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What's on at The Met

In the heart of Bury

Eric Gales plus Special Guest Dom Martin,
Tue 7 June, 8pm - From £26

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Welcome to The Met

Our award-winning venue, based in the heart of Bury town centre, has been packing in music fans and theatre-goers since 1979. But we're always open to new people ready to discover a new favourite act, or take part in something different, so here are the basics you need to know before checking out the What's On, on the following pages.

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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**).

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 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 for more information.

Your Visit to The Met

The Met is filled with music and theatre throughout the year. From our main Derby Hall stage productions, community spaces and sound recording at Edwin Street Studio, there's always something happening within our walls. We also host weekly community choirs, ukulele bands and more with our partners ALFA education every Tuesday, and even have our own community jazz orchestra. Find out more about learning or joining at themet.org.uk/workshops



Workshops at The Met

Bury Youth Theatre

Bury's very own youth theatre is a place to create, find new talents and make friends in a supportive and accessible environment. We have three groups which are all open to new members:

Juniors (ages 5-10)
Tuesdays, 5pm – 6.30pm

Seniors Group 1 (ages 11-14)
Wednesdays, 5pm – 6.15pm

Seniors Group 2 (ages 14+)
Wednesdays, 6.30pm – 7.45pm

For enquiries relating to Juniors, please contact education@themet.org.uk, for Seniors groups contact buriouththeatre@themet.org.uk.

Aiming High

Aiming High is The Met's specialist youth theatre for autistic and learning-disabled children and young people. Run by highly experienced professionals, the group helps build confidence, social skills and independence through drama, movement and storytelling.

Group 1 (Juniors)
9.30am – 11.00am

Group 2 (Mixed)
11.15am – 12.45pm

Group 3 (Seniors)
1.00pm – 3.00pm

To enquire about joining, please contact education@themet.org.uk.

Met Express

Met Express is The Met's very own learning disability theatre company. It is an inclusive and accessible group run by expert facilitators with a diverse membership with a range of different disabilities.

Sessions run Mondays and Tuesday, 7pm – 9pm.

Met Express is currently operating a waiting list for new members, to join the list, please email education@themet.org.uk.

Metro Jazz

Metro Jazz is Bury's community jazz orchestra. Open to a range of different instruments and led by well-known band leader and saxophonist Mutch Manship, the group is an accessible and friendly place for anyone aged 18-108 to stretch their musical muscles.

The group meets every Monday, 7pm – 9pm. For more information on how to join, contact education@themet.org.uk.

Harmonica

If you've ever felt like earning a new musical skill, then why not give the harmonica a go? Our course is led by former British Blues Harmonica champion Mat Walklate is a great place to start. We run both beginners and intermediate sessions on a Monday evening. To enquire about a place on the next course, email education@themet.org.uk.

Meet Me at The Met

A social arts group for the over 50s. Meet Me at The Met is an informal and relaxed group who meet every other Monday 11am – 12.30pm to take part in taster workshops across a range of different artforms including poetry, visual arts and crafts, music and much more. This is a free workshop but please do book a place at this link themet.org.uk/event/meet-me-at-the-met/

Movers and Shakers

A brand-new group at The Met, Movers and Shakers is a fun movement-based workshop for children aged 0-5 and their grown-ups. Explore dance, yoga and mindfulness with your tots in a relaxed and friendly environment every Wednesday (from 30th March) 1.30pm – 3pm. This is a free workshop but please book a place at this link themet.org.uk/event/movers-and-shakers/



Box office 0161 761 2216 – themet.org.uk

May

Fairport Convention

Folk: Sun 1 May, 7.30pm – From £29
The band that launched British folk-rock return with some musical surprises from albums old and new.

Luke Daniels

Folk: Wed 4 May, 7pm – £11
Virtuoso musician and singer Luke Daniels performs classic folk songs alongside traditional tunes.

Bernard Wrigley

Music & Comedy: Wed 4 May, 8pm – £15
Bernard Wrigley performs his unique blend of songs, stories, monologues, very silly one verse poems and guitar playing.

First Thursday Comedy

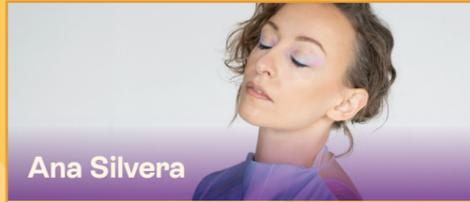
Comedy: Thu 5 May, 8pm – £12
Featuring Mark Nelson, Scott Bennett and Harriet Dyer.

Joe Hicks

Folk: Fri 6 May, 7.30pm – £11
Raised in the rural market town of Newbury, Joe Hicks blends pop, blues and folk influences, combining intricate guitar composition with classic pop song-craft.

Chatham County Line

Americana: Fri 6 May, 8pm – £17
North Carolina's Chatham County Line craft top-notch, original modern American roots music.



Ana Silvera

Folk: Sat 7 May, 7pm – £16
Ana Silvera is a London-born singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist whose folk and bluegrass-tinged tunes are lyrical, intimate and emotive, works of "lavish, vivid imagination" Metro.

Desperado

Tribute: Sat 7 May, 7.30pm – From £17.50
Desperado present a two hour journey through your favourite Eagles songs from their first beginnings to their final album.

Old Sea Legs

Folk & Pop: Sun 8 May, 8pm – £11
Old Sea Legs is the new solo project of folk troubadour and pop pioneer Ian Bermingham, best known as the frontman of Dublin quintet The Eskies.



Le Vent Du Nord

Folk: Sun 8 May, 8pm – From £18.50
The award winning and highly acclaimed French-speaking folk band from Québec returns to The Met. An intense, joyful and dynamic show that expands the bounds of folk in striking directions.

Emerging Showcase DENOVA

Pop: Fri 13 May, 7pm – From £5
May's emerging artists showcase features Bury alt-rock band Denova.

Clone Roses & The Smiths Limited

Tribute: Fri 13 May, 8pm – From £17.50
Two of the UK's best tribute bands combine forces

Kate Bush-Ka: The Whole Story

Tribute: Sat 14 May, 8pm – From £18.50
A stunning live performance of the sensational music of Kate Bush. Kate Bush-Ka deliver an impressive performance of Kate's alluring repertoire starting with the revolutionary first album The Kick Inside.

Siobhan Miller

Folk: Thu 19 May, 8pm – £17
A richly celebrated Scottish folk singer and songwriter, Siobhan Miller's soulful and stirring renewal of traditional song has won her the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for Best Traditional Track, and the BBC Alba Scots Trad Music Awards' Scots Singer of the Year an unprecedented four times.



Yorkston Thorne Khan

Folk & Jazz: Fri 20 May, 8pm – From £17
Folk meets jazz and Indian classical music in this remarkable collaboration between James Yorkston, Jon Thorne and Suhail Yusuf Khan.

Project Smok

Folk & Pop: Sat 21 May, 7.30pm – £15
The close-knit group meld naturally between the innovative, explosive and emotive, drawing outside inspiration from indie pop acts like The 1975, LANY and Bon Iver, to more time-honoured, West Coast styles of playing.

State of Satta

Pop: Sat 21 May, 8pm – From £9
A 7-piece dub-fusion band based in the north of England. Brought together by a collective love of dub and reggae, the band fuse the rhythms of one-drop and steppas with jazz inspired melodies to create a distinct groove driven sound.

Dervish

Folk: Sun 22 May, 8pm – From £25
Dervish have been bringing Irish music to the world for thirty years. Their live performances match dazzling sets of tunes with stunning interpretations of traditional songs.

Create and Sing Hansel & Gretel

Community: Tue 24 & Wed 25 May, 11.30am & 3.30pm – £7
Primary age children from Bury perform material they have created inspired by Engelbert Humperdinck's opera.

Karnataka

Rock: Fri 27 May, 8pm – From £15
Karnataka's music combines a widescreen cinematic vision with epic symphonic rock soundscapes taking you on a never to be forgotten journey.

Grace Petrie

Music & Comedy: Sat 28 May, 8pm – From £16
Protest singer Grace Petrie has toured to arenas with Frank Turner, has supported comedian Hannah Gadsby, toured with comedy phenomenon The Guilty Feminist, and done a prestigious live session on the BBC Radio 2 Jo Whaley Show.



Daphne's Flight

Folk: Sun 29 May, 8pm – From £18
Described as one of the most exciting vocal groups to emerge on the acoustic music scene, their energy on stage is matched only by their collective talents, Daphne's Flight are unrivalled and sit firmly in a class of their own as singers, musicians and writers.

June

First Thursday Comedy

Comedy: Thu 2 June, 8pm – £12
Featuring Troy Hawke, Simon Wozniak and Freddy Quinne.

Kris Drever with Special Guest Rachel Baiman

Folk: Thu 2 June, 8pm – From £17
Scottish folk star Kris Drever and Nashville-based Americana artist Rachel Baiman join forces. This show will feature solo sets from each as well as unique collaborations drawing on their respective original material.

Dominie Hooper

Folk: Friday 3 June, 8pm – £11
Dominie Hooper is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Dartmoor, Devon. With a sound drawing on English folk, classical music, alt-rock, and avant-garde pop, Hooper's work defies easy categorisation, pushing the boundaries of standard folk and singer-songwriter fare.

Eric Gales plus Special Guest Dom Martin

Blues: Tue 7 June, 8pm – From £26
Critically acclaimed blues rock guitarist Eric Gales comes to The Met following the release of his studio album "Crown" produced by and featuring Joe Bonamassa.

Emerging Showcase

Ollie West and The Wildflowers

Folk & Pop: Thu 9 Jun 7pm – From £5
Manchester pianist and singer-songwriter Ollie West and his band The Wildflowers explore jazz, folk, world music, pop, rock, prog and classical music to create a unique sound like nothing you've heard before.

The Animals & Friends & Zoot Money

Blues: Wed 15 June, 7.30pm – From £28.50
Rhythm and blues legends The Animals and Friends come to Bury with their farewell tour. Joining them RnB, soul and jazz legend Zoot Money.

Bury Blind Society – An Evening of 100 Voices

Cabaret: Thu 16 June, 7.30pm – £13
Join Bury Blind Society for an evening of music and celebration as they mark their 100th anniversary.

Chris Smither & Zak Trojano

Americana: Fri 17 June, 8pm – From £17
Chris Smither is an original American songwriter and an electrifying guitarist whose music draws deeply from folk and blues, modern poets and philosophers.

Whole Lotta Led

Tribute: Sat 18 June, 8pm – From £20.50
Whole Lotta Led are five musicians dedicated to performing the music of Led Zeppelin with skill, passion and respect.

Little Angel Theatre presents Handa's Surprise

Family: Sat 18 June, 11am & 1.30pm – £9
A blend of physical performance, puppetry, live music and song combine to create an intimate, magical production with audience participation. Come and share in the magical tangerine surprise! Suitable for ages 3-5.



Aynsley Lister

Blues: Thu 23 June, 8pm – From £17
Aynsley Lister is one of the UK's hottest contemporary blues guitarists – many consider him to be among the best in the world. His unique brand of blues-based rock delivers contemporary song writing fueled with the kind of heart and soul that's missing from so much modern music.

A Night at the Musicals

Musicals: Fri 24 & Sat 25 June, 7.30pm – From £19
Your favourite songs from the musicals, including Les Misérables, The Greatest Showman, Cats, Phantom of the Opera, and Miss Saigon.

Tony McManus & Julia Toaspern

Folk: Sat 25 June, 8pm – £15
Listed as one of the fifty transcendental guitarists of all time by Guitar Player magazine, Tony McManus joins forces with the multi-talented Julia Toaspern to play breathtakingly beautiful guitar arrangements of traditional music.

My Fair Lady

Community: Wed 29 June – Sat 2 July, 7.30pm / 2.15pm – From £13
Professor Henry Higgins is determined to transform Cockney flower seller Eliza Doolittle into a "proper lady". However Eliza isn't the only one who is transformed... A new production of the classic musical from All Saint's (Elton) Amateur Operatic Society.

July



Luke Jackson

Folk: Fri 1 July, 8pm – £15
Luke is a Singer-Songwriter from Canterbury, Kent and has developed a reputation for himself in the Folk, Roots, Americana & Acoustic circuits, through his solo, duo or trio shows, many festival appearances or when opening for such luminaries as Fairport Convention.

First Thursday Comedy

Comedy: Thu 7 July, 8pm – £12
Featuring Edinburgh Fringe Festival preview shows from Justin Moorhouse and Danny Ward.

The Outside Track

Celtic: Thu 7 July, 8pm – £15
One of the best Celtic acts in the world. Blending fiddle, accordion, harp, guitar, flute, whistle and vocals with breathtaking vitality!

You're My World

Tribute: Fri 8 July, 8pm – From £19
This fun-packed show celebrates the forefront of the Brit-pop music scene of the 1960s, featuring hits from The Beatles, The Kinks, Gerry and The Pacemakers and more, joining Cilla on her journey from The Cavern to the London Palladium.

Dommy B's Best Adventure Ever

Family: Sat 9 July, 11am – £7
A fun, magical and interactive story from Cbeebies Rhyme Rocket poet Dommy B.

A Foreigners Journey

Tribute: Sat 9 July, 7.30pm – From £17.50
A five-piece live tribute to Foreigner and Journey. Quality, commercial rock, performed with passion.

Ian Siegal

Blues: Sun 10 July, 8pm – £16
Siegal's brand new studio album Stone by Stone is a celebration of collaboration with the muscle of Siegal's voice standing front and centre.



Greater Manchester Fringe Festival: Tropicana

Theatre: Thu 14 July, 7.30pm – £8
Join queer cabaret icon Aidan Sadler as they take you on the award-winning journey to Tropicana! Nothing is safe from ridicule so be led on an exploration of body image, heteronormativity and sometimes wearing a dress round the house on a muggy day.

Chris Difford

Pop / Rock: Fri 15 July, 8pm – £21
As a member of one of London's best-loved bands, the Squeeze co-founder has made a lasting contribution to English music with hits such as Cool For Cats, Up The Junction, Labelled With Love, Hourglass and Tempted.

Emerging Showcase The Cuza

Rock: Sat 16 July, 7pm – From £5
Fresh on the scene, Cuza come to The Met for one night only off the back of their first



The Delines

Americana: Sun 17 July, 8pm – From £21
Retro country soul from novelist/songwriter Willy Vlautin, Amy Boone, Sean Oldham and friends.

MAD Theatre: Vaping, Manscaping & Paddling Pools

Theatre: Wed 20 July, 7.30pm – From £13
"Vaping, Manscaping & Paddling Pools" is an irreverent comedy about how a community from North Manchester coped during Lockdown. From the company who produced "Food Bank Boulevard" and "The Wrong Way To Tickle Mary" this play promises to be a nostalgic chuckle at when everyone's world went MAD.

Tommy Holland as ELVIS and The Rising Sun Band

Tribute: Fri 22 July, 8pm – £19.50
The sensational Tommy Holland and The Rising Sun band recreate some of Elvis' most dynamic performances.

August

First Thursday Comedy

Comedy: Thu 4 August, 8pm – £12
Hilarious comedy at The Met on the first Thursday of every month. Line-up to be confirmed.

The Wedding Present

Rock: Thu 25 August, 8pm – From £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.

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 or call **0161 763 9399** to book a table.

Support The Met

We can't wait to welcome more of you through our doors as we're able to offer more live events, and evolve our programme over the months to come. 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 to deliver brilliant projects designed to uplift, entertain and inspire 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.

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