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Spring / Summer 2021

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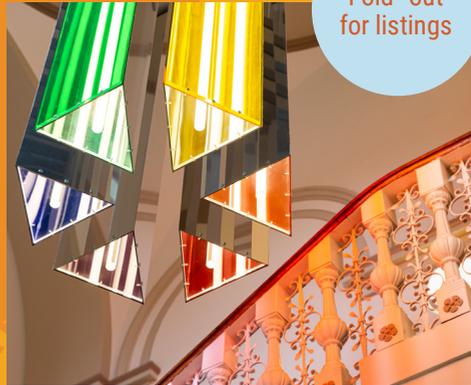
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# Welcome back to The Met!

We're thrilled to be reopening our award-winning venue, based in the middle of Bury town centre, to audiences from Greater Manchester and beyond. We're open and ready for new people eager to discover a new favourite act, regular visitors to The Met, and to those wanting to try something different.

We've been working hard to ensure The Met is a safe place to be and is ready to support audiences and artists alike. Read on for full details on our reopening programme, and all the ways we'll be keeping you safe.



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for listings

## 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.

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

The Met is a fully accessible venue. See [themet.org.uk/visit](https://www.themet.org.uk/visit) for more information.

### Food and Drink at The Met

Our own independent restaurant Automatic is also now open for business! It's perfect for pre-show meals and post-gig drinks, recovery breakfasts and quick lunches, with everything made fresh.

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

# Covid Safety at The Met

The Met has been working hard to bring our building back to life and our visitors back to live experiences after the national lock-down.

### Our safety measures:

- Social distancing and limiting numbers in all areas
- Extra cleaning and safety measures
- Bringing drinks to your table or seat in the gig
- Temperature testing on arrival
- Limited capacities and strict social distancing at all events

### What we'll ask of you:

- Wear a face covering in shared spaces in the building
- Follow the signs and staff advice to maintain social distances
- 'Check in' to the NHS Track & Trace app when you enter, and please stay away if you or any of your household display Covid symptoms or are waiting for the results of a test

### Booking

We strongly recommend booking online in advance for shows. You'll need to provide full contact details when you book to comply with track and trace procedures. The capacity for shows will be lower than usual to allow social distancing.

### Temperature checks

As an extra measure we'll be asking all customers to have temperature checks on the way into the venue. It's a fast and simple process, with a quick camera scan which does not keep or use any of your data, but just lets our staff visually confirm that no-one in the building currently has a high temperature.

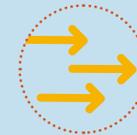
### Face Coverings

Our staff will be wearing a face-covering (visor or mask) when greeting or serving customers. Customers are requested to wear a face-covering (unless exempt) while entering and moving around the venue. In line with government guidelines, customers may remove their face-covering whilst seated and drinking.

Socially  
Distanced  
Seating



One Way  
Systems



Additional  
Cleaning



Table  
Service



Face Mask  
Requirements



Hand Sanitiser  
Stations



For more information on all the ways we'll be keeping you safe, please visit [themet.org.uk/covid](https://www.themet.org.uk/covid)



Box office 0161 761 2216 – [themet.org.uk](http://themet.org.uk)

We have comedy, theatre and family shows, and much more throughout the year. Here are our upcoming covid secure performances from May onwards. See [themet.org.uk](http://themet.org.uk) for full details. Please note, our tables include up to four seats for the stated price.



### Gary Delaney – Work in Progress

**Thu 10 June / 7:00pm & 9:00pm – Tables of up to four from £26, seats £13**  
Gary Delaney, Britain's best purveyor of punchlines, comes to The Met with a warm-up performance of his new show featuring the sharpest one-liners ever made.



### Martin Harley solo

**Sat 12 June / 8:00pm – Tables of up to four from £48, seats £16**  
Following the success of the Roll With The Punches band tour across the UK and Europe, Martin Harley takes to the road for a run of intimate solo acoustic shows.



### Mike McGoldrick, Emma Sweeney & Tim Edey

**Sat 19 June / 2:00pm & 8:00pm – Tables of up to four from £41, seats £21**  
A special show in the company of Michael McGoldrick, a multi-instrumentalist who is regarded as one of the greatest flute players of all time, Emma Sweeney, a distinguished and experienced live performer, and Tim Edey, one of the world's finest melodeon and guitar players.

### Bury Pride & The Met presents:

#### John O'Neill: Am I Queer?

**Thu 24 June / 8:00pm – Tables of up to four from £17, seats £9**  
Written in spoken word and performed by himself, join John as he enters his thirtieth year looking at himself, his choices and the world around whilst asking... Am I Queer?



### My Darling Clementine

**Sun 26 June / 7:45pm – Tables of up to four from £43, seats £15 (Stream online £9)**  
We are thrilled to welcome back Michael and Lou for what will be one of the first My Darling Clementine concert since lock-down and one of their first shows since the release of their brand new album, Country Darkness – the songs of Elvis Costello.

### First Thursday Comedy

**Thu 1 July / 8:00pm – Tables of up to four from £24, seats £12**  
First Thursday is moving upstairs to the more socially-distanced Derby Hall, and boasts a stella line-up including **Tez Ilyas, Mick Ferry, Louise Young** and Manchester's very own **Justin Moorhouse**.



### Rob Heron & The Tea Pad Orchestra

**Thu 8 July / 8:00pm – Tables of up to four from £48, seats £16**  
The Tea Pad sound draws on myriad influences – from Hank Williams to Django Reinhardt, Tom Waits to The Beatles – yet ultimately sounds like nobody else.



### Jason Manford: Like Me – Work in Progress

**Thu 26 August / 7:30pm / £21 (SOLD OUT)**  
**Fri 27 August / 6:00pm & 9:00pm / £21 (SOLD OUT)**  
This event is now SOLD OUT. Please contact Box Office to be added to the waiting list.

### The Wedding Present

**Sun 29 August / 8:00pm – Seated £23, standing £21**  
The Wedding Present have had eighteen UK top forty hit singles... not bad for a band that has, from its inception, stubbornly refused to play the record industry's game.

## Workshops at The Met

The Met plays host to a variety of workshops for children and adults alike. Check out [themet.org.uk/about/our-work/creative-learning/](http://themet.org.uk/about/our-work/creative-learning/) for our full lineup.

### Bury Youth Theatre

**Bury Youth Theatre is now open to children and young people aged 5-18. All sessions run term-time only.**  
BYT Juniors (ages 5-9) Tuesdays 5pm-6.30  
BYT Transitions (ages 10-11) Wednesdays 5-6pm  
BYT Seniors (age 12+) Wednesdays 6.15-7.30pm



### Stand-up Comedy Workshop

**Sat 26 June / 1pm – £19**  
An introduction to writing and performing stand-up comedy. Learn techniques for generating comedy material, and how to deliver the material in the form of a stand-up performance.



### Gin and Chronic Arthritis

**Wed 22 September / 7:30pm – £15**  
From the producers of It's The Wrong Way To Tickle Mary and Food Bank Boulevard, Gin and Chronic Arthritis is one of MaD Theatre Company's best loved comedies and is back in Bury by popular demand for one night only.



### Some Kinda Wonderful: The Music of Stevie Wonder

**Fri 24 September / 7:30pm – From £24.50**  
Celebrating the genius of Stevie Wonder, mesmeric vocalist Noel McCalla delivers hit after hit, from the dance floor classics I Wish and Superstition to beautiful arrangements of My Cherie Amour and Overjoyed, this is a real "master blaster of a show!"

## Coming up this Autumn

We are expecting all Covid restrictions to be lifted from this point. As such, our performances will no longer be socially distanced from the Autumn. If things change, then we shall maintain our Summer safety measures on all performances.

### Northern Flyway

**Thu 2 September / 8pm – From £19**  
Set against a backdrop of gorgeously haunting visuals, Northern Flyway immerses you in music that moves through ethereal to dark to uplifting as scenes of wild Scottish landscapes give way to underwater footage of gannets diving, evocative seascapes and startling murmurations.

### Bird on the Wire

**Thu 9 September / 8:00pm – From £19**  
Bird on the Wire are a ten-piece collective of outstanding musicians who interpret the music of Leonard Cohen.



### Chloe Foy

**Sat 2 October / 8pm – £11**  
Inspired by songwriters like Gillian Welch, Edith Piaf and Tyler Ramsay, Where Shall We Begin revolves around Foy's spine-tingling, pure vocals and her near perfect songwriting. Expect the melodies to lodge in your head for days..



### A Foreigners Journey

**Sat 11 September / 7:30pm – From £17.50**  
Legendary bands Foreigner and Journey are giants of the AOR (Adult Orientated Rock) and Classic Rock genres, attracting huge audiences as live acts since forming in the 1970s. Join us for this five-piece live tribute to Foreigner and Journey.



### Henry Normal

**Wed 17 November / 8pm – From £14**  
Writer, poet, and tv and film producer Henry Normal reads from his new collection The Escape Plan.

## Support The Met

We'd like to thank everyone for their ongoing support throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. It's through this support we've been able to make some great leaps in digitising our programme, and have been able to continue providing support to artists and our community.

We're really excited to now be offering more in-person, live events, and to be evolving our programme. Your ongoing support has enabled us to continue adapting our work to the changing situation, and deliver brilliant projects designed to uplift, entertain and inspire our audiences.

As a charity, we rely on donations to ensure we can continue our work which uplifts, entertains, and inspires our audiences, and it only through this continued support that we will be able to continue delivering world class entertainment, right in the heart of Bury.



## How can you help us?

- **Keep buying tickets** – Now that we're open again, it's more important than ever to support our work, buy tickets to our shows and support the artists at The Met. The cost of your ticket keeps our doors open, our auditoriums full and allows our great work with the local community to continue.
- **Gift vouchers** – Online shopping for birthdays is tricky, right? Why not give the gift of a brilliant night out to look forward to, and support the arts at the same time.
- **Membership** – Membership matters. The support of our members means we can dream bigger, and deliver sooner. Many of our projects are funded by the money generated by memberships, so if you want to make a lasting impact on our work, this is the way to do it.
- **Donate** – Donations have never had more of an impact on our ability to support our community. They help us combat losses from cancelled and rescheduled shows, fund new livestream performances and keep our workshop groups running.
- **Corporate Membership** – If you are looking to engage your staff or clients and expand your corporate social responsibility, corporate sponsorship at The Met allows you to do so, whilst supporting arts and culture in Bury.

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

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