



# STEVENAGE

## Festival of the Arts

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### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

2019



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# Stevenage at its best!

# It's an exciting time for Stevenage



The regeneration plans for Stevenage include a commitment to creating a place where music and the arts can flourish, building on our strong community heritage. A new Cultural Strategy has been developed involving a whole range of Stevenage organisations and supported by Arts Council England. Festivals and other creative events are a key element of the community based strategy, which aims to increase cultural engagement, widen access, provide opportunities for children and young people and improve health, well-being and quality of life.

To find out more about the new Cultural Strategy see <http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/163312/210231/>

## Launching the new Cultural Strategy – Stevenage Festival Fun Day Sat 1 June

Come along to a fun day in the Town Centre on 1 June to celebrate the launch of the Cultural Strategy and also the 25th Anniversary of Stevenage Festival.

### Here's what's going on:

- music and dance performances starting at 11am in the Town Square and going on into the afternoon
- a (friendly) invasion of drummers converging on the Town Square from all directions at around noon, followed by
- a mass fusion performance of drums and steel pans
- a variety of craft activities, including a family activity pack, prepared by students from North Herts College, to help you find out more about Stevenage New Town
- some great street food stalls to grab a snack or lunch while you watch

Stevenage Festival Family Fun Day –  
Saturday 1 June – from 11am  
Stevenage Town Square

For further details visit: [www.stevenage-festival.co.uk](http://www.stevenage-festival.co.uk)



Incredibly, it's 25 years since a group of volunteers got together to organise the first Stevenage Festival in 1994. Our aim then, as now, was to provide a showcase for all the artistic talent that we have here in Stevenage, and particularly to encourage our youngsters, taking their first steps in an activity they love. Sometimes those young people go on to make a career in the arts, and we are delighted to welcome some of them back to perform in our Finale concert this year.

The Festival takes place every two years and involves thousands of local people. We have events around the town throughout June, culminating in a series of performances at our very own Gordon Craig Theatre. From photography to flower-arranging, dance to poetry, musical theatre to film – it's all taking place in Stevenage!

Of course, no festival like this can take place without a lot of hard work and I have a lot of people to thank: all the local groups and individuals who put on the performances and events; our patrons for their support; Stevenage Arts Guild; Hertfordshire Music Service; local councillors who squeeze funds for us out of their locality budgets; Stevenage Community Trust; the staff at the Gordon Craig Theatre; the leisure and culture team at Stevenage Borough Council; Stevenage Library; North Herts College and my committee of volunteers who work year round to make the whole thing happen.

We hope you enjoy the show!

Ron Walker  
Chairman, Stevenage Festival

## Where to get tickets...

For performances at the Gordon Craig Theatre book online at [www.gordon-craig.co.uk](http://www.gordon-craig.co.uk) or call 01438 363200.

For fringe performances see details in each listing or our website [www.stevenage-festival.co.uk](http://www.stevenage-festival.co.uk)

## Stevenage Festival

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# Stevenage Festival

Stevenage Festival provides a showcase for the wealth of local artistic and performing talent to be found within the Stevenage area.

The heart of the Festival is a series of performances in June at the Gordon Craig Theatre, enabling local people, particularly our talented youngsters, to realise a dream by performing on stage in their community's own theatre.

The Gordon Craig programme of events is listed here in the **MAIN EVENTS** section, but there is also a vibrant Festival fringe of community arts events around Stevenage (see pages 12-18).

## Stevenage Primary Schools In Concert

Wed 19 June

7:00pm

Concert Hall

Our youngest participants from primary schools across the Stevenage area take to the stage to share their musical talent. Stevenage Festival is always pleased to give this opportunity to young people to enjoy the experience of performing on a big stage, supporting their first steps in musical performance.



Tickets: £11, No Concessions

## Stagecoach Performing Arts present: Oh what a night! - 25 years of Musical Wonder

Fri 21 June

6:30pm

Gordon Craig Theatre

Stagecoach Performing Arts Stevenage will be joined by Royston and Letchworth & Hitchin schools and together we'll celebrate the 25 years of the Arts festival with 25 musical hits in one show.



Tickets: £11, No Concessions

To book tickets for events at the Gordon Craig Theatre

## Parnassus Poetry present: Words without frontiers

Fri 21 June  
8:00pm  
Ellen Terry Suite

The usual irreverent evening of poetry and music from the Parnassus poets where the raucous and the comedic mixes with the serious and the tragic and the thoughtful and contemplative - sometimes all in the same poem or song. Parnassus and their musical guest Don Court aim to cover all bases.

Bar available.



Tickets: £6, No Concessions

## Philippine Theatre UK presents: Papa Chie and the Summer Solstice Mystery

Sat 22 June  
7:30pm  
Gordon Craig Theatre

The wicked witch Devilina is plotting to stop the summer sun from rising. The earth will be plunged into darkness....can Papa Chie and his friends save the day? Great entertainment for all the family.

An original production by playwright Ramon Castillanes Teñoso, presented by Philippine Theatre UK, together with the European Network of Filipino Diaspora and members of the Stevenage Filipino community.



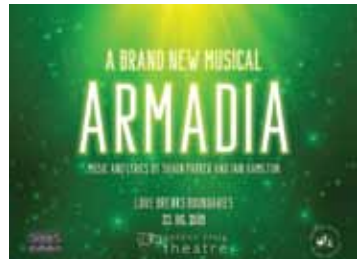
Tickets: £19, Family ticket (4 people to include one adult and one child) £70

## Sparks Theatre present: Armadia

Thur 20 & Sun 23 June  
7:00pm  
Gordon Craig Theatre

Sparks Theatre presents an original new musical for Stevenage Festival. Join Aliana as she travels on a life changing adventure to the world of 'Armadia'. Through love and friendship she must find a way to overcome her fears and thoughts in a battle against evil and the hardest of enemies... love.

STOP PRESS – ADDITIONAL DATE ANNOUNCED TO  
MEET DEMAND – THURS 20 JUNE  
BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!



Tickets: £11, Family ticket (4 people to include 1 adult and 1 child) £37

Visit [www.gordon-craig.co.uk](http://www.gordon-craig.co.uk) or call 01438 363200



## Secondary Schools present: Magic of the Musicals

Mon 24 June  
7:00pm  
Gordon Craig Theatre

Stevenage Secondary Schools come together to present an evening of music, dance and theatre, featuring performances from their summer musicals.

You'll be amazed and inspired by the talent shown by these young people.



Tickets: £11, No Concessions

## Stevenage Dance Schools Dance Extravaganza

Tue 25 June  
7:00pm  
Gordon Craig Theatre

Our Dance Extravaganza performance is a regular favourite for the Festival and brings together pupils of all ages from Stevenage dance schools for an exciting and colourful evening featuring all styles and forms of dance.



Tickets: £11, No Concessions

## Herts Music Service present: To the Stars!

Wed 26 June  
7:00pm  
Gordon Craig Theatre

Hertfordshire Music Service Senior Wind Band presents an evening that will be quite literally out of this world! A journey through space and time, visiting new worlds and experiencing alien civilisations and culminating in Nigel Hess's "To the Stars" - a fantastic musical trip to outer space. The band will be joined by the Let's Sing Children's Choir and Royston Youth Choir for this stellar performance.



Tickets: £11, No Concessions

To book tickets for events at the Gordon Craig Theatre

## Jupiter Singers

Thu 27 June  
7:30pm  
Gordon Craig Theatre

Join this brand new 150 strong choir for an evening of music accompanied by a live band and featuring solos & ensembles as well as huge vocal numbers from the choir. Expect to hear fantastic arrangements of great songs, including Life On Mars (David Bowie), I'm Still Standing (Elton John) and a selection from The Greatest Showman, along with many other well-loved songs from the 60's up to the present day. Evening conducted by Pipa D Collins.



Tickets: £16, No Concessions

## London Show Choir

Fri 28 June  
7:30pm  
Gordon Craig Theatre

An outstanding, vibrant show choir on London's musical landscape is coming to Stevenage for one night only. With their bespoke arrangements, stunning harmonies and exceptionally high standard, you won't be disappointed. This utterly unique choir will dazzle you with songs from the world of Musical Theatre, jazz and film.

This is a night not to be missed!



Tickets: £19, No Concessions

## Stevenage Festival Presents: A Silver Anniversary Concert

Sat 29th June  
7:00pm  
Gordon Craig Theatre

To conclude the 2019 Stevenage Festival and mark its 25th Anniversary, we present a showcase of local talent. Dancers, singers and entertainers, many returning to their home town for this event, will provide a vibrant tribute to the artistic talent produced by our community.

For more detail see our special feature on pages 8-9.



Tickets: £11, No Concessions

Visit [www.gordon-craig.co.uk](http://www.gordon-craig.co.uk) or call 01438 363200

# A Silver Anniversary Concert -

## Celebrating 25 years of Stevenage Festival

Saturday 29 June, 7pm, Gordon Craig Theatre

Stevenage Festival was conceived back in 1995 to give talented local people an opportunity to perform on stage at their town's own theatre. Over the years we have been entertained by many skilled actors, dancers, singers and musicians, with trapeze artists, magicians, painters and poets also making an appearance. Our finale concert this year marks our Silver Anniversary, with a mixture of old favourites, emerging young talent, vibrant new communities and some performers who have gone on to make a name for themselves in the wider world, returning to their roots for the night

### Here's a flavour of what's in store:

#### Damani Campbell Williams

Damani Campbell Williams is a former Barclay School student who has now come to international prominence as Principal Dancer at the Moravian Theatre Ballet, Czech Republic. He will be performing stunning ballet routines together with his partner from the company, Emily-Joy Smith.

#### James Treweek

Jazz pianist, composer and arranger James Treweek, who grew up in Stevenage, has gigged in venues such as Ronnie Scott's and the London Palladium, and has worked with some of Britain's greatest Jazz artists.

#### Alanna Wilson

Talented youngster Alanna Wilson wrote a song last year as part of a project run by Stevenage Music Centre. Her song, Golden Wings, has now been arranged by James Treweek and will be performed at the concert by the combined choirs of Peartree Spring School (where Alanna is a pupil) and the Let's Sing Children's Choir from Stevenage Music Centre.

#### Divya Kasturi

Stevenage resident Divya Kasturi, with her dance company, will present 'Varnam' (Colours) as part of our finale concert. Varnam will showcase the shades of emotions and multitudes of expressions in Bharatanatyam - one of Britain's most-popular South Asian/Indian classical dance styles.



Damani Campbell Williams  
and Emily-Joy Smith



James Treweek



Alanna Wilson

For more detailed bios and to book this event



## Sara Brady and Rhys Meilyr

Sara Brady (soprano) and Rhys Meilyr (tenor) are both students at the Royal Welsh College of Music in Cardiff. Sara has brought Rhys back to perform in Stevenage where she attended the John Henry Newman School.



Rhys Meilyr

## Madeleine McConnell-Smith

Another ex-John Henry Newman School student, Madeleine McConnell-Smith is studying classical vocal at Leeds College of Music

## Beatrice Hubble

Oboeist Beatrice Hubble grew up in Stevenage and then studied at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. She now freelances with professional organisations including the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, as well as teaching music to children with special needs.

## Stagecoach

Local theatre school Stagecoach will be performing a lively musical theatre adventure on the theme of 'School' complete with wicked head teachers, bossy parents and inspiring children.

## Stevenage Male Voice Choir

Stevenage Male Voice Choir have appeared in every Festival since it started and we're delighted to have them back again for our 25th anniversary finale concert.

## Sabiah Stars

Sabiah Stars is a sensational Belly Dance Company located in Stevenage. They look forward to bringing this beautiful and spectacular dance form to the stage.



Sabiah Stars

**Tickets for this spectacular Anniversary concert are available at £11 each (no concessions) from the Gordon Craig box office – visit [www.gordon-craig.co.uk](http://www.gordon-craig.co.uk) to purchase online or call 01438 363200**

## Stevenage Arts Guild Talented Young People Awards

Every year, Stevenage Arts Guild awards grants to talented young people from the local area to help them pursue their training in the arts. Several previous recipients of Arts Guild support are taking part in this Anniversary Concert.

The Arts Guild would like to hear from any young people who would like to apply for the 2020 awards – applications will open in January. You could be eligible if you live in Stevenage or have attended a Stevenage Secondary School. Details of how to apply can be found on the Arts Guild website: [www.stevenageartsguild.org.uk](http://www.stevenageartsguild.org.uk)



Stevenage Arts Guild



Sara Brady



Stagecoach



Beatrice Hubble

Visit [www.stevenage-festival.co.uk/Festival\\_Finale19.htm](http://www.stevenage-festival.co.uk/Festival_Finale19.htm)

We are proud to be  
supporting the  
**Stevenage Festival 2019**

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# DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW

## **OPEN EVENT**

**At all our campuses, Saturday  
22nd June, 10.00am-1.00pm.**

Visit **[www.nhc.ac.uk](http://www.nhc.ac.uk)** to find  
out more or just drop  
in to the Open Events  
in Stevenage  
and Hitchin.

Come to our annual

## **FASHION SHOW**

debuting at St. Andrew  
& St. George's Church, Stevenage.  
Tuesday 18th June 2019, 7.00pm

# The Stevenage Fringe

As well as our performances at the Gordon Craig Theatre, we are including within the Festival many other arts and culture events being held around Stevenage this Summer. Stevenage has a vibrant arts community which creates and organises interesting and entertaining events all year round.

## Stevenage Photographic Society

8 May - 3 June

Pi Gallery, Gordon Craig Theatre

A summer exhibition of stunning photography from the Stevenage Photographic Society.

FREE EVENT



Entry: Free

## Stevenage Museum and Stevenage Arts Guild present: "Stories from the Gordon Craig"

5 June - 29 June

Foyer Gallery,  
Gordon Craig Theatre

Stevenage Museum and Stevenage Arts Guild present an exhibition of historic posters as part of the Stories from the Gordon Craig project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.



FREE EVENT



Entry: Free

## Stevenage Community Art Exhibition

4 June - 21 July

Pi Gallery, Gordon Craig Theatre

Stevenage is home to a wealth of artistic talent. This exhibition brings together stunning visual art and photography from local groups plus beautiful arrangements from the Stevenage Floral Art Society. All in all a treat well worth a visit when you are in the Town Centre.

FREE EVENT



Entry: Free

Please note that you should be able to visit the above exhibitions during the opening hours of Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre. However for operational reasons access may sometimes be restricted and we recommend calling the centre on 01438 363200 to check if making a special journey.

find us on [facebook.com/StevenageFestival](https://www.facebook.com/StevenageFestival)

## Stevenage Central Library presents: Librarian Theatre 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake

**Tue 14 May**  
7:15pm  
Stevenage  
Central Library

Directed by Alexander Lass, and adapted collaboratively through a devising process with the designer and acting company, this exciting new piece of writing is to be the first ever stage adaptation of "The Green Ship", a beautifully illustrated children's story by Sir Quentin Blake, the first Children's Laureate.



Tickets can be bought from the Stevenage Central Library, by phone on 0300 1234049 or order online at Herts Library site [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries) or direct online from the Librarian Theatre.

**Tickets: £7, Children £5**

## Stevenage Writers present: Invite to Write

**Sat 18 May**  
10:00am  
Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

The day is made up of three sections 1) INVITE TO WRITE, 2) CREATE YOUR BOOK and 3) SHARE YOUR WORK

This is a day for everyone! Have you ever thought about writing? Now is your chance. Find out how good for you writing is, and how easy it is to do.

Discover the 'tricks of the trade' that make it all happen, and see just how inexpensive it can be to have a real book to pass around among your friends and family. Writing is one of the cheapest and most rewarding hobbies that there is, and extremely good for your psychological and physical well-being.

To book email [stevenagewriters@gmail.com](mailto:stevenagewriters@gmail.com)

**Tickets: £5 each for sessions 1 and 2 (£7 if you book both), No charge for Session 3.**

## Old Town Family Event

**Sun 26 May**  
From 12:00pm  
Stevenage Old Town

Come along to a fun day at Springfield House between 12 and 4 for family activities including a pebble hunt, toy valuation, dalek selfies, craft stalls and a barbecue.

Also, the Old Town High Street will be hosting a Beer festival from 2pm till late.

Pick up a Heritage Trail guide to learn more about the historic Old Town.



**Tickets: Free admission to Springfield House**

**For further fringe details visit: [www.stevenage-festival.co.uk](http://www.stevenage-festival.co.uk)**

## Stevenage and Knebworth Arts Group presents: Trent Park's Very Secret War - Bugging the Nazis in WWII

Come and hear from historian and writer Helen Fry, shedding light on one of the little known but greatest deceptions of WWII. Top German prisoners of war were held at Trent Park in north London where, unbeknown to them, their conversations were being monitored by teams of secret listeners. For over 60 years the German-Jewish emigres involved never spoke about their work. But Helen's work with recently declassified files means that their story can now be told.



**FREE EVENT**

Tickets: Free, Visitors welcome

## New Town Launch

The Stevenage Festival is working with the Arts & Heritage Forum (which is supported by SBC) to put together a fun day for all the family to celebrate the launch of the council's cultural strategy and also the 25th anniversary of the Stevenage Festival.

Things will kick off in the Town Square at 11am with performances of music and dance and food stalls. At 12, an invasion of drummers and musicians in the square to perform a fusion piece for drums and steel pans. And at 1 there will be more music and dance on the performance stage in the square.

An activity pack will be available for families to help them find out more about the New Town put together by students from North Herts College.



**FREE EVENT**

Tickets: Free event

## Talent Reel presents: Acting Workshop with Ross O'Hennessy

Actor Ross O'Hennessy is known for his many roles from "Game of Thrones" to "Backdraft 2". His masterclass is based around techniques and systems that he uses daily to win castings and film work today. His masterclass will cover the very core of self taping, understanding how to 'underplay' your performance and how to promote yourself as a product. The day will be challenging but will set you up for applying relevant techniques to a relevant market place.

Tickets bookable via Eventbrite - see Festival website for more details



Tickets: £37.27

Thur 30 May  
10:15am  
Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

Sat 1 June  
11.00am  
Stevenage Town Centre

Sat 1 June  
2:30pm  
Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

**Lytton Players present:**  
**Our House**  
 A Musical based on the songs of "Madness"

**5-8 June**

Wed-Fri 7:45

Sat 2:30pm

Gordon Craig Theatre

Our House is the story of Joe Casey who, on the night of his sixteenth birthday, takes Sarah, the girl of his dreams, out on their first date. In an effort to impress her with bravado, he breaks into a building site overlooking his home on Casey Street, which is owned by Mister Pressman, a high-end property developer. The police turn up, at which point Joe's life splits into two: the Good Joe, who stays to help, and Bad Joe, who flees. From here on in two parallel stories of Good Joe and Bad Joe unfold.....



**Tickets: £11 (plus booking free) – see Festival website for details**

**Signature Theatre presents:**  
**Finding Will**

**6-7 June**

7:00pm

Paul Kearney Theatre -  
 Timebridge Community Centre

'Finding Will' is a powerful play on the subject of post traumatic stress disorder, following a young soldier's life-changing experiences during and after a tour in Iraq. Male mental health is an important issue in our current society and 'Finding Will' is an original production with an aim of reiterating to our audience that it is okay not to be okay.

A portion of the ticket sales will go to Help For Heroes and there will be a Q&A after the performances.



**Tickets: £11 (plus booking fee) – see Festival website for details**

**Stevenage Central Library presents:**  
**Human Story Theatre - Connie's Colander**

**Fri 7 June**

2:00pm

Stevenage  
 Central Library

This event is aimed at carers of people with Dementia.

Connie is a retired domestic science teacher. Emily, her daughter, is enjoying hosting her first TV cookery show: Connie's Colander, bringing her mother's recipes onscreen and up to date. Sensitively with humour and tenderness this newly written play traces the evolving relationship throughout their lives, and the impact of Connie's Alzheimer's. Can their relationship, and the TV show, survive?

Followed by a 20 minute informal post-show Q&A with a dementia specialist.



**Tickets: Free - donations welcome – see festival website for ticket details**

**For further fringe details visit: [www.stevenage-festival.co.uk](http://www.stevenage-festival.co.uk)**



## Stevenage Arts Guild present: Quiz Night

Come and enjoy an evening quizzing and help raise funds for the Stevenage Arts Guild. There won't be a bar so please bring your own glasses and drinks BUT there is a Fish and Chip supper as part of the ticket price.

To book a table (maximum of 8 people per table/team)- please email [chair@stevenageartsguild.org.uk](mailto:chair@stevenageartsguild.org.uk)



Tickets: £10 per person.

Sat 8 June

7:30pm

Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

## African Singing Workshop

Cheryl Smale leads an afternoon of large group harmony singing including a collection of EASY to sing songs from Africa.

- ALL voices welcome, NO experience required
- Suitable for beginners and experienced singers
- All music taught by ear
- EASY to learn a'capella harmony

Tickets bookable via Festival website.



Tickets: £5 Adult, Family Ticket (up to 4 people) £15

Sat 8 June

2:00pm

Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

## Jam-Arts present: Fine Arts Workshop (Ages 5 -11)

As part of the Stevenage Festival, Jam Arts are offering a taster Fine Art Workshop at the Stevenage Arts Centre!

Jam Arts encourages children to express their ideas and discover the joys of creating.

A wonderful opportunity for children to learn about traditional and contemporary artists, experiment with a range of materials and develop their art skills!

All materials provided. Book online at [www.jam-arts.com](http://www.jam-arts.com).



Tickets: £5

Sat 8 June

10am-12pm

Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg



# StevenageDAY

Join us to  
celebrate  
Stevenage  
Day's  
Diamond  
Jubilee!

Sunday  
9 June  
2019

King  
George V  
Playing  
Fields,  
Stevenage

**To celebrate Stevenage Day's 60th year there will be over 200 stalls and lots of new activities for the whole family to enjoy including:**

- Mountain bike freestyle exhibition
- Famous costume characters
- Mini land rovers
- Electric go carts
- Junk drumming
- Petting zoo
- Inflatable rides
- Gaming pod
- Birds of prey exhibit
- Rock in The Park is back with headliner Wrong Jovi!



There will also be a great selection of food available including:

- Asian cuisine
- German sausages
- Fish and chips
- Crepes
- Specialist coffee
- Burger bar
- Cup-cakes
- Old fashioned sweets
- Candy floss
- Ice cream and Artisan baked bread

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**Stevenage**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Stevenage Day 2019

Sun 9 June  
King George V  
Playing Field

**FREE EVENT**

Stevenage Day is now in its 60th Year (hence a Diamond Anniversary), this popular event will host over 200 stalls with a wide range of entertainment including "Rock in the Park". The event is free and starts from noon. Free parking in the Town Centre.

For more information go to:  
[www.stevenage.gov.uk/stevenage-day](http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/stevenage-day)  
or email [stevenageday@stevenage.gov.uk](mailto:stevenageday@stevenage.gov.uk)

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Tickets: Free

## Stevenage Male Voice Choir presents: Concert in aid of SCIMP

Sun 9 Jun  
2:30pm  
All Saints Church

In this their 60th anniversary year Stevenage Male Voice Choir (formed in Nov 1958) will be singing at the Oval Community Centre in All Saints Church on Sunday 9th June in aid of SCIMP (Stevenage Churches Interdenominational Missionary Project). The concert will also involve a local singer guest soloist, Carol Nash, and a piano solo from their brilliant accompanist Ben Ward. The choir will be singing a selection of songs from their repertoire including classical, operatic and modern numbers as well as pieces from a variety of musicals.



Tickets available via Cris Beal on 07598 103193 or via email to [beal\\_cris@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beal_cris@hotmail.co.uk).

Tickets: £5

## Stevenage U3A presents: Fool's Gold

Thu 13 June  
2:00pm  
Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

Fool's Gold - An acoustic music duo based in the north of England who are presenting a new concert show called "Bang up to the Elephant" which has a Victorian theme. It is great fun and contains all the usual bits and pieces - stories, visuals and plenty for the audience to join in with. The themes for the songs are all linked to Victorian times but some are unexpected.



Tickets: £2 (paid at the door)

## Stevenage Floral Art Society presents: Theresa Rodrigues - "Gardens by the Bay"

Thu 13 June

7:45pm

High St. Methodist Church Hall,  
High St. Stevenage

Stevenage Floral Art Society invite you to join us for an evening of entertainment on stage with flower arranging displays made by Theresa Rodrigues.

Come, relax and enjoy watching a professional flower arranger with a friendly club

**Call Margaret 01438 880086 for more details**

**Ticket includes refreshments and a free draw to win the wonderful flowers on the stage.**



**Tickets: £7 (Paid at the door)**

## Herts and Beds Cinema Club and Stevenage Music Centre present: The Greatest Showman

Sat 15 June

2.00pm

Stevenage  
Music Centre

A showing of the sing-a-long version of "The Greatest Showman" in the comfortable Stevenage Music Centre Theatre.

Come along, watch the film in comfort and sing a long with it!

**Tickets can be bought online via the Festival website**



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**Tickets: £5.92**

## Herts and Beds Cinema Club present: Nervous Translation

Sat 15 June

7:30pm

Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

An award-winning Philippine film by Shireen Seno released in 2018 (PG rated) In Tagalog with English subtitles.

Set in the Philippines, Seno's film tells the 1980s-set story of Yael, a lonely child trying to understand the changing world and attitudes around her as her country rises from decades of dictatorship into the uncertainty of capitalism.



**Tickets: £5 Tickets at the Door**

## Stevenage Arts Guild presents: A Ceilidh

Sat 15 June  
7:30pm  
Thomas Alleyne  
Academy

There's nothing as exhilarating as a good dancing evening ..... and this should be a good one! The local ceilidh band "Time of your Life" and their caller Barry Goodman will be leading all the fun.

There will be a licensed bar through the evening.

Online tickets available via the Festival website.



**Stevenage  
Arts Guild**



Tickets: Adult £11.25, Family Ticket (up to 4 people) £ 27.24

## Stevenage Arts Guild presents: Family Music Concert

Sun 16 June  
3:00pm  
Stevenage  
Music Centre

In conjunction with Herts Music Services our concert presents a wide range of World Music. With musical contributions from the Stevenage Symphony Orchestra, a choir from Woolenwick School, and Indian dancers... to name but a few of the artists appearing.

Online tickets available via the Festival website



Tickets: £5.92

## Bob Wright presents: Life Drawing Workshop

Sun 16 June  
3:00pm  
Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

Come and join animator Bob Wright and take part in a life drawing taster session, giving you the opportunity to practice and learn some figure drawing techniques. This clothed model session is suitable for all and is ideal for a relaxing Sunday afternoon whilst presenting a stimulating artistic challenge.

To book a place contact Bob at  
[bobwright@pencilwright.com](mailto:bobwright@pencilwright.com)



Tickets: £12

find us on [facebook.com/StevenageFestival](https://facebook.com/StevenageFestival)

## North Herts College presents: 'Fragments' Fashion Show

Tue 18 June

7:00pm

Church of St. Andrew and  
St. George, Cuttys Lane

The North Hertfordshire College Level 3 fashion students will be exhibiting collections they have designed and produced this year. These include skirts inspired by a visit to the National Army Museum and costumes produced for the Royal Opera House Design Challenge, based on the Romeo and Juliet ballet.

Come along to see them showcase these fabulous garments on the catwalk and enjoy a lively evening including music and refreshments all completely free.

**The event is free but space is limited so please book tickets online via the Festival website.**

**FREE EVENT**



**Tickets: Free**

## South Stevenage Flower Club presents: "Nice to see you" by Shirley Perkins A Talk and demonstration

Tue 18 June

7:30pm

Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

Shirley Perkins has a wealth of experience as a floral demonstrator and often entertains flower clubs in the South East. Always a great hit with our members and guests with flower arranging and tales of her travels and experiences in the "floral world". Come along and join us. All flower arrangements raffled off at the end of the evening.



**Tickets: £5 (paid at the door)**

## North Herts College Open Event

Sat 22 Jun

10:00am - 1:00pm

North Herts College

There's so much going on at North Hertfordshire College, come along to our open event and get a real feel for the NHC experience. The best way to explore what we have to offer is to come and see us in person. Tour our facilities, meet our staff, get a taste of student life and, ask those all important questions.

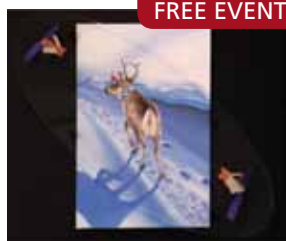




## Rolf S. Williams presents: Space for Nature

Sat 22 Jun  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
North Herts College  
Main Hall

The Space for Nature exhibition was launched in 2018 at the Royal Geographical Society in London and has now been brought to Stevenage. Rolf Williams, artist, science communicator and teacher, has produced a personal celebration of space technology, its contribution to environmental science and the beauty in evolution and design. Suitable for families and anyone with an interest in science, art and the natural world. Come along and meet Rolf who will be talking about his project during the morning.



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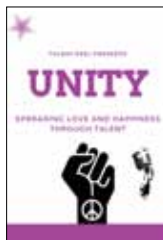
## Talent Reel presents: UNITY Summer Showcase

Sat 22 Jun  
5:30pm - 10:30pm  
Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

Talent Reel will be hosting an evening of entertainment, music and networking - full of good vibes and creativity. It is a community project aimed at bringing people together and spreading positivity and happiness through talent - song, music, spoken word etc.

Have a song to share? Or maybe you have a new poem you are dying to get feedback on or even a dance routine you wish to showcase? All talents are welcome.

For more information, or if you want to perform,  
contact [nadia@talentreel.co.uk](mailto:nadia@talentreel.co.uk)



Tickets: £5.83 – see Festival website for details

## Stevenage Locomotive Society presents: The MNA - "Never Again" Final years of British Rail Steam through the eyes of the famous "Master Neverers Association".

Thu 27 June  
7:30pm  
Community Arts Centre,  
Roaring Meg

We continue our 60th Anniversary celebrations by travelling back 50 years to relive the last days of British Railways steam through the images of the members of the (in)famous MNA, a group of talented Midland railway photographers who travelled the country by "various means" to attempt to capture "Master shots" of steam in action. The evening should be a must for railway enthusiasts, Photographers and anyone interested in the social history of 1960's Britain.

Tickets payable on the door (Locomotive Society and Arts Guild members free).

Tickets: £2 - payable on the door

## Walkern Dance School presents: The Enchanted Jewel Box

Sun 30 June

2:00pm and 6:00pm  
Gordon Craig Theatre

The Enchanted Jewel Box - a performance featuring all pupils from 3 to adult, showcasing all LJ Dance disciplines of ballet, tap, modern, street dance and contemporary jazz. Two performances - one at 2pm and the other at 6pm.

**Book via the Gordon Craig website**



**Tickets: Adult £16 (Adults), £12 (Minors)**

## Stevenage Choral Society present: Tallis to Taverner

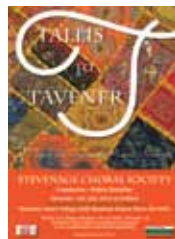
Sat 13 July

4:00pm

Woolmer Green  
Village Hall

Stevenage Choral Society presents an afternoon of music through the ages from Baroque to the modern day, a trip through 500 years of Musical treasures. This will be a VERY wide program covering not only classical choral pieces but modern pop pieces as well. Should be a great afternoon of easy listening music.

**Tickets bookable via the Festival website or call 01438 365769**



**Tickets: £12, (£14 at the door) Under 16s £5**

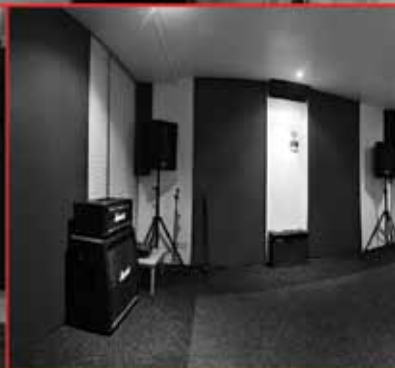


## Stevenage Arts Guild

Many of our local arts groups are supported by Stevenage Arts Guild which also manages our Community Arts Centre at Roaring Meg - a purpose-built facility to provide rehearsal, performance and event space for local amateur groups (see [www.stevenageartsguild.org.uk](http://www.stevenageartsguild.org.uk)).



**For further fringe details visit: [www.stevenage-festival.co.uk](http://www.stevenage-festival.co.uk)**



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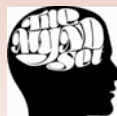
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# Hertfordshire Music Service

## Supporting educational outcomes in your school

### Why HMS?

- + Highly trained, Professional teachers
- + Safeguarding managed by HMS
- + Centrally employed teachers, no issues with IR35

### Academic and Social Value:

- + Lifelong participation in and enjoyment of music
- + Increased learning outcomes: rhythmic music training contributes to attainment in Maths
- + Narrowing the gap between children from differing backgrounds: shared attitude, aspiration, achievement, behaviour
- + Supporting positive mental health: personal confidence; self-esteem
- + Building school communities through teamwork, cooperation and responsibility

## HMS Provision

### Primary Schools

- Subsidised First Access – whole class instrumental teaching: djembe, steel pans, ukulele, strings, brass, woodwind, recorder, keyboard (free instrument loan)
- Individual and group teaching on 30 instruments with graded exams, Music Medals
- Free demonstrations and workshops on any instrument
- Singing assemblies, choirs, Music Festivals, Christmas productions, Chorister Outreach Project
- Free Partnership meetings; CPD; Tea & Symphony
- Curriculum teaching, training & evaluation, Music Mark School Award
- Music therapy
- Primary engagement projects

### Secondary Schools

- Individual and group teaching on 30 instruments
- Choirs & ensembles, free choral workshops
- Graded exams, Music Medals, Arts Award, Music Mark School Award
- Music Technology A level teaching, curriculum advice, partnership meetings
- Music Therapy

### Extended Schools

- Tuition, ensembles and orchestras at 12 local Music Centres
- Music Making days, Early Years programmes, Open Days
- Live Music from professional ensembles & choirs
- County Orchestras, Choirs & Bands for gifted and talented musicians
- The Royal Albert Hall Schools' Gala
- Songwriter and Family Music workshops

### Targeted Support

- + Financial support for families in receipt of benefits
- + Cross arts projects for students with MLD/SLD; Arts Award
- + Nurture groups
- + Musical Inclusion project for children in challenging circumstances
- + Instrument loans

### Contacts for schools

East Area: 01438 843363

[eastareaschools@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:eastareaschools@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

West Area: 01923 225531

[westareaschools@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:westareaschools@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Head of Service:

[katherine.wolfenden@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:katherine.wolfenden@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

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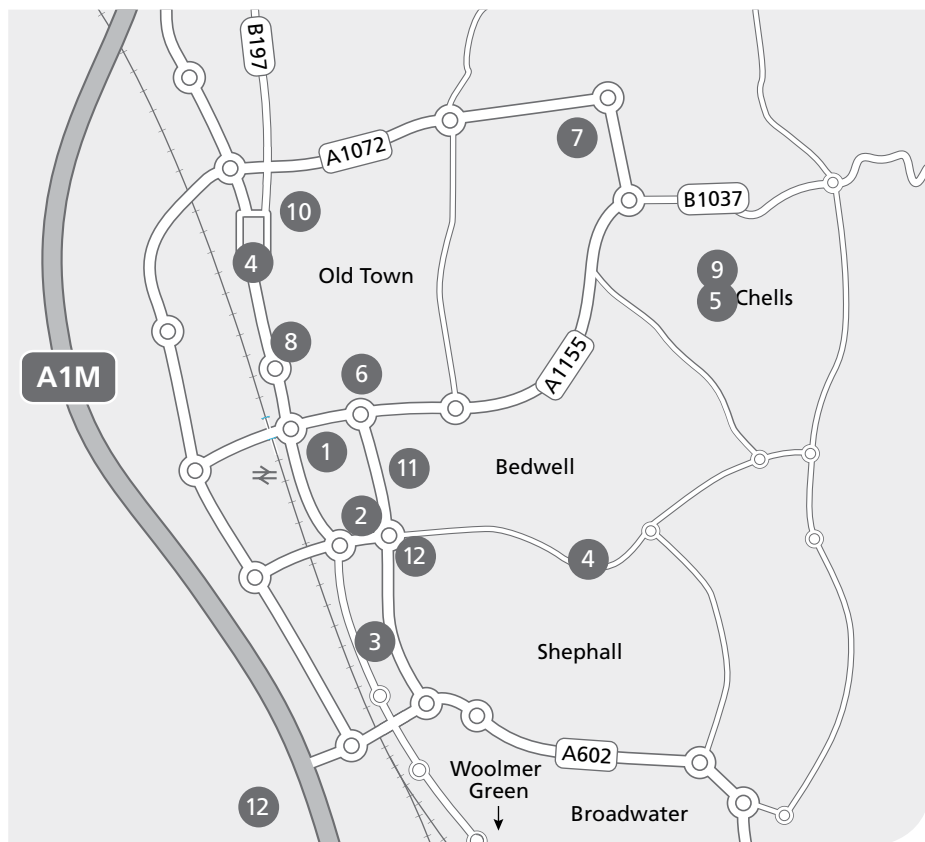


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| 1 | Gordon Craig Theatre, Concert Hall, Foyer Gallery and Pi Gallery<br>Lytton Way, Stevenage, SG1 1LZ | 8  | High Street Methodist Church<br>Sish Lane, Stevenage, SG1 3LS                   |
| 2 | Stevenage Central Library<br>Southgate, Stevenage SG1 1HD  | 9  | Stevenage Music Centre<br>The Nobel School, Mobbsbury Way,<br>Stevenage SG2 0HS |
| 3 | Stevenage Community Arts Centre<br>Roaring Meg, Stevenage, SG1 1XN                                 | 10 | Thomas Alleyne Academy<br>High St, Stevenage SG1 3BE                            |
| 4 | Springfield House<br>24 High Street, Stevenage, SG1 3EJ  | 11 | Church of St Andrew & St George<br>Cutty's Lane, Stevenage, SG1 1XX             |
| 5 | Timebridge Community Centre<br>Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage SG2 0HT                                    | 12 | North Herts College<br>Monkswood Way, Stevenage, SG1 1LA                        |
| 6 | King George V Playing Field<br>Sish Lane, Stevenage  | 13 | Woolmer Green Village Hall<br>Hall Lane Woolmer Green SG3 6XA                   |
| 7 | All Saints Church<br>The Oval, Stevenage SG1 5RD   |    |   |

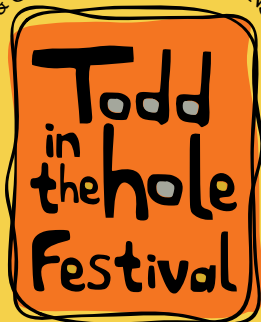
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