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Spring Season now on sale at The Met

Musical legend Newton Faulkner, bracing folk from Breabach and songs and stories with The Pitmen Poets plus LOUD a brand new regular cabaret night

Just some of the great entertainment to be discovered in the heart of Bury

COMEDY AND THEATRE

This Spring The Met is delighted to announce a new regular cabaret night, **LOUD Cabaret** (Thurs 18 Apr, Thu 16 May & Thu 27 Jun), a new queer cabaret night showcasing the most fabulous of rising stars from across Bury and beyond. Hosted by Nathaniel Hall (Dibby Theatre & It's a Sin), our April edition will feature performances from Hunter, Minute Taker and Mandla. Drama and comedy includes: **First Thursday Comedy** (Thu 2 May, Thu 6 Jun, Thu 4 Jul & Thu 1 Aug), top quality comedy on the first Thursday of every month; **Emmanuel Sonubi – Curriculum Vitae** (Thu 11 April), Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee presents a whistle stop tour through all his jobs that have led to him becoming one of the hottest stand-up comics on the circuit; **Patrick Monahan: Exclusively** (Fri 24 May), travelling more miles than NASA's Space Flights, Patrick Monahan has toured more than 1,000 + venues - catch him now before his Mars stadium tour; **The Bench: A Tale from Paradise Heights** (Thu 30 May), intriguing thriller set on a simple bench in the park by the war memorial, many have sat here, but before the end of the year it will be the scene of a murder.

MUSIC

The Met always delivers the very best sounds on the music scene with an amazing variety of styles and genres. This season's line-up includes musical legend **Newton Faulkner** (Sun 5 May), with his 'Feels Like Home Tour Part 2', featuring a solo, mainly acoustic, set of favourite songs, **Hue and Cry** (Fri 17 May) with massive hit singles in the '80s like 'Labour of Love' and **Breabach** (Sat 25 May), one of Scotland's most skilled and imaginative contemporary folk acts unite deep roots in Highland and Island tradition with the innovative musical ferment of their Glasgow base. Also appearing are: **Annie Dressner** (Sat 4 May), striking New York singer-songwriter with a straightforward lyrical style, a sharp ear for wordplay and crisp, lilting vocals; **Talisk** (Thu 9

May), captivating folk from a band who have redefined the genre and amassed a global following; **The Pitmen Poets** (Wed 15 May), A night of songs and stories laced with North-East humour and humanity. Featuring Lindisfarne singer and songwriter Billy Mitchell, Warhorse song man Bob Fox, Master of Tyneside song Benny Graham, and award-winning songwriter Jez Lowe; **Gordon Giltrap and John Etheridge – Two Parts Guitar** (Thu 23 May), two of the UK's most respected and influential guitarists join forces for an unforgettable evening of top-class musicianship; **Amelia Coburn** (Fri 31 May), award-winning folk songwriter with songs from her impressive debut album 'Between The Moon and The Milkman'; **The New Radio Ballads: In the Footsteps of Ewan MacColl** (Thu 6 Jun), Jez Lowe, Bob Fox and Julie Matthews – three of the most loved and respected performers on the folk, acoustic, and roots music scene come together in a concert of songs and stories from the 2006 'New Radio Ballads'; **Jill Jackson** (Fri 7 June), one of Scotland's leading singer songwriters and an acclaimed artist on the international Americana music scene; **Miro Orchestra** (Sat 6 July), The Manchester International Roots Orchestra (MIRO) is a unique ensemble of musicians with roots from across the world, including refugee musicians; and **The Sunday Boys present Here and Queer** (Sat 27 July), showcasing an exciting programme of choral music combining sounds of the queer contemporary club scene.

TRIBUTE BANDS

The Met is always a great place for a party and continues to deliver a line-up of some of the best tribute bands around including: **The Jerseys** (Thurs 2 & Fri 3 May), join The Jerseys as they celebrate the timeless music of the one-hundred-million album selling Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons; **Nearly Dan** (Sat 18 May), all the Steely Dan favourites in a two hour-plus show, featuring tracks from *Countdown to Ecstasy*, *The Royal Scam*, *Aja* and *Gaucho*; **Both Sides Now play the Joni Mitchell Songbook** (Sat 25 May), celebrating Joni's ever popular album *Court & Spark*; **Bootleg Blondie** (Fri 7 June), the world's number one official Debbie Harry and Blondie tribute band; **Beatles Complete (Fri 14 Jun)**, a night of massive hits from the most influential band of all time; **MCR Made** (Sat 15 June), the music of The Stone Roses, The Smiths, Oasis, New Order, Happy Mondays, Inspiral Carpets, and other Manchester legends; **CODA: A Tribute to Led Zeppelin** (Sat 29 June), Europe's most authentic and exciting Led Zeppelin tribute band; **Arctic Numpties** (Fri 12 July), Yorkshire's very own tribute to the Arctic Monkeys; and **STAX of SOUL - The Legacy Tour 2024** (Sat 13 July), the ultimate Soul Party with this nine-piece band recreating the very best from the catalogues of Stax, Atlantic, Motown, and Northern Soul, plus tributes to James Brown and The Blues Brothers.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SHOWS

Always at the heart of the community The Met continues to be a family friendly hub and is an active supporter of the many vibrant community initiatives in and around the town.

This season includes **Nick Cope's Family Show** (Sat 13 April), children's musician and songwriter Nick ignites imaginations with crafted songs and beautiful animations. His CBeebies show 'Nick Cope's Popcast' is now in its third series.

The Met continues to be a vibrant community hub for groups of all ages. The Spring line-up includes: **PADOS Adults Bonnie & Clyde**, (Wed 24 – Sat 27 April), music and drama from Prestwich’s award-winning amateur theatre company, PADOS; **Rockfit Rockathon** (Sat 4 May), a heart-pumping, fist-bumping combination of dance, cardio and strengthening, set to a rock and metal soundtrack; **Bury Music Presents: Roald Dahl’s Esio Trot** (Tue 18 – Thu 20 June), children from an assortment of Bury schools perform a version of Roald Dahl’s story, containing original songs and incidental music, and **All Saints Elton Theatre Company (Juniors)** perform **Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR** (Fri 12 & Sat 13 July). **All Saints Elton Theatre Company (Adults)** present **Beauty and the Beast – The Broadway Musical** (Thurs 18 – Sun 21 July).

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