

Light Up Leicester

For four magical nights in March, Leicester's streets will come alive with an awe-inspiring trail of illuminated artworks, captivating performances, and interactive events designed to celebrate our incredible city!

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What's on Spring 2025

A World of Colour & Emotion @ Satta Hashem



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A World of Colour & Emotion: Satta Hashem

A major retrospective of Leicester based artist Satta Hashem. The exhibition includes early political illustrations for Arabic newspapers, murals, rare archive material and paintings and drawings from the past 25 years.

Hashem's work reflects his Iraqi heritage, using deep saturated colours to explore how art can make sense of life, death and war and the role of the artist in conflict.

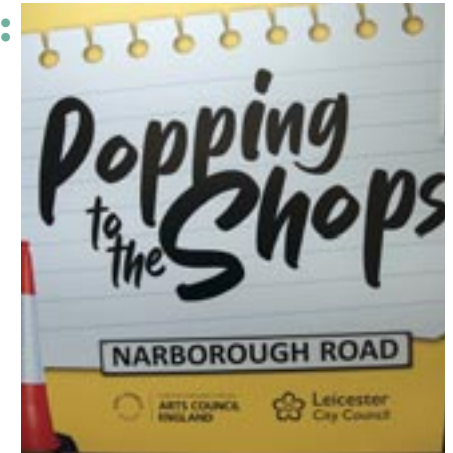
Weaving a tapestry of current realities, mythology, tragedy, and imagination with intense consideration of colour. The resulting portraits and compositions evoke the earliest depictions of the human face found in ancient Sumerian masks and temple plaques

Date 15 February – 29 June
Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Social #SattaHashem

Popping to the Shops: Narborough Road

A celebration of one of the most ethnically diverse roads in the country, the Narborough Road. With exhibitions at Newarke Houses and Westcotes Library aiming to tell their stories of living and working in the area.

Date On now until 27 April
Venue Newarke Houses
Social #Poppingtotheshops



Dryad Basketry: A Global Collection

Exploring the history of basketry by looking at baskets and woven objects from the Dryad Handicrafts collection.

Gathered between 1918 and 1936 by Harry Peach, a Leicester-based businessman, who was interested in craft and design.

The first time Dryad basketry has been featured in its own dedicated exhibition. Admire the fantastic objects and follow their journeys from around the world to Leicester.

The exhibition is the outcome of an AHRC-funded research project, guest curated by Maria Chiara Scuderi, in collaboration between the University of Leicester and Leicester Museums & Galleries.

Date On now until 9 March
Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Social #Dryad





Tell Tall Tales

Tell Tall Tales is a celebration of Leicester and Leicestershire folklore, centred around creativity, youth, and community stories.

Funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund, this project has helped young people and communities to get a better understanding of the folk stories associated with Leicester and Leicestershire.

Date 15 February - 10 June
Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Social #TellTallTales



Popping to the Shops: Saffron Lane

Working with local residents and businesses to tell the story of Saffron Lane. Not just the past, but the contemporary lives of people who live and work in the area, told in their own words.

Date 22 March - 31 August
Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Social #Poppingtotheshops

At a Glance

Date	Event	Type	Venue
Weds 5 - Sun 23 Feb	Leicester Comedy Festival at King Richard III Visitor Centre	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Fri 7 Feb 5.30pm Sat 8 Feb 1pm	Tall History Tales: Everest Mallory 24 (with Stanley)	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Fri 7 Feb 10.15pm	One Thing After Another: Improv Across Time	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 8 Feb 3pm	Lucky Dog Theatre: The Red Balloon	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 8 Feb 6pm	Lucky Dog Theatre: The Laurel & Hardy Cabaret	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Fri 14 Feb 7.30pm Sat 15 Feb 7.30pm	Big Difference Company & Equity Present: Circuit Breakers	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 15 Feb 10am - 5pm	Pop-up Museum at Beaumont Leys Shopping Centre	Family Event	
Sat 15 Feb 12pm	Lord Rodney and Lord Russell Present: House of Twaddle	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 15 Feb 2.30pm	Weak Knees Present The Silliad: Improvised Myths and Legends	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 15 Feb 5.30pm	Suggestions of the Unexpected: An Improvised Horror Anthology	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 15 Feb 10.15pm Sun 16 Feb 4pm	Prole Art Threat Productions: I FEEL VOXISH!	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sun 16, Mon 17 & Tue 18 Feb 2pm	Rubbish Shakespeare Company & Silly History Boys Presents: The Story Forge: Make Your Own Myth	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Tues 18 Feb 11am - 3pm	Puppets Playtime	Family Event	
Tues 18 Feb 11.30am - 4pm	Half Term Railway Day	Family Event	
Weds 19 Feb 11am - 4pm	Make Your Own Museum	Family Event	
Weds 19 Feb 8.30pm	Foxy Frolics: Mixed Comedy Bill	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Thurs 20 Feb 11am - 3pm	Frosty Fun Day	Family Event	
Fri 21 Feb 5.30pm	Emma Richardson: A Letter to My Unborn Son, Slugs Snails and Puppy Dogs Tails	Leicester Comedy Festival	

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Fri 21 Feb 7pm	Plague of Pigeons Present: A Very Serious Detective Play	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Fri 21 Feb 9pm	Tom Lawrinson: Buried Alive and Loving It	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 22 Feb 12.30pm	The Mayor and His Daughter: A Genuine Appreciation of Comedy	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 22 Feb 2pm	Ali Brice: And Now For Something Completely Similar	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 22 Feb 3.40pm	Lucy Pearman: Lunartic (WIP)	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 22 Feb 5.30pm	Chris Cantrill: Easily Swayed	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 22 Feb 7pm	Tony Law: Live Silliness at The Guildhall	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sat 22 Feb 8.30pm	Weirdos Comedy Present: The Millennium Bug	Leicester Comedy Festival	
Sun 23 Feb 12pm – 4.30pm	Steam Toys in Action	Family Event	
Sat 1 Mar 10am – 11am	German Expressionism: Out of Hours Tour	Guided Tour	
Tues 4 Mar 2pm	Eddie Smallwood: History of the Death Penalty	Lecture	
Sat 8 Mar 11am – 3pm	Re-enactment Day: Vikings of Middle England	Family Event	
Sat 8 Mar 11am – 4pm	International Women's Day at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery	Family Event	
Sun 9 Mar 11am – 3pm	Meet the Police: Community Fun Day!	Family Event	
Sun 9 Mar 2pm	Jo Mungovin: Mabel Pepper	Lecture	
Sun 16 Mar 2pm	Trial of Peppermint Billy	Lecture	
Tues 18 Mar 7pm	The Truth about Jack the Ripper	Lecture	
Weds 19 Mar 7pm	The Fateful Life of Margaret Beaufort, Tudor Matriarch	Lecture	
Fri 21 Mar 7.30pm	Confessions of Sweeney Todd	Performance	
Sat 22 Mar 7.30pm	The Gleeman Guild Presents: Goblin Band	Performance	
Sun 23 March 11am – 3pm	Living History Day: Sir John Saville Household	Family Event	

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Sun 23 Mar 11.30am & 2.30pm	Tell Tale Theatre: Uncle Richard	Performance	
Sun 23 Mar 2pm	Brief history of allotments in Leicester Cynthia Brown	Lecture	
Sun 23 Mar 4pm – 6pm	Silent Film: Richard III	Film	
Tues 25 Mar 2pm	Mathew Morris: At the Sign of the Blue Boar	Lecture	
Weds 26 Mar 8pm	Keith James: The Songs of Nick Drake	Performance	
Sun 29 March 11am – 3pm	Steam with the Team	Guided Tour	
Fri 4 Apr 7.30pm	Marrakesh Express	Performance	
Sat 5 Apr 11.30am – 4pm	Railway Day Gala Day	Family Event	
Sun 6 Apr	Easter Garland Workshop	Family Event	
Tues 15 Apr 11am – 3pm	Easter Eggstravaganza	Family Event	
Weds 16 Apr 11am – 3pm	Eggcellent Easter Fun Day	Family Event	
Thur 17 Apr 11am – 3pm	Hoppy Easter!	Family Event	
Tues 22 Apr 11.30am – 4pm	Half Term Railway Day	Family Event	
Weds 23 Apr 11am – 3pm	Play with Clay!	Family Event	
Weds 23 Apr 7pm	'Praiseworthy for his building' the Architecture of Richard III	Lecture	
Thurs 24 Apr 11am – 3pm	Arty Play Fun Day	Family Event	
Sat 26 Apr 11am – 2pm	Cyanotype Photography for Beginners	Adult Workshop	
Sat 26 Apr 7.30pm	The Re-Trial of Hannah Read: Innocent or Guilty?	Performance	



Charges apply for some events and pre-booking may be recommended, visit our website for full event details.