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# Music at The Met



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Sat 16 Nov. 8pm



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It was some time in late 1979 when Bury Metropolitan Arts Association moved into the town's historic Derby Hall and The Met as we know it was born.

Over the last 40 years we've built a reputation with music lovers across the country as one of the best small venues in the North, bringing brilliant musicians to Bury, showcasing new talent and inspiring gig-goers with memorable nights in a unique venue.

The Met is known nationwide for a brilliant programme of the best in folk and traditional music from around the world. This Autumn we've got a range of styles with innovative acts, new talent and established names from rock, pop, indie, prog, blues and the wide range of folk music. Brilliant traditional music from first class musicians like Duncan Chisholm or Mariearad Green & Anna Massie sit perfectly next to the innovation

and eclectic influences of Trials of Cato, Rachel Sermanni, 9Bach or Joshua Burnside. Rock legends like Wishbone Ash, Big Country and Hugh Cornwell will be playing songs you know and love, but your next favourite singalong tune might be by Ist Ist, or Arcade.

Regular visitors to The Met will spot this brochure looks a little different to usual. We've included events from a couple of legendary literary names from Manchester, Lemn Sissay and Tony Walsh, but if you're looking for our theatre and comedy nights or more about our workshops, classes and community events then look out for our new theatre print. Or of course you'll find everything online at [themet.org.uk](http://themet.org.uk). There are popular gigs already on sale well into 2020, so always check our website or social media for the latest news and ticket availability.

We'll see you down the front.

## Making Music At The Met

The Met is at its best when it's filled with music. We run weekly lessons for guitar (beginner and intermediate) and harmonica. We also run 5 week Introduction to Sound Recording courses at our own Edwin Street Studios; our professional recording studio has hosted sessions for Slow Readers Club, Dutch Uncles and Blossoms among many more.

We host weekly community choir, percussion and ukulele sessions with our partners Alfa education every Tuesday, and even have our own community jazz orchestra.

Find out more about learning or joining in at [themet.org.uk/workshops](http://themet.org.uk/workshops)



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## General information

### Getting here

The Met is on Market Street in Bury town centre, **BL9 0BW**. We are about 50 metres from Bury interchange, meaning Metrolink or local bus services are a great way to get to and from shows.

We don't have a car park, but there's plenty of on street parking in Bury (including blue badge bays directly opposite), or Bolton Street Car Park is the nearest main car park (search BL9 0DL).

Buy direct from us at: [themet.org.uk](http://themet.org.uk) or call us on **0161 761 2216**. In person at The Met on Wednesday, Friday or Saturday afternoon, and from one hour before any show.

The Met is a fully accessible venue. See [www.themet.org.uk/visit](http://www.themet.org.uk/visit) for more information. To get in touch about hires, access or anything else about The Met email [hello@themet.org.uk](mailto:hello@themet.org.uk)

### Tickets & booking

Tickets for all shows are available directly from The Met. The price you see listed will be the price you pay, without additional transaction fees. We are a charity dedicated to nurturing artists and making great music and theatre accessible to everyone in Bury, operating in the historic Derby Hall since 1979. We always aim to keep shows affordable, but please consider adding a donation if you can to support our work in the community.

### Support Us

Regular donors can Pay What You Want for selected shows; it's our way to help you discover and support new talent we think you might love. See the highlighted events in this brochure.

To find out more about supporting the work of The Met by donating as little as £5 per month visit [themet.org.uk/support](http://themet.org.uk/support) or call us on **0161 761 2216**

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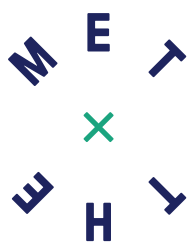
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### Duncan Chisholm

**Folk – Thurs 5 Sept, 8pm – £16 / £18**  
Duncan Chisholm effortlessly evokes the Highland music tradition through his rich, varied compositions. His fiddle playing takes you on an emotional journey through the beautiful landscape which inspires him.

### Oh Susanna

**Folk / Americana – Weds 11 Sept, 8pm – £13 adv**  
Oh Susanna is celebrating the 20th anniversary of her critically acclaimed debut album "Johnstown": a contemporary folk-noir masterpiece brimming with ghostly songs of melancholic beauty and menace.

### Denova + support

**Indie / Rock – Fri 13 Sept, 8pm – £8 adv**  
Up-and-coming synth-driven indie pop-rock from Bury.

### Gryphon

**Prog – Fri 13 Sept, 8pm – from £17**  
Gryphon are the oldest and the newest thing – a legendary British band that’s as exhilarating, energetic, unpredictable and addictive now as they were when they last toured, in the 1970s.

### 'The End of Summer Rock Concert'

**in aid of ALL FM**  
**Rock – Sat 14 Sept, 6.30pm – £12 adv**  
Featuring Hollow State, KC Grey, Gerry O’Gorman and the Sale Ladies Glasshouse Band. Presented by ‘Tony’s Time Machine’ on All FM 96.9 in aid of charities.



**Sharon Shannon and band**  
**with special guest Seckou Keita**

**Folk / World – Sun 15 Sept, 7.30pm – £20 / £22**  
Legendary Irish accordian player Sharon Shannon has brought together a band of amazing musicians to tour music from throughout her career, including 2017’s critically acclaimed Sacred Earth. Senegalese Kora player Seckou Keita was a key guest on that album, and joins Sharon as special guest on this tour.

### Toby Walker

**Folk – Thurs 19 Sept, 7.30pm – £13 / £11 concs**  
World-renowned fingerstyle roots & blues guitarist, with support from Blue John and Sam Jefferson.

**Blue Rose Code**

**Folk / Indie – Thurs 19 Sept, 8pm – £15.50**  
Blue Rose Code is Scottish singer / songwriter Ross Wilson. He has been compared to John Martyn, Van Morrison and Tom Waits. The Water Of Leith, his fourth studio album, was The Skinny magazine’s Scottish Album Of The Year.

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**Big Country**

**Rock / Pop – Fri 20 Sept, 8pm – from £23.50**  
Scottish rock legends Big Country come to The Met to perform songs from their multi-million selling classic album Steeltown on its 35th anniversary. Recorded in Stockholm with Steve Lillywhite producing, the album went straight to number 1 in the album charts in October 1984.

### Oldham Tinkers

**A Mr Kite Benefit**  
**Folk / Trad – Sat 21 Sept, 8pm – £17 / £19**  
A rare appearance from the Lancastrian folk legends; an evening of dry wit and song with lashings of humour to spare.

### My Name Is Why: In Conversation with Lemn Sissay

**Talk – Thurs 26 Sept, 8pm – from £15**  
Lemn Sissay reads from his new memoir, reflecting on a childhood in care, self-expression and Britishness, and exploring the institutional care system, race, family and the meaning of home.



**Trials of Cato**

**Folk – Thurs 26 Sept, 8pm – £13**  
Energetic folk trio The Trials of Cato pay homage to tradition whilst twisting old bones into something modern, with stomping tunes and captivating stories.

**Guy Tortora Band**

**Blues / Americana – Fri 27 Sept, 8pm – £13**  
California-born blues, roots and americana singer-songwriter Guy Tortora brings his four-piece band to The Met. A subtle, beautiful guitarist.

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### Ist Ist + Special guests

**Rock / Indie – Sat 28 Sept, 7.30pm – from £13**  
Majestic, hypnotic post-punk from Manchester. A word-of-mouth sensation who get bigger with each gig.



**Arcade feat. Heidi Talbot & Adam Holmes**

**Folk – Fri 4 Oct, 8pm – from £17**  
Two of contemporary folk’s most successful artists unite for a new project, inspired by pop, rock and US singer-songwriters. One of our most anticipated gigs of the year.

### Andy Fairweather Low & The Low Riders

**Rock / Pop – Fri 11 Oct, 8pm – from £26**  
Andy Fairweather Low first came to prominence as the lead singer of sixties legends Amen Corner. Since then he’s worked with Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Elton John, The Who, BB King, Van Morrison, and many more.

### Rachel Sermanni

**Folk – Sat 12 Oct, 7pm – £13**  
A Met favourite, Scottish singer-songwriter Rachel Sermanni returns with a new self-released album which sees her ‘folk-noir’ take on a more left-field, eclectic range of references.


**Kirsty McGee & Ben Bedford**

**Hobopop – Thurs 17 Oct, 8pm – £13**  
Acclaimed songwriters Ben Bedford & Kirsty McGee present an intimate & memorable show. Kirsty’s voice of honey and smoke meets Ben’s vivid, stark tales of America.

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### Marconi Union – Live Transmission

**Electronica – Sat 19 Oct, 7.30pm – £12**  
Marconi Union blend elements of electronica, jazz, dub and ambience into their dreamlike live shows. Support comes from Scissorgun (a new project from Crispy Ambulance’s Alan Hemsall) and Antonymes.



**Tony Walsh**  
with Stephen James Smith

**Poetry – Weds 23 Oct, 8pm – from £15**  
Expect belly-laugh, tears and everything in between from Tony Walsh, a stunning, big-hearted performer who leaves you dazzled and breathless. Joining Tony is Dublin poet and playwright Stephen James Smith.

### 9Bach

**Folk / Electronica – Thurs 24 Oct, 8pm – £15**  
Formed in 2005 and fronted by Lisa Jen (a longtime collaborator with Gruff Rhys) 9Bach’s music is an atmospheric, evocative, and emotional hybrid of the Welsh folk tradition and contemporary influences.

### The Enid

**Prog / Rock – Fri 25 Oct, 8pm – £26 adv / £13 concs**  
Unique, dynamic, progressive. Robert John Godfrey launches a new chapter of The Enid in a one-off gig at The Met.

### The Stumble

**Blues – Sat 26 Oct, 8pm – from £16**  
A blistering mix of blues, soul and old school r&b, The Stumble have been wowing audiences with the energy and virtuosity of their live performances for the past twenty years.

### Clive Carroll

**Acoustic – Sun 27 Oct, 7.30pm – £12.50**  
Masterful compositions, versatility and virtuosity. Clive Carroll is a hugely admired and respected guitarist.

### Wishbone Ash

**Rock – Fri 1 Nov, 8pm – £26 standing**  
Rock legends celebrate 50 years of touring and recording.

### Interlude Records presents: Manchester’s Underground Music

**Rock – Sat 2 Nov, 7.30pm – £10**  
A night of music from 5 young upcoming rock bands from Manchester on Interlude Records. Featuring Clean Shoes, Dolphin Centre, Oceans On Mars, Graceland and 25th Hour.

**Mairearad Green & Anna Massie**

**Folk – Thurs 14 Nov, 7.30pm – £13**  
Two of Scotland’s most revered musicians, Mairearad (accordion and bagpipes) and Anna (guitar, banjo, fiddle) are a truly captivating duo.

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### Mike Peters presents The Alarm

**Rock – Thurs 14 Nov, 8pm – £19 / £21**  
The Alarm’s lead singer and songwriter Mike Peters comes to The Met with his Hurricane of Change 30th Anniversary Acoustic Tour, featuring songs from the late 80s ‘trilogy’ of classic Alarm albums.

**Joshua Burnside**

**Folk / Indie – Fri 15 Nov, 8pm – £11**  
Experimental folk songwriter and producer Joshua Burnside deftly blends alt-folk and elements of Irish tradition with South American rhythms, European influences, synths, loops and beats.

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### Starlite Campbell Band

**Blues – Fri 15 Nov, 8.30pm – from £13**  
European blues award nominees return to the Met. Contemporary songs steeped in 60s/70s British blues style.

### Ben Cox: Hourglass - Music of James Taylor

**Sat 16 Nov, 7pm - £13**  
Award-winning jazz outfit The Ben Cox Band perform the music of great American singer songwriter James Taylor.



**Hot Club of Cowtown**

**Americana – Sat 16 Nov, 8pm – from £19**  
Award-winning Austin, Texas-based Hot Club of Cowtown may be the world’s most globe-trotting, effervescent string trio, whose joyful sound blends the traditional western-swing of the American southwest with European hot jazz influences of the same era.

### Hugh Cornwell Electric

**Rock – Sun 17 Nov, 8.30pm – £26 standing / £28 seated**  
The songwriter behind The Stranglers plays solo, with new songs and a set of Stranglers’ hits.

### Pitmen Poets

**Folk – Tues 19 Nov, 7.30pm – from £21**  
A celebration of north-east England’s coal mining tradition in an evening of music, song and spoken word. Featuring Billy Mitchell, Bob Fox, Benny Graham, and Jez Lowe.

### The Christians

**Pop / Soul – Fri 22 Nov – SOLD OUT**  
Call 0161 761 2216 for returns.

### Ian Siegal

**Blues – Thurs 21 Nov, 8pm – £16**  
Ian Siegal is arguably Europe’s favourite contemporary bluesman. He takes command of the stage in a way very few artists alive today can match; with sweat, passion, humour, incendiary slide guitar and a soul-infused voice big enough to fell trees.



**Los Pacaminos feat. Paul Young**

**Americana – Sat 23 Nov, 8pm – from £19**  
One of the UK’s most popular live touring bands, Los Pacaminos play the very best in Tex Mex Border music. A tequila-fuelled party night with the perfect cantina setting for a great night’s rocking with the cactus-sharp, magnificent six.



**China Crisis**

**Rock – Fri 29 Nov, 8pm – from £19**  
China Crisis have had major UK success with fifteen Top 50 singles, and three Top 40 albums. The RETROspective tour will see the band performing these classics alongside songs from their seven studio albums.

### Graham Parker

**Rock – Sat 30 Nov, 8pm – £25.50**  
Lead singer of influential pre-punk band Graham Parker and The Rumour plays songs from throughout a 40 year career. Support from Stephen Wilson Jnr.

### Richard Shindell

**A Mr Kite Benefit**  
**Folk – Thurs 5 Dec, 8pm – from £16**  
Originally from New York, Richard Shindell now divides his time between Buenos Aires, Argentina and Hudson Valley. He is a writer whose songs paint pictures, tell stories and inhabit characters.

### The Albion Christmas Band

**Folk – Sun 8 Dec, 8pm – £17**  
The Albion Christmas Band are Simon Nicol, Kellie While, Simon Care and Ashley Hutchings. Described as "the perfect antidote to the corporate xmas" they are now in their 21st year selling out shows featuring seasonal songs smattered with humorous readings and the occasional silly dance.

### The Lock In 'Christmas Carol'

**Folk / Hip-Hop / Dance – Thurs 12 Dec, 8pm – from £17**  
Part gig, part dance show, part panto. A joyously unhinged collaboration between folk powerhouse The Demon Barbers and artists from Breaking Tradition Dance Company. Unmissable.

### Fara: Christmas Show

**Folk – Sat 14 Dec, 8pm – £15**  
Three fiddles and a piano from four friends raised together in the traditions of Orkney. Expect traditional Scottish and festive music played with a twist.

### St Agnes Fountain

**A Mr Kite Benefit**  
**Folk – Thurs 19 Dec, 8pm – £19**  
Our annual festive folk extravaganza with David Hughes, Chris Leslie (Fairport Convention) and Chris While and Julie Matthews giving traditional Christmas music a good (respectful) kicking.

**Even better than the real thing?...**  
**The Met regularly hosts some of the UK’s best tribute acts.**

**Mama - An Evening of Genesis**

**Sat 7 Sept, 7.30pm – £18 adv / £20 door**  
Mama faithfully reproduce the sights and sounds of a high octave, contemporary Genesis rock concert.

**Fleetwood Bac**

**Sat 12 Oct, 8pm – £17.50**  
Mac are Bac! Fleetwood Bac are one of the world’s best Fleetwood Mac tribute bands.

**Nearly Dan**

**Sat 7 Dec, 8pm – £17**  
Faithful homage to jazz-influenced best-sellers Steely Dan.

## Coming Soon

The Met is packed with music, comedy and theatre all year round. We also offer a range of classes and workshops to help people of all ages and abilities to discover and build confidence with music and performance. See [themet.org.uk](http://themet.org.uk) to see more of what we do.

On sale now:

### Martyn Joseph

Fri 24 Jan - £18

### Della Mae

Thurs 30 Jan - £16

### Turin Brakes

Fri 31 Jan - from £21

### The Blockheads

Fri 20 Mar - from £21

### Rachel McShane & The Cartographers

Thurs 26 Mar - £17

### Hue & Cry

Fri 8 May - from £20

## Food and Drink at The Met

Our own independent restaurant Automatic has been serving the people of Bury day and night since 2002. It's perfect for pre-show meals and post-gig drinks, recovery breakfasts and quick lunches, with everything made fresh.

Visit [automaticcafe.com](http://automaticcafe.com) or call 0161 763 9399 to book a table.

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