



WHAT'S ON AT THE MET – APR/ AUG 2025

In the heart of Bury

Welcome to the large print edition of The Met's April – August 2025 season brochure.

Inside, you'll find full listings of What's On at our venue, along with information on how to access our events.

If you'd like more details to help plan your visit, please get in touch with our friendly Box Office team on 0161 761 2216 or email hello@themet.org.uk.

For any access needs, you can also email [**access@themet.org.uk**](mailto:access@themet.org.uk) or call us on **0161 761 7107**.

WELCOME TO THE MET

Sophie Cade, Artistic Programme Manager

Hi, I'm Sophie. I've been part of the programming team here at The Met since 2018 and have been delighted to start 2025 officially taking a lead on programme, as Artistic Programme Manager.

As always, our April – August programme offers something for everybody, across music, theatre, comedy, family and community events. Here's just a few highlights that you should know about.

Expect to be captivated by the tender, yet joyful songs and stories of King Creosote. Prefer to get your feet tapping and hands clapping to the blues? Give a warm Bury welcome to Earl Thomas and The Gospel Ambassadors, and Jerron Paxton, both visiting from across the pond. If you're on the lookout to discover new, local talent, be one of the first with Good Habits, Ellen Beth Abdi and Celebratory Cake.

Entertain your little ones with the interactive and ever-changing You Choose. And for the grown-ups looking to tap into their silly side, low carbon, locally sourced production Alas! Poor Yorick should do the trick.

Lately, we've been working hard on developing our pop-up kitchen and artist studio space – if you're heading down to see a show, please check out the wonderful creations of Two Crows Arts Studio and grab a bite to eat in our new dining space whilst you're at it!

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 ODL).

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.

FOOD AND DRINK AT THE MET

Whether you're looking for a pre-show tipple or an interval indulgence, our theatre bar offers a wide selection of hot and cold drinks to quench your thirst, from freshly brewed tea and coffee to wines, beers and soft drinks.

We now also host pop-up restaurants in our kitchen, which serve food Thu, Fri & Sat 5pm–9pm. See our website for details.

Additionally, Malt, our downstairs bar is now open throughout the week, so pop in for a brew and a snack!

The Met's bar is cashless, so please bring a card for payment.

SUPPORT THE MET

We can't wait to welcome even more of you through our doors 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 is 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.

PAY WHAT YOU CAN

Some of our events give you the choice on what to pay to help make The Met a more welcoming and inclusive space for all. These are:

Standard

What we need most people to pay to run the event.

Subsidised

For those currently unable to pay the standard price.

Supporter

Goes directly towards the subsidised ticket option.

COMEDY

First Thursday Comedy

Thu 3 Apr, 1 May, 5 Jun, 3 Jul & 7 Aug, 8pm - £14

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

Rachel Fairburn: Side Eye

Sat 5 Apr, 7:30pm - £19.50

Star of Live at the Apollo and co-host of All Killa No Filla, Rachel Fairburn is a renowned stand up and “rock’n’roll star of British Comedy” (Rolling Stone).

THEATRE

Alas! Poor Yorick

Thu 10 Apr, 7:30pm - £16

Ridiculusmus's "Alas! Poor Yorick" reimagines Shakespeare's gravediggers as existential clowns in a Beckett-inspired twist.

Strawberry Jack: A Tale from Paradise Heights

Wed 23 Apr, 8pm - Sub £16 / Stan £19 / Supp £22

Christmas is a time for angels and miracles. Strawberry Jack may have found his angel. Now all he needs is a miracle... Joe O'Byrne returns with a Christmas tale from Paradise Heights.

With Love, Mr. Gay

Sat 21 Jun, 7:30pm - from £12

When Josh receives a homophobic death threat over the placement of bins, it sparks a mission to resolve conflict. This true story is told through comedy, cabaret, interviews and show tunes.

MaD Theatre Presents: Nana Mo's Botox and Bum Lifts

Thu 3 Jul, 7:30pm - from £14

From the producers of Nanna's OnlyFans Film and Top Whack PIP, this hilarious look at how the baby boomer generation is trying to keep up with the modern world comes to The Met.

COMMUNITY

BYT Seniors Presents: Murder on the Dancefloor

Tue 1 & Wed 2 April, 7pm – £5

Put on your neon leg warmers and back-comb your hair as BYT seniors are taking you back to the eighties for not one, but two nights!

Bury Pride Masquerade Ball

Sat 26 Apr, 7:30pm - £35

Bury Pride is hosting a Masquerade Fundraiser! A dress to EXPRESS evening featuring fantastic and upcoming LGBTQI+ performers, it promises to be a night of inclusivity, food and drink, entertainment, fundraising and more!

PADOS Adults presents Little Shop of Horrors

Wed 21 – Sat 24 May, 7:30pm (Sat 2.30pm & 7:30pm) - £18

PADOS adult group is excited to be returning to The Met, where they will be performing Little Shop of Horrors.

Bury Music Summer Festival

Sat 12 & Sun 13 Jul – See website for times and prices

Join Bury Music for their summer festival, celebrating their talented musicians in a series of concerts featuring their renowned bands, orchestras and choirs.

FAMILY

Teach Rex Live

Fri 11 Apr, 10am, 12:30pm & 3pm – £14 / £50 family of 4

Ages 3+

This unique interactive show teaches children about the most mesmerising creatures that have ever roamed our planet – dinosaurs!

You Choose

Sat 31 May, 1pm – Children from £9.50 / Adults from £12

Based on the brilliant book by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt
Nonsense Room Productions (Shark in the Park and Hairy Maclary
Shows) bring you an interactive musical show for all the family. But in
this show – YOU CHOOSE what happens! Suitable for ages 2-7.

MUSIC

April

Moving Pictures – A tribute to Rush

Fri 4 Apr, 8pm – £20.50 Standing / £22.50 Seated

2025 is the tenth anniversary of Rush's last ever tour when they played a retrospective covering their entire back catalogue. Moving Pictures bring that same retrospective to The Met.

Heidi Talbot

Sun 6 Apr, 4pm – £18 (matinee gig)

Heidi slips effortlessly between musical worlds but retains a personal modesty rooted in traditional folk.

Mark Radcliffe & David Boardman

Fri 11 Apr, 8pm – £16

BBC Radio's Mark Radcliffe and guitarist David Boardman are singing, songwriting, strumming, and swigging buddies from the badlands of the Cheshire Plain.

Celebratory Cake

Sat 12 Apr, 7:30pm – Sub £10 / Stan £12 / Supp £14

Join Celebratory Cake, an eccentric rock duo from Bury known for their witty lyrics and fun guitar riffs as they launch their new album.

Earl Thomas and The Gospel Ambassadors

Sat 12 Apr, 8pm – £29

Singer and songwriter Earl Thomas is known for his soul-stirring blend of gospel and blues. Joined at The Met by trio Sister Leola and The Gospel Ambassadors, this will be an electrifying evening of African American music.

Gigspanner Big Band

Sun 20 Apr, 7:30pm – from £28

Featuring former members of Steeleye Span, Bellowhead, and Edgelarks, this six-piece folk powerhouse delivers high-energy, virtuosic performances that blend traditional roots with innovative, genre-bending sounds.

Tara MacLean

Wed 23 Apr, 8pm – £16

Experience a transformative musical journey with Tara MacLean, the internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter.

Roddy Woomble

Thu 24 Apr, 8pm – £24

With his enigmatic and poetic lyrics, warm baritone voice and consummate gift for a tune, Roddy Woomble is widely considered to be among Scotland's best contemporary songwriters.

May

O'Hooley and Tidow

Thu 1 May, 8pm – £24

Acclaimed Yorkshire folk duo Belinda O'Hooley and Heidi Tidow bring their moving and melodic new album *Cloudheads* to The Met. "Defiant, robust, northern, poetical, political folk music for the times we live in." The Independent.

Daphne's Flight

Fri 2 May, 8pm – from £24

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

BURN – a tribute to Deep Purple

Sat 3 May, 8pm – £20

Featuring over two hours of hi-octane Deep Purple classics from all eras.

Track Dogs

Wed 7 May, 8pm – from £21

Track Dogs are two Irishmen, an Englishman and an American whose music ranges from americana and bluegrass, to latino, folk, and even blues: “sun-shiny songs thriving on dark themes behind irresistible rhythms”.

Ags Connolly

Thu 8 May, 8pm – £17

Britain’s premier traditional country artist, Ags Connolly blends classic country music with captivating songwriting.

The Jerseys

Thu 8 & Fri 9 May, 7:30pm – from £27

Join The Jerseys as they celebrate the timeless music of the one-hundred-million album selling Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

Mat Walklate & Alex Haynes

Fri 9 May, 8pm – £14

Known for their individual styles, these two blues artists have joined forces to create fresh and relevant new music. Don't miss this dynamic duo as they push the boundaries of British blues.

Jerron Paxton

Sun 11 May, 7:30pm – £24

Songs of heartache and joy from Jerron Paxton. A skilled performer of Black American traditional music, his latest release is an album of original material that sounds beamed in from nearly a century ago.

Georgia Ruth

Fri 16 May, 8pm – £18

Georgia Ruth uses folk influences to create a truly unique sound. Her candid and affecting new album Cool Head ranges from wide-open Americana to 60s-influenced folk ballads.

Get a Round In

Fri 16 May & Fri 18 Jul, 8pm – Sub £10 / Stan £12 / Supp £14

A Nashville style writers' round with the very best of Greater Manchester's acoustic talent.

Catherine McLellan & Lucy Farrell

Thu 22 May, 7:30pm – £18

Suspending time with their musical storytelling, Catherine and Lucy's songs journal the characters, landscapes and situations that populate their lives and the broader world, unravelling and reweaving the threads of history and tradition with deftness and surety.

Ellen Beth Abdi

Fri 23 May, 8pm – Sub £10 / Stan £12 / Supp £14

Mancunian music-maker Ellen Beth Abdi has been deeply embedded in Manchester's music scene, providing lead and backing vocals (& keys) for legendary indie and alternative bands.

Gnoss

Thu 29 May, 8pm – £20

Triple Scots Trad Music Awards nominees Gnoss have built a following through their forward-thinking take on traditional music and the unique warmth of their live shows.

The Luke Combs Experience

Sat 31 May, 8pm – from £22

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with amazing music and good vibes as we welcome the UK's best tribute to country superstar Luke Combs to Bury.

June

Flook

Thu 5 Jun, 8pm – from £24

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

Good Habits

Fri 6 Jun, 8pm – £16

One of the most exciting new indie-folk duos to come out of the UK, Good Habits' joyous genre- fusion has received international critical acclaim with performances at Glastonbury and WOMAD, alongside tours throughout Europe and Australasia.

Bella Hardy

Sat 7 Jun, 8pm – £20

Bella Hardy, the voice of modern folk, visits The Met for this special gig which includes her newest single The Ballad of Stone.

King Creosote

Thu 12 Jun, 8pm – £32

King Creosote is the alt-pop alter-ego of Scottish singer-songwriter Kenny Anderson. Expect roguish, roving, ever-evolving, gorgeous songs from his new album *I, Des*.

The Sounds of Simon

Sat 14 Jun, 8pm – £20

A captivating tribute to Simon and Garfunkel featuring beautiful harmonies and a glimpse into their legendary partnership. With classic songs *Mrs Robinson*, *The Sounds of Silence*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, and more.

Be Right Back

Fri 20 Jun, 8pm – from £12

Be Right Back is a contemporary jazz quintet, home-grown right here in north Manchester.

Hannah Rarity

Fri 27 Jun, 7:30pm – Sub £15 / Stan £17 / Supp £19

Performing a carefully chosen mix of traditional, contemporary and self-penned material, Hannah earns comparisons to the likes of Eva Cassidy and Cara Dillon, whilst standing confidently in her own right.

G2 Definitive Genesis

Sat 28 Jun, 7:30pm – £27

G2 Definitive Genesis pay tribute to a vintage period in Genesis' long and colourful history, the four-man "Seconds Out" era (1975-78), whilst also dipping back into the earlier Gabriel years.

July

Arctic Numpties

Fri 4 Jul, 8pm – from £18

Experience the ultimate Arctic Monkeys tribute with Yorkshire's own Arctic Numpties! This passionate band meticulously recreates the Sheffield icons' sound and look, covering hits from all seven albums.

Beatles Complete

Fri 11 Jul, 8pm – £23.50 / £21.50 conc

Beatles Complete present a night of Beatlemania packed with massive hits from the most influential band of all time.

Beat the Drum: The Runrig Experience

Sat 19 July, 8pm – £30.50

Join Beat The Drum – The Runrig Experience for an evening of music from the Celtic music giants Runrig.

The Bookshop Band

Sat 26 Jul, 7:30pm – Sub £12 / Stan £14 / Supp £16

Award-winners The Bookshop Band transform books into captivating songs. Their cinematic sound creates an intimate and mesmerising experience. Join them for a unique blend of music and storytelling – no reading required!

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