




KENILWORTH ARTS FESTIVAL

20TH - 29TH SEPTEMBER 2018



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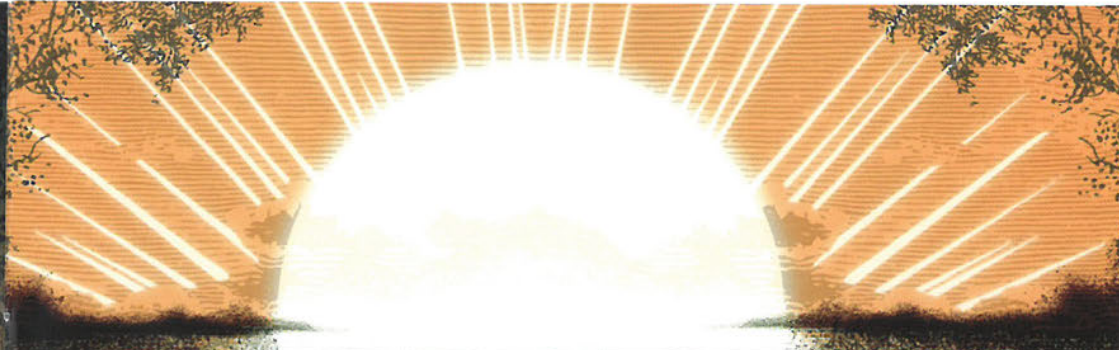


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INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to Kenilworth Arts Festival 2018!

This year's programme is our biggest and boldest yet, with more than 30 fantastic events taking place around the town from the 20th - 29th September. We've got intimate gigs in beautiful venues, illuminating talks and conversations, interactive workshops, awe-inspiring family activities and more, and we're extremely proud to be welcoming a distinguished cast of writers, musicians and visual artists to the town for these special events. These are artists whose work we love, who are at the forefront of their fields and who, in different ways, are offering new ways of seeing the world around us.



Lewis Smith, festival director

Music highlights include appearances from Zoe Rahman (21st Sept), Jesca Hoop (28th Sept) and US musician S. Carey (29th Sept), while for book lovers we've got keynote events featuring food writer Ruby Tandoh (20th Sept), nature writer John Lewis-Stempel (25th Sept) and novelists Kamila Shamsie, Kit de Waal, Donal Ryan, Sarah Moss and Fiona Mozley. Check out our 'Literary Weekend' - two full days of talks, readings, panel discussions and showcase events - held in Priory Theatre on 22nd and 23rd September.

Given that one of the core aims of our festival has always been to showcase and support emerging artists, we're thrilled to be joined this year by hotly-tipped singer-songwriters Billie Marten and Christof van der Ven, as well as oud player Rihab Azar, poets from the newly-launched Verve Poetry Press, and several outstanding debut novelists - including Sharlene Teo, Michael Donkor and Sophie Mackintosh. Our line-up also includes a number of talented local artists, who'll be showcasing their work at events and exhibitions throughout the festival.

It promises to be a very special ten days, and we're grateful to Arts Council England, Kenilworth Town Council, Warwick District Council, Warwick University and many local businesses and individuals for their support in making it happen. We're also grateful to all our volunteers, our artists and our audiences, without whom none of this would be possible.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the festival!

**Zoe Rahman: Solo Piano****Date: 21.09.2018****Venue: St. John's Church****Start time: 8pm (doors 7pm)****Ticket Price: £16 adv. (£14 concessions)**

A MOBO Award winner, Mercury Prize nominee, Jazz FM Award nominee and British Jazz Award winner, Zoe Rahman has established herself as a unique presence in the British music industry. Zoe is a vibrant and highly individual pianist and composer; her style is deeply rooted in jazz yet it reflects her classical background, British/Bengali heritage and her broad musical taste.

Known for her powerful technique, wide-ranging imagination and exuberant performance, she has become a highly sought-after musician, working most recently with the likes of George Mraz, Courtney Pine and Jerry Dammers' Spatial AKA Orchestra.

Zoe's most recent album, *Dreamland*, showcases the depth and breadth of her musical imagination, featuring new compositions alongside tracks by Duke Ellington, Jessica Williams, Rabindranath Tagore, as well as solo renditions of some of Zoe's back catalogue.

This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the UK's most gifted jazz pianists in an intimate solo piano setting.

The event will also feature a jazz photography display.

Event kindly sponsored by



Rihab Azar in Concert

Date: 23.09.2018

Venue: United Reformed Church

Start time: 5pm (doors 4.45pm)

Ticket Price: £8 adv. (£6 concessions)



Rihab Azar was born in the Syrian city of Homs, to a musical family. Her father, luthier Samir Azar, made her first oud and started teaching her to play the instrument when she was 7 years old. It didn't take Rihab long to become known as a child prodigy, and she soon picked up several national awards, before she continued her oud studies at the Conservatoire of Damascus. In 2014, Rihab became the first woman oudist to perform accompanied by the Syrian National Orchestra for Arabic Music.

In 2015, Rihab moved to the UK, and since then has performed around the UK as a soloist and as a member of various ensembles, including at iconic venues such as the Royal Albert Hall, Lambeth Palace and St. Paul's Cathedral.

We're delighted that Rihab will be joining us - accompanied by a percussionist - for this one-off concert.

Emily Francis Trio

Date: 24.09.2018

Venue: Holiday Inn

Start time: 7.30pm (doors 7pm)

Ticket Price: £8 adv. (£6 concessions)



The Emily Francis Trio is one of the most exciting emerging acts on the UK jazz scene, and have been tipped by Matthew Ruddick (Kind of Jazz) as 'undoubtedly a name to watch'. Featuring Emily Francis (piano, keyboards), Trevor Boxall (bass), and Jamie Murray (drums), the group's fresh and original take on the piano trio format mixes influences from late 60s/70s electronic jazz, progressive rock and pop, Scandinavia, and the current New York scene, to create compositionally rich original music, with a strong emphasis on melody and groove.

ERLAND COOPER**+ support from Will Burns****Date: 26.09.2018****Venue: St. Nicholas' Church****Start time: 8pm (doors 7.30pm)****Ticket Price: £14 adv. (£12 concessions)**

Erland Cooper is an award winning multi-instrumentalist and producer who was born and raised on the archipelago of Orkney, Scotland. Having previously released critically acclaimed albums with The Magnetic North and Erland & the Carnival, Erland released his debut solo album, *Solan Goose*, in spring 2018.

The project began as a gentle response to ease an anxiety and claustrophobia from working in a city. Exploring the borders between classical, alternative and electronic music, *Solan Goose* is a work of balance and calm - creating a kind of liminal space for both writer and listener. The album layers piano, mini-moog, violin, soprano, ambient guitar and field recordings to mesmerising effect, and evokes themes of migration, restoration and childhood memory.

For Erland, it's a call to his roots in Orkney. Each song on the album is entitled with a bird name in local Orcadian dialect - Maalie (Fulmer), Bonxie (Great Skua), Kattiface (short-eared owl) - while the archipelago's folklore, music, myth and mythology are echoed throughout the album's arrangements.

Erland envisaged *Solan Goose* as a layered and collaborative work, and the album's physical release run also featured specially commissioned visuals, poetry and limited edition artwork, connecting identity, memory and place through music, words and cinematography.

Support for this event comes from one such collaborator: poet Will Burns. Currently poet-in-residence for *Caught By The River*, Will's marvellous debut pamphlet was published through the prestigious Faber New Poets scheme in 2014. The pamphlet was hailed for its 'quiet intelligence and subtle ways of seeing', and for a voice that is 'rough but still tender, solitary, ruminating'. His equally brilliant second pamphlet was published by Clutag in 2016.

JOSIENNE CLARKE & BEN WALKER**+ support from Toby Hay****Date: 27.09.2018****Venue: Tudor Stables, Kenilworth Castle****Start time: 8pm (doors 7.30pm)****Ticket Price: £14 adv. (£12 concessions)**

Josienne Clarke and Ben Walker are five albums and a couple of EPs into a partnership that blends Walker's intricate guitar playing and arrangements with Clarke's compelling songwriting. After self-releasing their first three albums and picking up a BBC Radio 2 Folk Award in the process, Clarke & Walker signed to Rough Trade Records in 2016. An exquisite fourth album, *Overnight*, followed. As with each of their previous albums, *Overnight* garnered rave reviews and resulted in the legendary Richard Thompson asking the pair to support him on tour in 2017.

Their fifth album, *Seedlings All*, was released in March 2018. It's an album that sees Clarke & Walker painting from a refreshed palette. Motown, Sam Cooke, Karen Dalton and jazz torch singers all make their presence felt alongside Clarke and Walker's folky inclinations. Galvanised by their rigorous approach to music making, as well as a newfound all-or-nothing defiance, and coloured by Clarke's attempts to answer some painful personal questions, it's the best album the two have made together.

A national tour in support of *Seedlings All* saw Josienne & Ben take to the road with a full band earlier this year. Here, for this one-off concert in the beautiful setting of the Tudor Stables at Kenilworth Castle, they'll be back to a pared-down duo set-up.

Support for this event comes from 12-string guitar maestro Toby Hay, whose work has been gaining acclaim within music circles and beyond (nature writer Robert Macfarlane wrote the liner notes for his first album). Toby's latest album, *The Longest Day*, was released, appropriately, on 21st June this year, and has already garnered praise from *The Guardian*, *Line Of Best Fit* and *Uncut Magazine*.

JESCA HOOP

+ support from
Christof van der Ven

Date: 28.09.2018

Venue: St. John's Church

Start time: 8pm (doors 7.30pm)

Ticket Price: £16 adv. (£14 concessions)



Jesca Hoop has lived all over the map, and her rich life experience is reflected in her distinctive voice and natural gift for inventive song craft. Lauded by The Guardian as 'an exceptionally talented, compellingly unique singer songwriter', she has released several outstanding studio albums, live albums and EPs over the past decade, and has also collaborated with a stellar cast of musicians including Guy Garvey (Elbow) and Sam Beam (Iron & Wine) during this time.

Hoop's most recent album, *Memories Are Now*, was released last year to enormous critical acclaim. Produced by Blake Mills (Laura Marling, Fiona Apple), the album is a collection of stunningly original songs – minimalist yet brimming with energy - which showcase every edge and curve of Hoop's captivating voice.

We're thrilled to be welcoming Jesca to our festival, where she will be performing as a trio. Support comes from singer-songwriter Christof van der Ven.

Having toured the globe multiple times with the likes of Bear's Den, The Staves and The Boxer Rebellion, Christof van der Ven is steadily stepping out into his own limelight. His debut album, *'Empty Handed'*, was released in April 2018. It's a record that draws from influences including Damien Jurado, Fionn Regan and Grizzly Bear, and makes use of expansive synths and chest-pounding, Springsteen-esque instrumentation.

As well as earning critical acclaim, Christof's music has caught the attention of Bon Iver's Justin Vernon who, after becoming a fan, invited him to open one of the dates of his residency at the Hammersmith Apollo in February 2018.

S. CAREY**+ support from Billie Marten****Date: 29.09.2018****Venue: St. John's Church****Start time: 8pm (doors 7.30pm)****Ticket Price: £16 adv. (£14 concessions)**

S. Carey is the moniker of American singer-songwriter Sean Carey. In between tours of every major venue in the US and Europe as the drummer, keyboard player and supporting vocalist in the Grammy-winning band Bon Iver, S. Carey has produced three full-length solo albums. His latest album, *Hundred Acres*, was released in February 2018 and finds the musician at his most assured.

The album features contributions from a stellar cast, including Rob Moose (yMusic), Casey Foubert (Sufjan Stevens) and Sophie Puyten (Gordi). *Hundred Acres* was awarded a coveted 8/10 score by *UNCUT Magazine*, who describe it as 'an album you can get lost in'. *The Line Of Best Fit* call the album 'breathhtakingly pretty', while *Drowned in Sound* hailed 'a rhythmically dense album that suggests Carey's ever-evolving sound is in its prime stages'.

For this event – which is one of only 5 UK dates on a European tour – S. Carey will be joined by a full band, and performing in the beautiful surroundings of St. John's Church.

Support comes from Billie Marten, one of the UK's finest young singer-songwriters. Having risen to prominence on the back of two brilliant EPs, Marten released her debut album, *Writing of Blues & Yellows*, in 2016. A collection of intricate, ethereal songs, the album received widespread critical acclaim. This autumn has seen Marten return with new music, and we can't wait to hear it live!

Ruby Tandoh: Eat Up!

Date: 20.09.2018

Venue: Talisman Theatre

Start time: 8pm (doors 7.30pm)

Ticket Price: £10 adv. (£8 concessions)



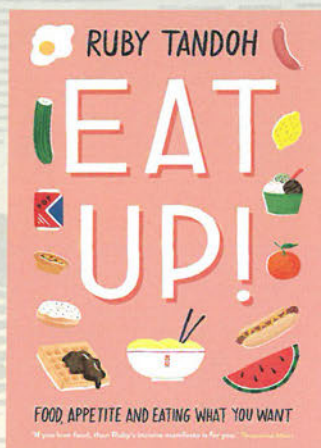
Ruby Tandoh is an author and journalist who's written for the Guardian, Observer, Vice and Elle. She has published two cookery books, *Crumb* and *Flavour*, and was a finalist on the 2013 Great British Bake Off.

We're delighted that Ruby will be joining us to talk about her latest book, *Eat Up!*, which was published in February 2018.

A Sunday Times best-seller, *Eat Up!* is a 'joyous manifesto for flavour and sanity', in which the much-loved author celebrates the fun and pleasure of food, taking a look at everything from gluttons and gourmets in the movies, to the symbolism of food and sex.

Filled with straight-talking, sympathetic advice on everything from mental health to recipe ideas and shopping tips, it's a book that clears away the fog and helps people fall back in love with food.

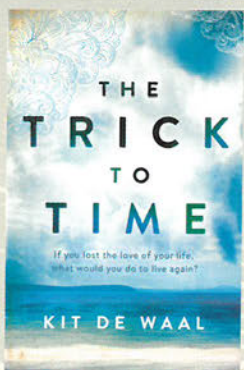
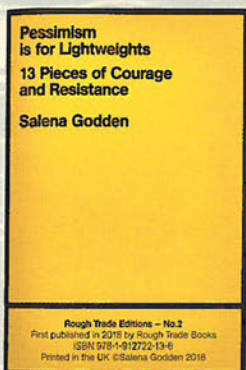
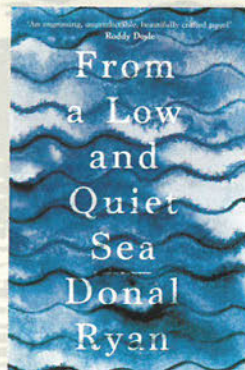
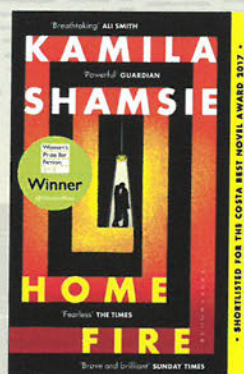
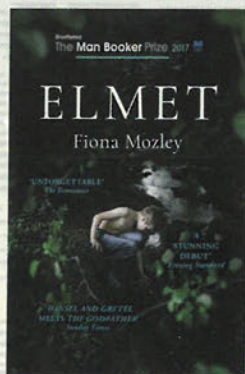
Ruby will be speaking in conversation with Professor Rebecca Earle. Rebecca teaches history at the University of Warwick and has written extensively about the cultural significance of food.



LITERARY WEEKEND

On 22nd / 23rd September, we'll be transforming Priory Theatre into a veritable talking shop, with two full days of fascinating conversations, panel discussions and book launches taking place. We'll be joined by some of the most distinguished contemporary novelists around - including Kamila Shamsie, Sarah Moss, Kiran Millwood Hargrave, Kit de Waal & Donal Ryan - plus some outstanding debut writers and esteemed journalists and critics.

Tickets are available for individual events, but it's also possible to buy a weekend pass for £45 (or £35 for concessions), which gives you access to every event taking place in the venue over the weekend.



LITERARY WEEKEND - Saturday 22nd September

11am - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

▪ £7 adv. (£5 concessions) ▪ Priory Theatre

The award-winning poet, playwright, and bestselling children's author talks about her work and her writing process. If we're lucky, we might also get sneak preview of Kiran's new novel, *The Way Past Winter*, which is due to be released in October!



1pm - Fiona Mozley in conversation with Anita Sethi

▪ £8 adv. (£6 concessions) ▪ Priory Theatre

Fiona Mozley was propelled into the international spotlight last year when her debut novel, *Elmet*, was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. The York-based author will be joining us to speak about the book, which is a compelling portrayal of a family living on the fringes of contemporary society, with journalist & critic Anita Sethi.



3pm - New Voices in Fiction: Michael Donkor & Sharlene Teo

▪ £8 adv. (£6 concessions) ▪ Priory Theatre

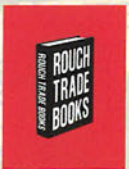
Michael Donkor and Sharlene Teo speak to critic Lucy Scholes about friendship, coming of age and other themes that connect their critically-acclaimed debut novels, *HOLD* and *Ponti*.



5pm - Rough Trade Books Showcase

▪ £10 adv. (£8 concessions) ▪ Priory Theatre

Not content with conquering the independent music scene, in 2018 Rough Trade launched a book publishing arm. Meet four of the brilliant authors releasing work with Rough Trade Books in its debut year: Salena Godden, David Keenan, Kirk Lake and James Endecott.



8pm - Book Launch: Sarah Moss - *Ghost Wall*

▪ £8 adv. (£6 concessions) ▪ Priory Theatre

Join us in celebrating the launch of Sarah Moss' sixth novel, *Ghost Wall*, which has been lauded as a masterclass in the art of the short, unnerving novel. Ticket includes a free glass of wine.



LITERARY WEEKEND: Sunday 23rd September

10am - Writing Workshop with Anita Sethi

▪ £14 (£10 concessions) ▪ Tree House Bookshop

Join the award-winning writer, journalist and broadcaster Anita Sethi for a workshop which covers a versatile range of writing including journalism, online journalism, reviewing, short stories and essays. **Please note, this workshop is not included in the weekend pass**



11am - Local Authors Panel: Mike Gayle, Harriet Cummings & Patrick Kincaid

▪ £7 adv (£5 concessions) ▪ Priory Theatre

Join three fantastic Midlands-based authors to hear about their latest novels.



1pm - Fair Trade Books? A Talk on the Future of Publishing

▪ £7 adv. (£5 concessions) ▪ Priory Theatre

In March 2018, Kenilworth Books' Tamsin Rosewell caused a stir with a blogpost which highlighted the effects of discounting culture in publishing. Here, Tamsin will reflect more on this issue, and share some thoughts on possible ways forward.



3pm - Kit de Waal & Donal Ryan

▪ £10 adv. (£8 concessions) ▪ Priory Theatre

Acclaimed novelists Kit de Waal and Donal Ryan speak in conversation with Anita Sethi about their latest novels: *The Trick to Time*, which was published in March 2018 and nominated for the Women's Prize for Fiction, and *From A Low & Quiet Sea*, which is longlisted for the 2018 Man Booker Prize.



7.30pm - Kamila Shamsie on *Home Fire*

▪ £8 adv. (£6 concessions) ▪ Priory Theatre

Winner of the Womens Prize for Fiction 2018, Shamsie's reworking of Sophocles' classic *Antigone* is a powerful exploration of the clash between society, family and faith in the modern world. Ali Smith described *Home Fire* as having 'hit a light that'll never go out. [It] reveals the ancient tragedy we're living now.' Kamila will be speaking about her work in conversation with acclaimed writer and journalist, Anita Sethi.



An Evening with John Lewis-Stempel

Date: 25.09.2018

Venue: Talisman Theatre

Start time: 8pm (doors 7.30pm)

Ticket Price: £10 adv. (£8 concessions)

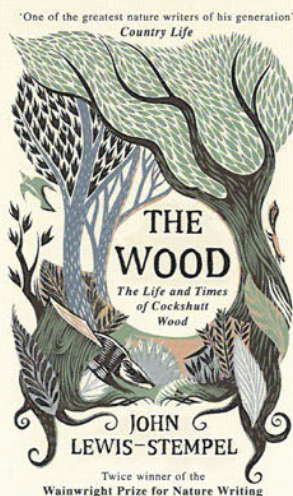


John Lewis-Stempel is the author of *The Wild Life*, *Meadowland*, *Where Poppies Grow*, *The Running Hare* and *The Secret Life of the Owl*. He has twice won the Wainwright Prize for Nature Writing, for *Meadowland* and *Where Poppies Grow*, and was shortlisted for *The Running Hare*, which was also shortlisted for the Independent Bookshop Week Book Award and the Richard Jefferies Society Award. He writes a column on nature and farming for *Country Life* and was the 2016 BSME Magazine Columnist of the Year. He lives on the borders of England and Wales with his wife and two children.

At this event, hear John talk about his latest book, *The Wood*, a BBC Radio 4 'Book of the Week'. *The Wood* is the story of Cockshutt Wood – its natural daily life and its historical times.

Cockshutt is a particular wood – three and half acres of mixed woodland in south west Herefordshire – but it stands as exemplar for all the small woods of England. For four years John Lewis-Stempel managed the wood. He coppiced the trees and raised cows and pigs who roamed free there.

The book is the diary of the last year, by which time he had come to know it from the bottom of its beech roots to the tips of its oaks, and to know all the animals that lived there – the fox, the pheasants, the wood mice, the tawny owl – and where the best bluebells grew. For many fauna and flora, woods like Cockshutt are the last refuge. It proves a sanctuary for John too.



Sophie Mackintosh on *The Water Cure*

Date: 27.09.2018

Venue: Kenilworth Books

Start time: 6.30pm (doors 6.15pm)

Ticket Price: £7 adv. (£5 concessions)



Meet one of the most exciting new voices in British fiction, Sophie Mackintosh, and find out more about Sophie's astonishing debut novel, *The Water Cure*, which has been longlisted for the 2018 Man Booker Prize.

The Water Cure was published by Hamish Hamilton in May 2018, to widespread critical acclaim. Hypnotic, dreamlike and compulsive, it is a blazing literary debut – for fans of *Hot Milk*, *The Girls* and *The Vegetarian*.

Sophie will be speaking in conversation with novelist Sarah Moss.

Verve Poetry Press Showcase

Date: 28.09.2018

Venue: The Tree House Bookshop

Start time: 6.30pm (doors 6.15pm)

Ticket Price: £7 adv. (£5 concessions)



Verve Poetry Press is a new press which has been established – initially, at least – as a way for the vibrant poetry scene in Birmingham to present itself to the poetry world via publication.

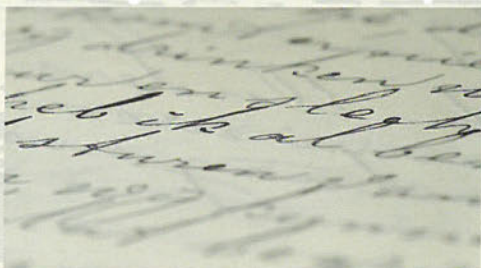
Co-founded by Stuart Bartholomew and Amerah Saleh, Verve will be publishing poets this year from all corners of the city – poets who represent the city's varied and energetic qualities and will communicate its many poetic stories.

Verve strives to think about poetry in inclusive ways and embraces the multiplicity of approaches towards this glorious art.

We're thrilled to be welcoming Verve to Kenilworth Arts Festival for a lively and uptempo showcase event, featuring four brilliant poets - Casey Bailey, Hannah Swings, Nafeesa Hamid and Leon Priestnall - and a house DJ.

Art & Craft Market + Live Music**Date: 22.09.2018****Venue: Abbey End****Time: 11am - 5pm****Ticket Price: free***Ellie Gowers**Stylusboy*

Come along to a one-off weekend market in Abbey End, which will feature a selection of local artists and artisans. There'll also be live music from some fantastic local bands and singer-songwriters, including Stylusboy, Ellie Gowers and The Hatstand Band.

**Calligraphy Workshop
with Lindsey Attwood****Date: 24.09.2018****Venue: The Farthing Workshop****Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm****Ticket Price: £10 (£8 concessions)**

Lindsey Attwood is an artist who lives in Kenilworth. Her work has been exhibited in a variety of venues in the region, and she regularly runs classes and workshops, encouraging people to explore and develop their own gifts and skills.

We're thrilled Lindsey will be running a calligraphy workshop as part of our festival, offering an introduction to this oh-so-impressive art form. Suitable for beginners.

Mosaic Workshop with Helen Clues

Date: 26.09.2018

Venue: The Farthing Workshop

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Ticket Price: £10 (£8 concessions)



Helen Clues is an artist living and working in Warwickshire, who creates refined, delicate mosaic work using found, collected and traditional materials. She is represented by galleries throughout the UK and often runs workshops, encouraging others to explore their own creative potential.

Join Helen for this hands-on introduction to the magical art of mosaic in the gorgeous surrounds of the Farthing Workshop. Suitable for beginners.

Drawing Treehouses - a workshop with Nick Rhodes (Switchopen)

Date: 29.09.2018

Venue: The Almanack

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Ticket Price: £10 (£8)



Every year, we commission an illustrator to work with us to develop artwork for our festival. We're thrilled to be working with Nick Rhodes - aka Switchopen - for Kenilworth Arts Festival 2018. We've been fans of Nick's art for years - particularly his work with End Of The Road Festival and the posters he's produced for bands such as John Grant and Explosions In The Sky. You'll find a series of specially commissioned artworks dotted around our website, as well as on our posters, flyers and in this very programme!

Tree houses are a big theme of Nick's work. Last October, as part of Inktober, Nick illustrated 31 individual tree houses. This became a book, Havens, which is available on his website (www.switchopen.com). A tree house is also a central feature of our artwork this year. We're thrilled that Nick will be running a workshop on the art of drawing tree houses as part of our festival!

'Community': An Exhibition of Local Artists

Date: 20.09 - 29.09.2018

Venue: The Library Exhibition Room

Opening hours: See website

Entry Price: Free



Carolina Sagardoy

We're delighted to present this mixed-media exhibition, which brings together diverse works by over a dozen artists from across the Midlands.

The theme for this year's exhibition is 'community', and the artworks on display here demonstrate a broad range of understandings of, and responses to, the term. As the exhibition shows, to speak of community can be to speak of place and of people; of politics, culture, identity, faith. The artworks reflect on communities lost, communities found and communities being forged, as well as the borders (tangible or otherwise) which sometimes divide and exclude.

Join us to explore these wonderful artworks and share what community means to you!



Karen Pittaway



Michala Gyetvai

Storybook workshop with illustrator Ashley Crowley

Date: 22.09.2018

Venue: The Almanack

Time: 2.15pm - 3.45pm

Ticket Price: £5 per place



A fun, interactive workshop led by children's author and illustrator Ashley Crowley. The workshop will begin with storytime as Ashley reads from 'The Boy and The Blue Moon'. Children will then have the chance to create their own puppets of characters from the book, and take part in a mini-theatrical puppet production as a whole group! Each child will be able to take home their puppet creation. Suitable for ages 3-7. Event kindly sponsored by:

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The Lost Words Storywalks

Date: 22.09.2018

Venue: Abbey Fields

Time: 11am - 4pm

Ticket Price: free



Love the Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris? Well, why not come and spell the words back into Abbey Fields during the festival with your family and friends? Christopher Jelley of Storywalks© has created two special trails from the award-winning book. Join him and prepare to spell a little nature back into the trees! Trails run at hourly intervals starting at 11am, with the final trail setting off at 3pm. Meet at the Abbey Wall ruin below St Nicholas Church. Allow 45 mins.

There will also be an 'Inventors Fair' storywalk, written in part by students at Kenilworth School, accessible throughout the festival at: <https://kenilworth.storywalks.info> (just open the link in your phone and follow the directions).



**The Wardrobe Ensemble
presents 'The Time Seekers'**

Date: 23.09.2018

**Venue: Drama Studio, Kenilworth School
(Leyes Lane)**

Start time: 11am and 2pm

Ticket Price: £8 adults, £5 children



Have you ever dreamt of seeing a real dinosaur?

Meeting a Roman or an Ancient Egyptian?

Sharing tea time with a robot from the future?

The Wardrobe Ensemble present a thrilling journey through time... where the audience take the steering wheel!

The Time Seekers is an inspiring, warm and audience driven children's theatre show that journeys through history, exploring the people and places of our past and future with songs, humour and lots of audience interaction. We need Time Seekers to help us complete our latest mission and help answer one of the greatest questions of all time - what is a Diplodocus's favourite bedtime story?

"An absolute joy!" ★★★★★ – Bristol Arts Monster

"A swirling, crackling, disco-dancing, joyful time machine. This show is delightful, and genuinely educational... The Wardrobe Ensemble deserve full credit for creating such a vivid playscape. Thoroughly recommended." – Bristol 24/7

Suitable for ages 3-8

Talking Birds presents...The Whale**Date: 29.09.2018****Venue: See website****Time: 11am - 4pm****Ticket Price: Free**

Ahoy there shipmates! The Whale is coming to town, and beneath its gleaming, silvery surface there be surprises for intrepid sailors! Fun for all ages, ramp accessible. Brought to you by Coventry's acclaimed theatrical inventors, Talking Birds. Prepare to dive!

Baby Rave!**Date: 29.09.2018****Venue: Kenilworth Sports & Social Club****Start time: 2pm****Ticket Price: Free****(register online via our website)**

An afternoon party for children and their parents who don't want to grow up. Listen to the favourite tracks of your youth with your kids and get your craft on! Featuring 90's indie and dance classics, face paint, glow sticks, craft table, soft play, baby area and a full bar.

Event kindly sponsored by



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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Thursday 20th September:

- **8pm - 9.30pm:** Ruby Tandoh : Eat Up!
@ Talisman Theatre

Friday 21st September:

- **8pm - 10pm:** Zoe Rahman: Solo Piano
@ St. John's Church

Saturday 22nd September:

- **11am - 4pm:** The Lost Words
Storywalks with Chris Jelley
@ Abbey Fields **(FAMILY)**
- **11am - 5pm:** Local Showcase: Live
Music + Art & Craft Market
@ Abbey End
- **11am - 12pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
Kiran Millwood Hargrave
@ Priory Theatre
- **1pm - 2pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
Fiona Mozley in conversation with
Anita Sethi @ Priory Theatre
- **2.15pm - 3.45pm:** Storybook workshop
with Ashley Crowley
@ The Almanack **(FAMILY)**
- **3pm - 4pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
New Voices in Fiction: Michael
Donkor + Sharlene Teo
@ Priory Theatre
- **5pm - 6.30pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
Rough Trade Books Showcase
@ Priory Theatre
- **8pm - 9.30pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
Book Launch: Sarah Moss - Ghost Wall
@ Priory Theatre

Sunday 23rd September:

- **10am - 12pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
Writing workshop
with Anita Sethi @ Tree House
Bookshop
- **11am - 12pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
Local Authors panel
@ Priory Theatre
- **11am - 12pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
The Wardrobe Ensemble presents
The Time Seekers
@ Kenilworth School **(FAMILY)**
- **1pm - 2pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
Fair Trade Books?
@ Priory Theatre
- **2pm - 3pm:** The Wardrobe
Ensemble presents The Time Seekers
@ Kenilworth School **(FAMILY)**
- **3pm - 4pm:** Kit de Waal + Donal Ryan,
in conversation with
Anita Sethi
@ Priory Theatre
- **5pm - 7pm:** Rihab Azar in concert
@ United Reformed Church
- **7.30pm - 9pm:** LITERARY WEEKEND:
Kamila Shamsie on Home Fire
@ Priory Theatre

Monday 24th September:

- **6.30pm - 8.30pm** - Calligraphy
Workshop with Lindsey Attwood
@ The Farthing Workshop
- **7.30pm - 9.30pm:** Emily Francis Trio
@ Holiday Inn



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Tuesday 25th September:

- **8pm - 10pm:** An Evening with John Lewis-Stempel @ Talisman Theatre

Wednesday 26th September:

- **6.30pm - 8.30pm:** - Mosaic Workshop with Helen Clues @ The Farthing Workshop
- **8pm - 10pm:** Erland Cooper + Will Burns @ St. Nicholas' Church

Thursday 27th September:

- **6.30pm - 7.30pm:** Sophie Mackintosh on The Water Cure @ Kenilworth Books
- **8pm - 9.30pm:** Josienne Clarke & Ben Walker + Toby Hay @ Kenilworth Castle

Friday 28th September:

- **6.30pm - 8pm:** Verve Poetry Press Showcase @ Tree House Bookshop
- **8pm - 10pm:** Jesca Hoop + Christof van der Ven @ St. John's Church

Saturday 29th September:

- **11am - 4pm:** Talking Birds presents... The Whale Venue TBC **(FAMILY)**
- **2pm - 4pm:** Baby Ravel! @ Sports & amp; Social Club **(FAMILY)**
- **2.30pm - 4.30pm:** Drawing Tree Houses: A Workshop with Nick Rhodes @ The Almanack

Saturday 29th September:

- **8pm - 10pm:** S. Carey + Billie Marten @ St. John's Church

Throughout the Festival:

- 'Community': An exhibition of local artists @ Kenilworth Library Exhibition Room

NOTES

Tickets

Tickets for all of our events are available from the fine folks at Kenilworth Books in Talisman Square. They can also be purchased online at: www.wegotickets.com/kenilworthartsfestival

Unless an event is sold out, tickets will be available to buy on the door, at an additional cost of £2 per ticket.

Concessions

Concessionary ticket prices are available for people who are registered disabled, unemployed or on a low wage, under 16s and students.

Accessibility

We're committed to ensuring that everyone is able to attend and enjoy the festival. A detailed information pack, containing guidance on access and accessible facilities at each of our venues, is available at:

www.kenilworthartsfestival.co.uk/about/accessibility

Free personal assistant tickets are available for all of our events. Please email info@kenilworthartsfestival.co.uk to confirm a place.

If you have any access requirements or questions, please email Charlotte at: info@kenilworthartsfestival.co.uk

Get Involved

Kenilworth Arts Festival is a volunteer-led organisation and we're always on the lookout for new people to join our team. If you're passionate about the arts and about making a difference in the local community, please get in touch at: info@kenilworthartsfestival.co.uk

Stay In Touch

We'll be posting photos and videos from this year's festival, as well as details of our 2019 festival, on our website and on social media over the next couple of months, so do keep checking in. And feel free to say hello anytime: drop us an email at the above address, or get in touch through social media:



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Tudor Stables at Kenilworth Castle

Abbey Fields: Kenilworth, **CV8 1BP**

The Almanack: Abbey End North, Kenilworth, **CV8 1QJ**

The Farthing Workshop: 13 High Street, Kenilworth, **CV8 1HY**

Holiday Inn: 212 Abbey End, Kenilworth **CV8 1ED**

Kenilworth Books: 12 Talisman Square, Kenilworth, **CV8 1JB**

Kenilworth School: Leyes Lane, Kenilworth **CV8 2DA**

Priory Theatre: Rosemary Hill, Kenilworth, **CV8 1BN**

Sports & Social Club: Upper Rosemary Hill, Kenilworth **CV8 2PA**

St. John's Church: 205 Warwick Road, Kenilworth, **CV8 1HY**

St. Nicholas' Church: High Street, Kenilworth, **CV8 1LZ**

Talisman Theatre: Barrow Road, Kenilworth, **CV8 1EG**

Tree House Bookshop: 4 The Square, Kenilworth, **CV8 1EB**

Tudor Stables, Kenilworth Castle: Castle Green, off Castle Road, Kenilworth, **CV8 1NG**

United Reformed Church: Abbey Hill, Kenilworth **CV8 1LW**

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Kenilworth Books is a magical little shop that is celebrating its 50th Birthday this year!

The shop has a large children's section and plenty of fiction and non-fiction for adults, including a whole bay dedicated to really beautiful books, and three bays of history (including local history, as you'd expect from a bookshop in an historic town!). We have a great selection of cards, including many from local artists. You'll also find gifts from literary mugs, to wildlife themed toys for younger children, a selection of traditional wooden toys

and the latest not-so-traditional school crazes! We can order books for you, usually to arrive the next day. The team here is well-read and regularly makes recommendations to book groups as well as individuals. We also work closely with the many schools across the Midlands, advising on and supplying books for school and library shelves. Keep up-to-date on bookshop news by joining the mailing list on our website or pop in for a browse and a chat!



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