAZAAR (INDIA)

Riverside

Sunday 7 August
Circus Raj - 5pm & 6.45pm
Bazaar - 3pm - 6pm

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of Indian independence in 2022, SIRF presents The Grand Indian Bazaar, a travelling Indian street market. Touring with Circus Raj, the bazaar is a colourful and vibrant hive of activity, a window into the way of life in Rajasthan and its rich heritage of arts and culture. Aerialists, acrobats, musicians, slack-rope walkers, giant puppets characters and the eye-watering displays by their fakir, present a colourful, vibrant, fast-moving extravaganza of intrigue, drama, feats of daring, music, laughter and surprise. They combine their amazing skills in performing breathtaking acts of courage and bravery.



GLASS HOUSE DANCE

Time Machine Disco

Riverside

Sunday 7 August
4.15pm & 7.30pm

Stockton-on-Tees we need you! The future of dance hangs in the balance and it's your mission to save it. Glass House Dance invite you to join them on a clubbing journey through the ages. Calling all foot-tappers, dad dancers, disco divas, jumping jivers, old school ravers & shake-your-money-makers. Join the party and step back in time. Time Machine Disco is a participatory performance where audiences release their inner rebel, become the performers and take over their street.



HANNABIELL & THE MIDNIGHT BLUE COLLECTIVE

Riverside

Sunday 7 August
2.45pm

A high energy afro fusion collective, fusing powerful and upbeat Latin & African percussion, brass, vocal chants, blues, jazz, afro-beat, funk, and reggae to create a unique sound and an invigorating party atmosphere that will get you up on your feet.





LONDON ASTROBEAT ORCHESTRA

Perform Talking Heads



Riverside

Sunday 7 August
5.45pm

The London Astrobeat Orchestra have ignited a movement where cult western band repertoires are blended with African influences from Senegal, Guinea Conakry, Mali, Cameroon and Congo. Featuring members from Kanda Bongo Man's touring line-up, the band are affectionately nicknamed the 'African Talking Heads' which is appropriate when you consider the afrobeat vibes that run through all the best Talking Heads albums.

RIVERS OF THE WORLD INSTALLATION

Riverside

Thursday 4 August to Sunday 7 August – all day

The Rivers of the world installation is the product of a 3 year programme that involves 16 schools from across the Tees Valley. The pupils have worked with artists Rachel Laycock and Emma Wheetman of BloominArts to interpret the River Tees whilst connecting to a partner school in Lebanon. The project encourages young people to explore and reflect on local and global issues, giving them the experience to build the skills they need for life and work in a global society. The work displayed is a culmination of creative workshops that have explored many different disciplines.



APOLLO DRUMMERS

Riverside

Sunday 7 August
3.45pm

Apollo Arts funky 8 piece street band will join forces with young community drummers in a fabulous musical performance. Prepare to dust off your dancing shoes for this toe tapping performance.



CARNIVAL PARTICIPATORY ACTIVITIES



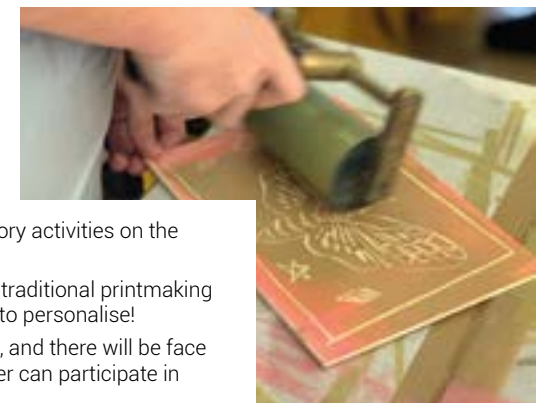
Riverside

Sunday 7 August
12pm - 1.45pm & 2.45pm - 5.45pm

Join in with an abundance of workshops and participatory activities on the Riverside!

Try your hand at Carnival crafts with PEG Creations, or traditional printmaking with Northern Print, where you'll make a SIRF postcard to personalise!

The Sparkle Scene will be providing free glitter make up, and there will be face painting and balloon modelling. Children aged 5 and over can participate in Arts Award, facilitated by BloominArts.



CARNIVAL PARADE

Everything Under the Sun

Stockton High Street to Riverside

Sunday 7 August
2pm

This year Stockton Carnival returns to Stockton High Street on Sunday 7 August for a full day of carnival fun!

The Carnival will start at 2pm with its usual colourful procession and will see hundreds of young people, adults, community members, musicians and street performers dance and sing their way along Stockton High Street in a sea of colour and music.

The vibrant procession will then make its way through the town centre to the Riverside where celebrations will continue throughout the day with a programme full of live music, dance, family entertainment.





BAKED A LA SKA

Riverside

Sunday 7 August
8.15pm

Our evening finale will begin with Baked A La Ska and the "heavy, heavy sound" of Manchester. A super charged 11-headed ska monster on a rampage through the dance floors of the UK leaving a trail of skanked out bodies in their wake. They will be sure to get the celebrations off to a flying start.

TRANSE EXPRESS (FRANCE)

Mobil Homme; A celestial machine for 7 flying drummers

Riverside



Sunday 7 August
9.30pm

Which child didn't dream whilst lying underneath a mobile, their nose under a string of characters balancing at the end of a nylon wire. Imagine the same mobile, made of flesh and bone drum majors, suspended from a crane...

Transe Express bring off-beat rhythmic drumming to Riverside to draw the festival to a close in true SIRF style!

A line of vibrant drummers will lead the evening ending in a spectacular finale as a giant sized mobile lifts up in to the night sky to showcase a beautiful trapeze performance.

Pa-Boom will then light the night sky with a dramatic burst of pyrotechnics bringing Mobil Homme and SIRF22 to a glorious end.



SIRF GREEN

'THE NEW SPACE FOR' TASTY EATS & GARDEN SEATS

Welcome to the wonderful world of SIRF Green!

If you're feeling peckish and need to refuel or just fancy relaxing and chilling out between shows, then this is the place for you.

Refresh and refill at our free water station, grab some tasty street food, or even bring along your own picnic to have on the grass! You can get away from it all in our colourful wonderland where the vibes are chilled and the topiary truly comes to life.

SIRF22

SIRF GREEN TASTY EATS

Thursday 4 August
5pm – 9pm

Friday 5 August
12pm – 9pm

Saturday 6 August
12pm – 9pm

Sunday 7 August
1pm – 9pm

SIRF Green is the perfect place to sit and chat with family and friends, you can even enjoy some live entertainment on the Garden stage.

The site is fully accessible and includes easy access toilets, seating and a covered marquee to enjoy some time-out between shows.

Traders on the day include:

Velveteen Rabbit Luncheon Club

- Quirky and eclectic hot and cold food with vegetarian and vegan options.

Fork on the Road - A social enterprise serving street food from their quirky van.

The Little Korean - An award-winning business which serves authentic and fusion Korean dishes made with local ingredients.

San Seb Coffee - Served from a revamped 1958 Citroen H Van offering high quality coffee, cold drinks and snacks with a continental influence.

Tasty Tarts - Delicious homemade gourmet brownies, blondies, fudge, flapjacks, cheesecakes and cupcakes. (Friday and Saturday only)

Blondie Baker - Serving a large variety of blondies, blondie cupcakes and blondie pies. Gluten-free options also available. (Thursday and Sunday only)

The Cocktail Box - Serving a selection of Pimms, prosecco, cocktails and mocktails from a refurbished vintage caravan.

Rocket Pizzas - Stockton-on-Tees based business serving delicious stone baked Pizzas



Extending the SIRF party into the Georgian Theatre, Tees Music Alliance will be presenting a free programme to enjoy from their home in Green Dragon Yard.

Friday 5 August 8pm
The Acoustic 80s

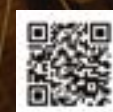
Saturday 6 August from 3pm
Main stage - The Purnells, Ronald Raygun, Rudi Betamax, Analogue Blood, Shore, Mr Bigfoot, Charlotte Grayson

Bar stage
Tobias and The Lion, Lucy Pottinger, JP Riggall Plus, DJ sets from Sound It Out's Tom Butchart

Sunday 7 August From 12pm
The Sunday Social

Join us in our cosy bar, with pizza, drinks, board games and crafts, plus a maker's market featuring lots of amazing local artists and businesses.

Click on the QR code for latest details or visit www.georgiantheatre.co.uk



YOUR GUIDE TO ALL THINGS SIRF

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

- Choose your shows
- Get the latest updates at www.sirf.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 SIRF Green where you can use our free water station, grab some tasty street food or even bring your own picnic.

SIRF CENTRAL

Located in the Enjoy Stockton-on-Tees shop, this is your one stop shop for more information about the festival, merchandise and tickets.

Enjoy Stockton-on-Tees Visitor Information, 134b High Street, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1LP

THE TEAM ON THE STREET

Our incredibly friendly and helpful Visitor Experience Team in their orange SIRF 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 SIRF

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

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

- SIRF buddy service
- Access lanyards
- Disabled access

A full listing of all accessible information including BSL listings will be highlighted in an accessible film screened at SIRF Central and online.

SIRF TICKETS

SIRF is a free festival, however some shows are ticketed due to capacity or the use of specialist equipment. In your programme all ticketed shows are clearly marked with a 'T' sign and instructions of how to access and collect tickets.

SIRF22 ticketed shows:

- AOE - OAR (P24)
- Limbic Cinema and Full Tilt Aerial - Within Without (P22)
- Audrey Cook - Ricky the Itch (P10)
- Matthew Harrison - Community Chest (P25)
- Kieran Barker - The Stockton Treasure (P10)
- Theatre Temoin - FLOOD (P16)

(Tickets are free and available to collect each day an hour before the start of each show or at the designated time within the show listing. Tickets can be collected from SIRF Central, 134b High Street, Stockton).

CONTINUE YOUR SIRF EXPERIENCE ONLINE!

Watch behind the scenes shows, interviews with artists and performances from international acts. Visit www.sirf.co.uk to find out more.



ARTS AWARD

Children aged 5 and over can participate in Arts Award as part of the festival. Look out for the BloomInArts team in Parish Gardens Friday 5 and Saturday 6 August, 1pm - 6pm

You can also take part in any of the many carnival workshops to complete your Arts Award. Riverside Sunday 12pm - 1.45pm, 2.45pm - 5.45pm

Arts Award is open to those aged 5 - 25 and is a national qualification that aims to nurture an interest in the arts, build confidence and life skills as well as supporting education and future employment.

For more information visit www.sirf.co.uk

GETTING TO SIRF

SIRF is working with Julie's Bicycle to make small changes and actions towards reducing our carbon footprint. Help us by walking, biking or car sharing to the festival.

Bike Station: New for 2022 for keen bikers, located in SIRF Green.

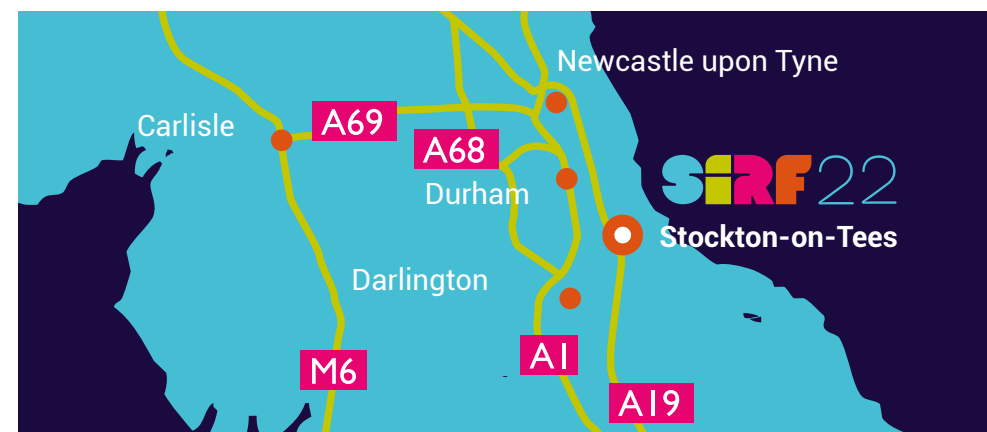
Buses: Stockton Town Centre is well served by buses from across the Tees Valley.

Train: Stockton railway 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.

We encourage visitors to car share where possible.

There will be limited car parking at Tees Barrage. Visitors are encouraged to use the town centre car parks and walk along the riverside which takes approximately 15 minutes.



For further information:

Visit www.sirf.co.uk

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

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Getting around the festival is easy with our handy location map.

The whole of Stockton High Street will be alive with activity and in each location you will find a number of different shows.

We've even added in a couple of our landmarks to help guide the way!

Don't forget, our dedicated Visitor Experience Team will be on hand to direct you around the sites too.

SIRF LOCATIONS

① STOCKTON HIGH STREET

② RIVERSIDE

③ HIGH STREET - CAR PARK (NORTH)

④ HIGH STREET - PLINTH

⑤ PARISH GARDENS

⑥ CASTLEGATE SHOPPING CENTRE

⑦ TRINITY GREEN

⑧ SIRF GREEN

⑨ TOWN HALL & FOUNTAIN AREA

⑩ TEES BARRAGE

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* Workshop Saturday only

** 16:55pm performance

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High Street Car Park (North)																		Fat Brass								
					Old Time Sailors																					
Town Hall & Fountain Area								PanGottic					Yorkshire Life Aquatic		PanGottic			Yorkshire Life Aquatic					Yorkshire Life Aquatic		PanGottic	
Riverside														The Hannabiell & Midnight Blue Collective												London Astrobeat Orchestra
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					Carnival participatory activities inc. Northern Print, Peg Creations, Indian Bazaar & Arts Award																					
Stockton High Street	Kieran Barker										Carnival Parade starts at High Street							Artemis				Upper Level				
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