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Spring and Summer programme announced at The Met

Music, comedy, drama, tribute bands and family fun in the heart of Bury

There are exciting times ahead at The Met in Bury, with an action-packed season of events planned for the coming months.

The award-winning venue, based right in the heart of the Bury town centre, promotes an all-year-round programme of events. The Met also runs the Edwin St Recording Studio, a professional recording facility with quality recording equipment and a superb-sounding live room. The studio provides a full recording service, including music, voice-over, and voice to picture, along with an on-line mixing service and a full mastering service.

The Met is delighted to be staging an array of events, workshops and ongoing activities for the Bury community and beyond.

Highlights include:

- **Dominie Hooper**, British songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who has worked as a session musician and collaborated with Yola, Alabaster Deplume, and Band of Burns. She performs an ambitious new full-band solo project, inspired by English folk, classical music, alt-rock, and avant-garde pop, (Fri 3 June 8pm).
- **Yorkston/Thorne/Khan**, folk meets jazz and Indian classical music in a collaboration between James Yorkston, Jon Thorne and Suhail Yusuf Khan, (Fri 20 May 8pm).
- **Grace Petrie**, a protest singer who has toured with Frank Turner and comedy phenomenon The Guilty Feminist as well appearing on a live session on BBC Radio 2's Jo Whiley Show, (Sat 28 May, 8pm).
- **Ana Silvera**, London born singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist performs lyrical and emotive bluegrass-tinged tunes, (Sat 7 May 7pm).

Music

The programme of music also features: the legendary **Fairport Convention**, (Sun 1 May, 7.30pm); and **Le Vent du Nord**, the award-winning folk band from Quebec, (Sun 8 May, 8pm).

Comedy

With its intimate atmosphere and well stocked bar, The Met is the perfect venue for great night of comedy. **First Thursday Comedy Club** features both well-known comedians and up and coming talent. The line ups include Justin Moorhouse, Mark Nelson, Scott Bennett and Harriet Dyer (first Thursday of each month, 8pm); and **Bernard Wrigley**, aka “The Bolton Bullfrog”, Bernard Wrigley performs his unique blend of songs, stories, monologues, very silly one-verse poems and guitar playing, (Wed 4 May, 8pm).

Theatre

The Navy Lark Tour

The classic radio series is brought to life on stage by a cast of three. The original show became a cult classic, featuring Leslie Phillips, Dennis Price, Ronnie Barker and Jon Pertwee, running for a staggering 244 episodes between 1959 and 1977, (Thu 5 May, 7.30pm).

Greater Manchester Fringe Festival (1 – 31 July, various venues)

The Met is proud to be part of the Greater Manchester Fringe Festival hosting **Tropicana**, (Thu 14 July, 7.30 pm).

Emerging Showcase

Emerging Showcase is a new programme strand showcasing new and emerging music talent from Bury and Greater Manchester, originally created as an online programme during Covid to give artists opportunities and online gigs for the Met’s audiences. There will be one event per month to support emerging music artists in the local area. The line-up includes:

DENOVA, Bury alt-rock band Denova. (Fri 13 May, 7pm); **Ollie West & The Wildflowers**, Initially inspired by the music of Billy Joel, Elbow and Joni Mitchell, Ollie’s writing has explored jazz, folk, world music, pop, rock, prog and classical music to create a unique sound. (Thu 9 June, 7pm); **The Cuza**, fresh on the scene, Cuza come to The Met for one night only off the back of their first EP release. (Sat 16 July, 7pm)

Tribute acts

As always, The Met’s programme features a host of tribute acts including: **Desperado**, a two-hour journey through the Eagles song book, (Sat 7 May, 7.30); and **Kate Bush-Ka**, an immersive performance of Kate’s repertoire beginning with her first album The Kick Inside, (Sat 14 May, 8.30pm).

Family Friendly

The Met welcomes children and families with a programme of shows and workshops including: **Curious Investigators**, a cracking adventure created in collaboration with engineering experts from Lancaster University, suitable for 3–7-year-olds and their grown-ups, (Sat 23 April, 11am & 2pm).

Handa’s Surprise, Little Angel Theatre’s adventure with puppetry, live music and song, suitable for 3–5-year-olds, (Sat 18 June, 11am and 1.30pm).

Regular workshops are held at The Met and include: Bury Youth Theatre; Met Express, the theatre’s own disability theatre company; Aiming High, a specialist youth theatre for autistic

and learning- disabled children; and Movers and Shakers, a movement-based workshop for children aged 0 – 5 and their parents.

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