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2023

What's on at The Met

In the heart of Bury

YolanDa Brown,
Sat 25 Nov,
2pm & 8pm

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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 theatregoers 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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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 our recording studio, there's always something happening within our walls.

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.



Workshops at The Met

The Met has a full programme of workshops. From our popular youth theatre and jazz orchestra, to the community choirs and ukulele bands of our partner ALFA education, there's something happening throughout the year. Find out more at themet.org.uk/workshops.

Comedy & Theatre

First Thursday Comedy

Thu 7 Sep, Thu 5 Oct, Thu 2 Nov
& Thu 7 Dec, 8pm – £14

Top quality comedy at The Met on the first Thursday of every month.

Painting Elephants Theatre Company - Five Kinds of Silence

Thu 14 Sep, 7:30pm –
£15 / £13 concession

An emotional and thought-provoking play following the lives of a mother and her daughters as they struggle with the aftermath of domestic violence.

MaD Theatre Company: Food Bank Boulevard

Fri 29 Sep, 7:30pm – £16 / £14 concessions

An irreverent satire commenting on today's inner-city Britain from the producers of It's The Wrong Way To Tickle Mary and Me, You and George Clooney.

The Ruins of Earth: A Walking Tour (Written by AI)

Sat 30 Sep, 11am & 2pm –
£12 / £9.50 concessions

Ready for a walking tour written by AI? Meet at The Met, step into the future, and walk through the ruins of earth to find out how humans lived – and what caused their civilisation to crumble.

New Dawn Fades: A Play About Joy Division and Manchester

Wed 11 & Thu 12 Oct, 8pm –
£24 / £20 concession

The story of four ordinary lads who came together to form Joy Division.

MaD Theatre Company: Tony Monroe is Dead

Thu 19 Oct, 7:30pm – £16

An irreverent comedy from the producers of Vaping, Manscaping & Paddling Pools and Our Kelly's Hen Do.

The Haunting of Blaine Manor

Fri 17 Nov, 8pm – £22 / £17 conc /
£68 family of 4

A thrilling haunted house chiller set in a manor with a twisted history of madness, witchcraft, tragedy and death...

Blind Side Violence against Women and Girls

Wed 6 Dec, 2pm – FREE, Ages 10+

This monologue is specifically aimed at young people between age 10 - 15 as we explore and discuss themes of Coercive Control, Healthy Relationships, Abusive Language, Peer Pressure and Social Media.

Community

Bury Cine Society: Bury and A Leaning Tower

Wed 15 Nov, 7:30pm – £14

A film about the restoration of a leaning church tower near Bury town centre.

Bury Beer Festival 2023

Part of Bury Food and Drink Festival

Thu 9, Fri 10 & Sat 11 Nov

See website for times and prices

Bury Beer Festival is back! Don't miss our celebration of food, drink, music and good times as we prepare for a tipples this November.

Family

MAKE SOME NOISE!

Wed 25 Oct, 2pm – £12, Ages 5+

Dommy B shares a story about growing up, finding a brilliant (but naughty) imaginary friend, and joining a great school band! There'll be rhymes, jokes, and lots of opportunity to make some noise in a celebration of the power of sound and friendship.

The Three Little Pigs

Thu 26 & Fri 27 Oct, Thu 2:30pm /
Fri 11am & 2:30pm – £14, Ages 3-10

Join three problem-solving pigs and help them to save their bacon in a raucous, high-octane family show that will make you howl! Be blown away by the world of Stuff and Nonsense in this joyful retelling of a classic tale.

YolanDa's Band Jam

Sat 25 Nov, 2pm – £17

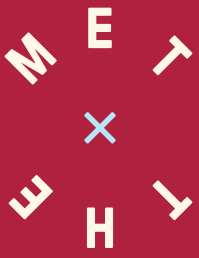
From the TV screen to the live stage, see the critically acclaimed CBeebies show live this October half term.



Fri 8 – Tue 26 Dec

See website for full times and prices

Our magical family pantomime for the festive period! With spectacular sets, sensational costumes, one gorgeous pantomime dame, hit songs and a magical flying carpet – don't miss your chance to join us for our most magical pantomime yet.



Box office 0161 761 2216 – themet.org.uk

Music September

Burrs Live

Wed 30 Aug – Sun 3 Sep

Please see the website for full prices and details, themet.org.uk/burrs-live

Burrs Live, at Burrs Country Park, will re-open for a new season of summer music events. This Bury based event will bring you five days of live music, activities, family fun and artisan food in the great outdoors.

Burrs Live will play host to performances by acts such as The Bootleg Beatles, and also The Met's music festival Head for the Hills, featuring acts such as The Proclaimers, Elephant Sessions and The Lottery Winners.

Programme of events:

The Bootleg Beatles

Wed 30 Aug

Rogue Minogue, a Kylie tribute

Presented by Bury Pride

Thu 31 Aug

Head for the Hills

Fri 1 & Sat 2 Sep

Proms in the Park with The Untold Orchestra

In support of Bury Hospice

Sun 3 Sep



Emerging Showcase The Zangwills + Clouds and Errors

Fri 8 Sep, 8pm – £10 (Under 25 £6)

Indie four-piece The Zangwills have been compared to early Arctic Monkeys. Clouds and Errors are five Bolton teenagers who create magic when they combine. A thrilling double bill for our first Emerging Showcase of the autumn.

Mama - A tribute to Genesis

Sat 9 Sep, 8pm – From £24

An evening of Genesis music encompassing all eras of the band – from the early albums with Peter Gabriel up to the last with Phil Collins.



Daphne's Flight

Sun 10 Sep, 8pm – From £22

Daphne's Flight features Chris While, Julie Matthews, Helen Watson, Melanie Harrold, and Miranda Sykes – five of the finest singer-songwriters of their generation.

The Houghton Weavers

Fri 15 Sep, 7:30pm – £18

The Houghton Weavers have been entertaining folk now for forty-eight years with their unique blend of popular folk music, humour and audience participation.

Hayseed Dixie

Sat 16 Sep, 8pm – From £22

Twisted Hillbilly country rockers Hayseed Dixie bring their rootin' tootin' deliverances of rock classics to The Met.

Wishbone Ash:

Live Dates Live Tour 2023

Sat 23 Sep, 8pm – From £29.50

Classic rock band Wishbone Ash perform their biggest-selling album Live Dates in its entirety, along with songs from many of their other, much-loved albums.



FARA

Sun 24 Sep, 8pm – £18

Four leading musicians at the forefront of today's Scottish folk scene produce a fiery sound rooted strongly in their upbringing among the music of Orkney and Assynt.

Mark Radcliffe and Company

Thu 28 Sep, 8pm – £17

Radio and television presenter, musician, writer, friend of the stars and all-round cheese fetishist Mark Radcliffe returns to The Met.



Georgie Buchanan Trio + Poppy Holmes

Fri 29 Sep, 8pm - £16

Georgie Buchanan is a unique singer and harpist on the contemporary folk scene.



The Wonder of Stevie

Sat 30 Sep, 7:30pm – From £28.50

Award-winning vocalist Noel McCalla and the world-class Derek Nash band present back-to-back Stevie Wonder hits including Superstition, Signed, Sealed, Delivered, Isn't She Lovely, I Wish, Master Blaster and many more.

October

Starlite & Campbell present Starlite.One

Fri 6 Oct, 8pm – From £19.50

Award winners Starlite & Campbell return with their exciting new art-rock album Starlite.One.

Pierre Schryer & Seán Gray

Fri 6 Oct, 8pm – £18

Pierre Schryer is one of Canada's leading traditional fiddlers. Seán Gray is a multi-talented Scottish guitarist, flute player, and singer. This team-up of the two promises to create something truly magical.

Our Man In The Field

Sat 7 Oct, 8pm – £16

Our Man In The Field – aka Alexander Ellis – plays music inspired by the alt-Americana and Caledonian soul of Van Morrison, Neil Young, and Creedence Clearwater Revival. He comes to The Met with new album Gold on the Horizon.



Gasper Nali

Wed 11 Oct, 7:30pm – From £14

A roots one-man-band from the shores of Lake Malawi, Gasper Nali creates the most amazing and danceable original Afro Beats possible!

The Enid

Fri 13 Oct, 8pm – From £24

The BBC called The Enid "the only band on the planet to have successfully fused rock-based music with the power, dynamics, and scale of symphonic classical music". They return for this seated concert featuring the new, the familiar and a few surprises.

Jesca Hoop

Sat 14 Oct, 8pm – From £20

California-born but now based in Manchester, Jesca Hoop writes beautiful songs rooted in the folk tradition; intricately detailed, acoustic-led pieces that teem with ideas.

Clive Carroll plays the music of John Renbourn

Sun 15 Oct, 8pm – From £15

An evening of music by English folk legend and founder of Pentangle John Renbourn, performed by guitar virtuoso Clive Carroll and special guest Dariush Kanani.



Kiki Dee and Carmelo Luggeri

Fri 20 Oct, 7:30pm – £26

An acoustic journey of stories and song, including unique covers and of course Kiki's hits "Don't Go Breaking My Heart", "I Got The Music In Me", and "Amoureuse".

The Bon Jovi Experience

Sat 21 Oct, 8pm – From £22

Looking for the ultimate Bon Jovi tribute? Look no further than The Bon Jovi Experience, official tribute band to Bon Jovi, endorsed by the man himself!

Emerging Showcase

Ben P Williams + Harriet Rose

Fri 27 Oct, 8pm – £10 (Under 25 £6)

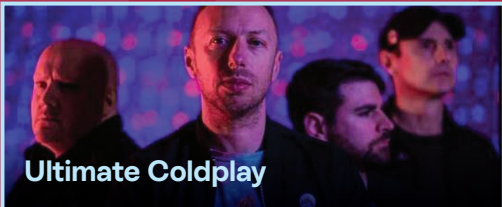
Moulding the classic song-writing sound of Paul Simon with the laid-back nature of Jack Johnson, Ben draws inspiration from the greats while injecting his own wit and imagination. Singer-Songwriter Harriet Rose combines Neo-Soul with an infectious pop flavour.

The Stumble

Sat 28 Oct, 8pm – From £18

Born out of Glasgow in the 90s, The Stumble are known and revered for their spin on old school Chicago blues, British r&b and soul infused feel-good music.

November



Ultimate Coldplay

Thu 2 Nov, 8pm – From £20

The world's most accurate Coldplay tribute. Expect all the biggest hits including Paradise, Fix You, Viva la Vida, My Universe and Yellow.

Moulettes (Acoustic)

Fri 3 Nov, 8pm – £20

Moulettes come to The Met with their gigantic and groundbreaking fifth album Xenolalia: eclectic music for indie, experimental, folk and classical lovers alike.

King King

Sat 4 Nov, 7:30pm – From £27

Called the "Best Blues Rock Band In The World" by Blues Rock Review, King King return to The Met with their Where It Began Tour.

Sarah Smout

Fri 10 Nov, 8pm – £13

Cellist and singer Sarah Smout creates music and poetry deeply rooted in nature and place. A passionate environmental activist, her music has been used in campaigns by Greenpeace, COP26 and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

Joshua Burnell: The Glass Knight Tour

Sat 11 Nov, 7:30pm – £17

Joshua Burnell makes baroque pop for the modern world. He comes to the Met with new album Glass Knight. Perfect for fans of glam, psychedelia, and 70s art rock.



Malin Lewis with Jon Doran

Thu 16 Nov, 8pm – £16

One of Scotland's most exciting innovators, Malin melds tradition with electronics on a newly invented, self-made bagpipe.

John Kelly Trio

Sat 18 Nov, 8pm – £17

John Kelly is a warm, funny, passionate musician whose music has been compared to Woody Guthrie, Billy Bragg, and Ian Dury and The Blockheads. He released his debut album Better Late Than Never in 2022.

China Crisis

Sat 18 Nov, 8pm – £27

China Crisis perform songs from all seven of their studio albums, including hits African and White, Christian, Working with Fire and Steel, Black Man Ray and Wishful Thinking.

Flook

Thu 23 Nov, 8pm – From £24

The iconic, ground-breaking Irish/English folk group returns to Bury. More than twenty seven years after their first gig together, they continue to inspire and enchant audiences of all ages.

A Foreigner's Journey

Fri 24 Nov, 7:30pm – From £20

A five-piece live tribute to Foreigner and Journey. Quality, commercial rock, performed with passion.

Emerging Showcase NQ Legacy takeover

Fri 24 Nov, 8pm – £10 (Under 25 £6)

A showcase of young talent presented in partnership with Manchester non-profit NQ Legacy. Featuring Tonya, Lewis Manny, Slimzz, Treks, Freequency3, and DJ Olori.

James Grant

Sat 25 Nov, 8pm – £18

James Grant is one of the most renowned and respected performers Scotland has ever produced.

YolanDa Brown

Sat 25 Nov, 8pm – £30

Saxophonist YolanDa Brown brings her delicious fusion of reggae, jazz and soul to The Met.



Mostly Autumn

Sun 26 Nov, 8pm – From £20

Progressive rock band Mostly Autumn take inspiration from the classic sounds of seventies rock, whilst also taking the music forward into the future.

Michele Stodart

Sun 26 Nov, 7:30pm – £17

Best known as bassist, vocalist and co-songwriter of The Magic Numbers, Michele Stodart comes to The Met with "Invitation", her new folk/americana solo album.

December

Scott Matthews

Fri 1 Dec, 8pm – £20

The Ivor Novello award-winning singer and songwriter returns to The Met with new album Restless Lullabies.

ABBA Reunion Christmas Party

Sat 2 Dec, 8pm – From £22

Re-live the addictive ABBA phenomena that swept the world in the 70s and 80s with this truly authentic, feel good, party style tribute concert. Featuring all of ABBA's greatest hits from Mamma Mia to Dancing Queen and beyond.



The Albion Christmas Band

Sun 10 Dec, 8pm – £27

An evening of traditional English Christmas songs, music and lighthearted fun from folk stars Ashley Hutchings, Simon Nicol, Kellie While and Simon Care.

St Agnes Fountain @ Bury Parish Church

Thu 21 Dec, 7:30pm – £20

St Agnes Fountain are Chris While, Julie Matthews and Fairport Convention's Chris Leslie. Regular seasonal visitors to The Met, for 2023 they will be performing their magical Christmas show in the beautiful surroundings of Bury Parish Church.



Popstar Parties at The Met

Come to The Met and be treated like a star!

Our popstar parties put you and your friends centre stage with a bespoke Studio session in our state-of-the-art recording facilities.

Be greeted with a drink, take part in a photoshoot with a professional photographer, then have your chosen song recorded in the studio by one of our professional engineers. We'll provide you with a fully mixed version of your recording and your photos at the end of the session.

Can be enjoyed solo or as a group!
Available all year round – for enquiries, please contact Box Office.

October half-term: Sat 21 – Sun 29 Oct
– 11am, 1pm & 3:30pm each day.

For more information and to book visit themet.org.uk/popstar-parties or call 0161 761 2216.

Food and Drink at The Met

Our restaurant is currently closed, but we're operating a fully operational bar upstairs pre and post performances.

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.

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

The Met's Open Day

Sat 16 Sep, 10am – 3pm

Join us as we open our doors and offer tours of the building offering behind the scenes access. There will be an array of family workshops and taster sessions. Check out the website for more details.

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