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Fold-out for Theatre & Comedy listings

The Met has been inspiring people and nurturing new talent in our home on Market Street since 1979. This latest brochure features more of the comedy, theatre and family shows that have been delighting people from Bury and beyond for 40 years. This season we're hosting brilliant shows from our favourite theatre companies, and supporting very talented local amateurs. The Big Snowy Christmas follows our busiest Christmas show EVER in 2018 (it's never too early to book a Christmas treat), and we'd also advise you to get our First Thursday

Comedy nights in your diary quickly - last season they all sold out!

The building is at its best when it's alive with people learning and enjoying, so see if you're inspired to join one of our music or theatre groups for various ages and abilities. If you're a music lover then look out for our separate 'Music at The Met' gig guide, or you can always find the latest listings for all events online at [themet.org.uk](http://themet.org.uk)

## 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).

### 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.

Buy direct from us at: [themet.org.uk](http://themet.org.uk) or call us on **0161 761 2216**. Buy in person at The Met on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday (10am-2pm) or Saturday (12-5pm), and from one hour before any show.

The Met is a fully accessible venue. See [themet.org.uk/visit](http://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)

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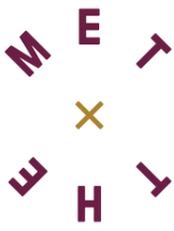


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## Comedy

### First Thursday Comedy Club

8.30pm – £12 adv

The Met's comedy club brings you the cream of the stand-up scene on the first Thursday of every month.

**Thurs 3 Oct**

With Mandy Muden, Good Kids, Ian Fox & Sam Serrano.

**Thurs 7 Nov**

With Phil Walker, Howard Walker, Clayton Jones & Henry Stachini.

**Thurs 5 Dec**

With Tudur Owen, Friz Fizzle, Darcie Silver & Sam Harland.

### The Met's New Comedian of The Year

**Fri 17 Jan**

Ten rising comedy stars compete for your votes. At stake is their reputation, your entertainment and of course a cash prize. Who will win? You decide.

### George Egg: Movable Feast

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**Thurs 24 Oct, 7.30pm – £14 / £12 concs**

George Egg is the comedian who cooks on stage. He will make three plates of gourmet food live in front of you in the funniest and most unconventional ways – with the opportunity for you to taste the results at the end, provided you can stop laughing.



Tickle your fancy  
– at Radcliffe Market

**Thurs 12 Sep & Thurs 12 Dec, 7.30pm – £9 adv**

Tickle your fancy is a cabaret night full of surprises, with music, comedy, poetry and more, taking place at the brilliant Radcliffe Market. See themet.org.uk/radcliffemarket for more information.

## Family

### Captain Flinn and The Pirate Dinosaurs: The Magic Cutlass

Les Petits Theatre Company

**Sat 12 Oct, 1pm – £13 (Ages 3+)**

Join Captain Flinn in an action-packed adventure as he tries to rescue his kidnapped friends who have been forced to hunt for the Magic Cutlass by his enemy Mr T-Rex!

### Tom Brace: Brace of Spades

Half  
Term

**Weds 23 Oct, 2pm – £10 (Ages 8+)**

A brand new magic show for the whole family, featuring Tom Brace's special blend of comedy and magic. "Hilarious... joyfully daft..." – SittingontheFourthWall.com



Tom Thumb

Lyngo Theatre Company

**Sat 16 Nov, 1pm – £11 / £9 concs (Ages 3+)**

Join tiny Tom on a very big adventure. Will he outwit the ogre, save his brothers and find the treasure? A magical version of the classic story featuring feathery spinning birds, a flying house and a portable forest.

### Somatic Storytelling

**Monthly Saturdays** (Suitable for all ages)

Yoga and storytelling combine, inspired by classic kids' stories. Learn more at themet.org.uk/somatic.

## Theatre



The Immigrant

**Thurs 3 Oct, 8pm – £15**

A hilarious and heart-warming comedy inspired by Charlie Chaplin's classic film. Full of wild slapstick, this delightful show tells the story of migrants starting a new life in the west today. It is based on hundreds of accounts of what it is like to come to live in a strange country and try to fit in when you stand out.

### Strangers On A Train Set

LipService Theatre Company

**Weds 9 & Thurs 10 Oct, 8pm – £13**

Sublimely silly comic theatre duo LipService return to The Met with their brand new show; a murder mystery set on a model railway. Take a whistle stop tour of a parallel universe of train related crime fiction that will leave you breathless and racing for the refreshment coach...

### Little Shop of Horrors

Whitefield AODS

**Weds 16-Sat 19 Oct – £16**

Beloved sci-fi rock musical Little Shop of Horrors comes to The Met in a new production from the talented amateurs of Whitefield AODS. Feed me Seymour!



Food Bank Boulevard

MaD Theatre Company

**Weds 30 Oct, 7.30pm – £15 / £13 concs**

International conceptual artist Rollo Hollovici discovers a priceless artwork in the community. But is it an opportunity or a poisoned chalice for homeless man Stan? An irreverent new satire on inner city Britain from the producers of It's The Wrong Way To Tickle Mary and Me, You and George Clooney.

### Once Upon A Time...

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Gonzo Moose Theatre Company

**Weds 13 Nov, 8pm – £11 / £7 concs**

Brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm are about to publish their famous fairy tale collection when a shadowy figure from their past comes to collect an old debt. Now their sister has to confront a great evil in order to save her beloved brothers... Gonzo Moose are back with a comedy fairy tale adventure bursting with physical comedy, absurd jokes and magical illusion.

### Dead Men's Eyes:

### Two Ghost Stories by M R James

**Weds 27 Nov, 8pm – £13**

R M Lloyd Parry performs A View from the Hill and The Treasure of Abbot Thomas, two chilling and thrilling tales from M R James, the master of the English ghost story. Supernatural storytelling at its best.



The Lock In "Christmas Carol"

**Thu 12 Dec, 8pm – £17**

Jasminezer Scrooge is about to ruin her pub with cheap alco-pops, luminous lighting and mind-numbing bass beats. Fortunately, some insightful souls are at hand to lead her back to her senses... Half gig, half dance show and half panto, The Lock-in "Christmas Carol" is a festival music, song and dance show featuring BBC Award Winning musicians and dancers The Demon Barbers.



The Big Snowy Christmas

**Fri 20 Dec 7pm – Pyjama Performance!**

**Sat 21 Dec 11am, 2pm**

**Sun 22 Dec 11am, 2pm**

**Mon 23 Dec 11am, 2pm**

**Tue 24 Dec 11am, 1pm**

**Tickets from £11 (children); £13 (adults); £5 (Ages 18 months - 3 years)**

*When Santa falls from the sky, who will deliver the presents? It's Baby Bear to the rescue!*

Following their sell-out success at The Met in December 2017 and 2018, Little Blue Monster Productions return with this hilarious, heart-warming tale about a brave little bear who helps to save Christmas.

Featuring exquisite puppets, enchanting music and a magical snowy setting, this delightful show is great fun for little bears aged 3-6 and their grown-ups.

## Poetry/Talk

### My Name Is Why:

### In Conversation with Lemn Sissay

**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.



Tony Walsh

with Stephen James Smith

**Weds 23 Oct, 8pm – from £15**

Expect belly-laughs, 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.

## Community events

### Stepping Stones to the Stars

**Sat 5 Oct, 7.30pm – £7 / £5 concs**

Gifted north-west performers on the autistic spectrum showcase their amazing talents.

### Over the Rainbow

Bolton AllStarz

**Sun 3 Nov, 5.30pm – £13 adults / £10 children**

Can Dorothy and her friends overcome the evil western witch and restore good Zion? An original modern pantomime performed by Bolton AllStarz, a community group who aim to make the arts accessible to all.

### Metro Jazz Winter Concert

**Fri 22 Nov, 8pm – £7**

The Met's community jazz orchestra, led by acclaimed saxophonist Munch Manship, perform a highly seasoned mix of the best foot-tapping jazz.

### The Wizard Of Oz

**Sat 7 Dec, 1pm, 4pm & 8pm – £5**

Join Met Express for this magical adventure; a classic story of friendship and love.

### Jack & The Beanstalk

**Sat 14 Dec, 2.30pm, 5.30pm – £5**

A traditional family panto from Bury Youth Theatre.

## Learn & Create

### Bury Youth Theatre

**Every Wednesday during Bury school term-time £5 per session (paid weekly)**

The Met's Youth Theatre is available in two sessions, taking children on a creative journey from age 5, and developing skills and confidence from ages 9-13.

**Discover (5-8 years)**

**Wed 25 Sep-Wed 16 Oct, Wed 30 Oct-Wed 18 Dec, 4.30pm-5.30pm**

Think creatively and work as a team with activities and story-telling!

**Develop (9-13 years)**

**Wed 4 Sep-Wed 16 Oct, Wed 30 Oct-Wed 18 Dec, 5.30pm-7pm**

Develop confidence, learn how to improvise, and work towards a show at The Met each term!

### Aiming High

**Sat 7 Sep-Sat 19 Oct & Sat 2 Nov-Sat 21 Dec 9-13 years 10am-11.30am – £4 (paid weekly)**

**14+ years 11.30am-1.30pm – £5 (paid weekly)**

Physical activities and drama games for young people with autism and additional needs, encouraging them to become more independent and improve their life skills.

### Met Express

**Every Monday and Tuesday from 9 Sep (excluding 21 & 22 October)**

**£5 per session (paid weekly)**

(first session free for new participants)

Met Express is The Met's drama group for people with disabilities and learning difficulties who come together on a weekly basis to create drama, produce pieces of work and have fun. The group works toward end of term performances and collaborates with other creative workshop groups.

### Stagecoach

**Sun 15 Sep-Sun 20 Oct, Sun 3 Nov-Sun 8 Dec**

**9.30am-11am & 11.30am-1pm**

**Early Stages (4-6 year olds)**

**10am-1pm Main School (7-18 year olds)**

Drama, dance and singing classes

– developing confidence, body language

techniques, communication and articulation. Each

stage works towards an end of term performance.

Learn more at stagecoach.co.uk/bury

### ALFA Tuesday Music School Sessions The Met

The Met comes alive every Tuesday with classes for all abilities led by specialist teachers from ALFA Education. Charges are £6 per session or £30 for a six-week booking (saving £6 per block). For further information email admin@alfaeducation.co.uk

**ALFA Community Ukulele Band**

**10.30am-11.40am**

All ages and abilities can learn this fun, accessible instrument. No experience necessary; it's a great way to meet new friends and learn to play! Sessions led by specialist teacher Guy James.

**ALFA Metzo Junior Choir**

**5.30pm-6.45pm**

A choir with a difference for ages 7-12. These fun and energetic sessions focus upon developing confidence, vocal skills, team work & expressive performance. The choir take part in several performances during the year at The Met, Bolton Stadium and The Bridgewater Hall.

**ALFA Metzo Community Choir**

**7pm-8.15pm**

A Community Choir for adults with some, little or no prior experience of choral singing. The group sings a range of genres and styles including contemporary, gospel, jazz, soul and music theatre.



More Music at The Met

Learn guitar, harmonica, or sound recording skills at The Met with weekly sessions for all ages and abilities. Brilliant, experienced teachers and superb facilities make The Met a brilliant place to learn. Find out more at themet.org.uk/lessons

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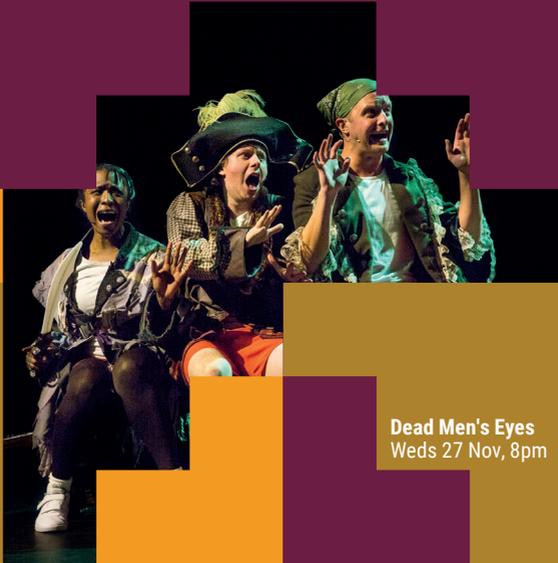
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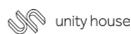
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