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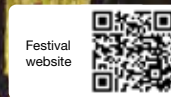
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## Map of Festival Venues in Partnership 2023

Norwich Puppet Theatre

Barrington Farm  
Walcott

Kemp's Rest  
at the Maddermarket

Blake Studio  
Norwich School

St Andrew's Church Hall  
Gorleston

Quaker Meeting House  
Norwich

The Chapel  
Norwich School

The Hostry  
Norwich Cathedral

George Hotel  
Arlington Way, Norwich

Caistor Hall  
Caistor St Edmund

Ocean Room  
Gorleston-on-Sea

# The AUTUMN FESTIVAL of Norfolk

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What's  
on



## Turning over a new leaf

"As we enter our 12th year we are turning over a new leaf and relaunching as **The AUTUMN FESTIVAL of Norfolk**. For those who have supported over the last decade you will have known us as The Hostry Festival. With our Outreach Programme now engaging with ever more people and places from across the county, our new title helps to illustrate further our ethos of celebrating creativity, inclusion and year-round community.

For over 10 extraordinary years this fully independent not-for-profit community interest project has initiated five Festival Signature Projects: **The Norfolk Arts Awards, Total Ensemble, Paint Out, The African Choir of Norfolk** and **The Norfolk Actors Company**.

We have commissioned 152 events, worked with at least a thousand volunteers, celebrated many hundreds of artists and our programmes have been enjoyed by over 100,000 people from Norfolk.

We hope you enjoy the lively and joyous content within this new style programme. There is an abundant amount to explore. My love and thanks to all who have enabled this year's relaunch to take place and I look forward to seeing you at **The AUTUMN FESTIVAL of Norfolk**."

*Stash x*

Stash Kirkbride  
Artistic Director  
& Co-founder  
stash@autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org



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Peter Barrow attending King Charles's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace May 3rd 2023, in recognition of his service to the arts in Norfolk.

"A big thank you to our patrons & ambassadors, our partnerships with Norfolk businesses, education, charities, trusts and fellow philanthropists. We are enormously grateful and appreciative.

The variety of new commissions and debuts taking place over all three of the autumn months allows us to offer you more dates to attend on.

Look out for our Access Events sign which enables those on low income, student budgets and those over 60 to attend at lower prices.

A number of our events are free to access as well. See you at our production of

Lady Windermere's Fan by Oscar Wilde, presented under our new Signature Project name of The Norfolk Actors Company.

This is set to be a stunning production performing for a week in the beautiful Hostry building next to Norwich Cathedral, with a cast of 19 actors from Norfolk taking part."

Best wishes,

Peter

PETER BARROW

Co-founder & Executive Producer of The AUTUMN FESTIVAL Of Norfolk

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"Norwich and Norfolk has a fine cultural heritage that enriches the life of the city and county.

As we anticipate The Autumn Festival of Norfolk, its rich and varied programme promises to stimulate and stretch our hearts, minds and spirits.

There is much to look forward to as the Festival continues to evolve and develop. Norwich Cathedral wishes the Festival well".

Dean of Norwich, the Very Revd Dr ANDREW BRADDOCK



"Specialising in inclusive ensemble performance Total Ensemble comprises Total Ensemble Theatre Company and Total Ensemble Arts Initiative.

It has been creating and producing original theatre productions and performances and delivering workshops and training since 2011.

A brand new theatre production is in planning for 2024 and the Arts Initiative ran its first Ground Up & Grass Roots project in Gorleston from Autumn '22 to Spring '23. Facilitating participants from the Otium Centre and students from East Norfolk Sixth Form College, Total Ensemble set up Creative Community, a weekly workshop which continues in September 2023 and is open to new participants aged between 16 and 30 from the Gorleston and Great Yarmouth area. A gloriously enriching experience, see comments on right.

If you are interested in engaging with our Ground Up & Grass Roots initiative, get in touch.

The next Total Ensemble Arts Initiative is the creation and launch of DANCE INTO THE FALL, a very exciting new annual dance event for the Autumn Festival of Norfolk, see page 10 for details.

Bringing together Norfolk's finest dance artists, this is an extraordinary opportunity to celebrate our home-grown dance.

A huge thank you to all our supporters and sponsors."

Rebecca

REBECCA CHAPMAN  
Founder and Artistic Director Total Ensemble  
Email: [rebecca@totalensemble.org](mailto:rebecca@totalensemble.org)



"From my point of view, and for my staff, it has reminded us to look for how we can focus on people's abilities rather than all the things they can't do. They have all come away with increased confidence and for some it has improved their speech. I would love to be involved in future projects like this and for more of our staff and young people to participate. Thank you to Rebecca for letting us join."

CAROLYN CLARKE - Deputy Manager The Otium Centre - day service for young adults with learning disabilities and additional needs

"I feel privileged and will forever be grateful to have been part of Total Ensemble Arts Initiative. As a dance practitioner and teacher of 20 years it was an opportunity to step into inclusive theatre practice for the first time. We achieved something that was transformative. I wasn't ready for it to be over. As Rebecca said, 'now we are ready to start.'"

HANNAH SIMMONDS - Lecturer and Head of School East Norfolk Sixth Form College

"The project was wonderful; the camaraderie, support, collaboration and enjoyment were palpable. We believe this kind of unique experience is one that should be repeated and replicated more widely, which is why we've nominated it for an Award through the Sixth Form College Association for Community Impact."

SIMON FOX - Vice-Principal East Norfolk Sixth Form College



STASH KIRKBRIDE & PETER BARROW present an AUTUMN FESTIVAL of Norfolk Signature Project, in association with CAISTOR HALL BY BRASTED'S, THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND, ANNA MUDEKA, Tambai Promotions & ARTS LA 'OLAM.



# 3rd Annual Gala Concert & Meal Held at Caistor Hall

FEATURING **WANDA SEK**  
+ AFROBEAT SET FROM **DJ MICHAEL**



### Your Itinerary

#### Meet & Greet

6pm

#### 3 Course African Style Meal

6.30 - 8.30pm

#### 1st Half of Concert

8.30 - 9.15pm

#### 2nd Half of Concert

9.45 - 10.30pm

#### DJ & Dancing

10.30pm - Midnight



Book now!

**Saturday 23rd  
September 2023**  
**At Caistor Hall by  
Brasted's**

Caistor Hall, Stoke Rd,  
Caistor St Edmund, Norwich NR14 8QN  
6pm to midnight.

The Autumn Festival of Norfolk has proudly entered into a new partnership with **Caistor Hall by Brasted's**, who are now the African Choir of Norfolk's Principal sponsors.

To celebrate the culmination of another extraordinarily successful year for this unique project, we are co-hosting this special gala night in the idyllic marquee setting within the 32 acres of Caistor Hall (15 minutes drive from the city centre).

Do not miss this glorious evening. It will be something to remember.

Your tickets include an African inspired **3 course meal by Brasted's**.

**£30 per person.**  
**Or a table of 10 for £300.**

Marquee capacity 300 guests.  
Early booking recommended.

**Scan the QR code  
for tickets.**

Any dietary requirements dealt with when booking.

Includes a festival complimentary glass of bubbly on arrival and a **Booja Booja Truffle.**

For more information on the choir visit [www.africanchoirnofolk.org](http://www.africanchoirnofolk.org)





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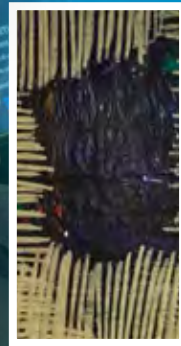
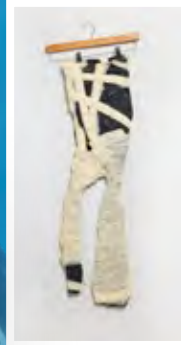
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# MICHAEL SMITH

RECIPIENT OF THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT NORFOLK ARTS AWARD 2022



Michael Smith is a bold and ambitious visual artist. He combines found objects with traditional artist's materials to create sophisticated and dynamic works that often illustrate his experiences and surroundings of rural Norfolk. Born in London in 1960, Michael moved to a residential care home in Norfolk in the late 1970s. His interest in painting helped inspire the establishment of the Barrington Farm Art Barn studio, and he has been continuously developing his practice without traditional teaching or training since 1987.

Following a large exhibition of his work in Norwich last summer, Michael was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Norfolk Arts Awards 2022.

Michael has pieces in the Musgrave Kinley Outsider Art Collection at the Whitworth Gallery in Manchester, and has shown work in many local, national and international exhibitions throughout his career including at Tate Modern with The Museum of Everything.

A selection of Michael's work will be on display and for sale at BARRINGTON FARM during their HARVEST FESTIVAL event 29th - 30th September and NORFOLK OPEN STUDIOS 23rd Sept - 8th Oct. See next page for details.



# HARVEST FESTIVAL

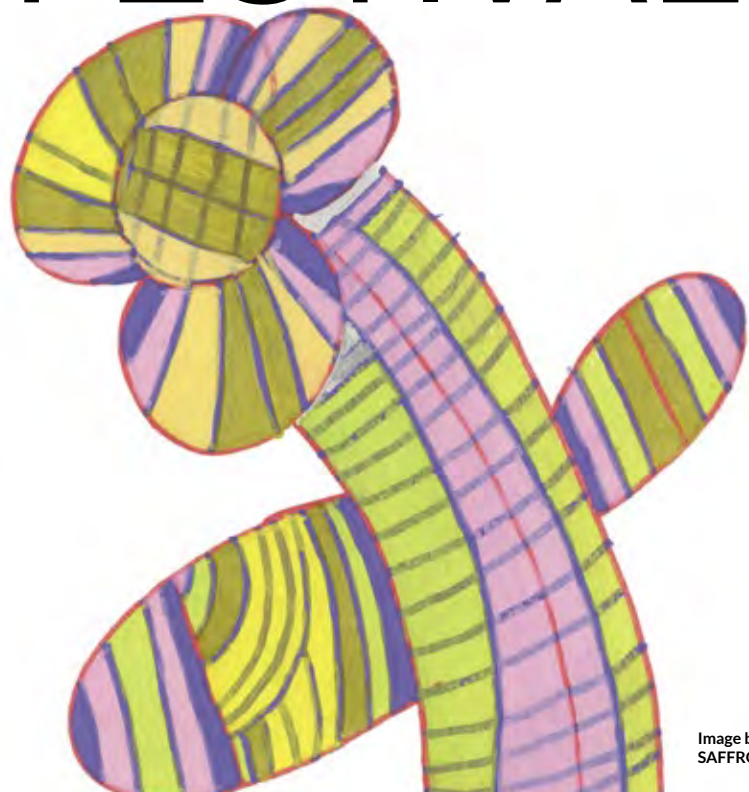
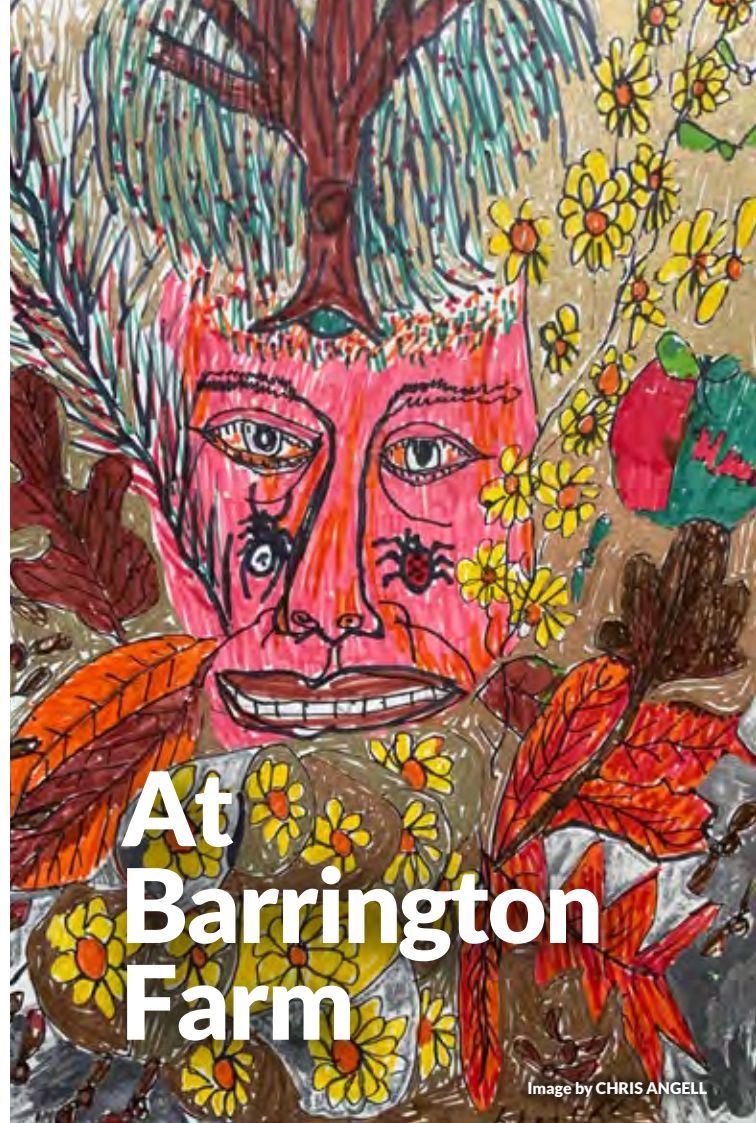


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SAFFRON WRIGHT



## At Barrington Farm

Image by CHRIS ANGELL

BARRINGTON FARM in association with THE AUTUMN FESTIVAL OF NORFOLK presents Harvest Festival 2023

Barrington Farm warmly invites you to a sensory arts festival celebrating rural Harvest traditions. The event will include exhibitions by self-taught artists (including works by Michael Smith), performances, open studios, drop-in creative workshops, farm tours, food and drink and much more. **Come and celebrate the Norfolk Harvest with us!**

Barrington Farm is a unique independent day services centre for adults with learning difficulties, set within a 22-acre site near the North Norfolk coast. Founded in 1987, the centre includes an organic farm, social area, sensory room and a fully equipped supported art studio known as the Art Barn.

The studio caters for most disciplines associated with the visual arts including drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles and sculpture. Many of the artists have exhibited widely and have works in public and private collections.

Kindly supported by Arts Council England, Norfolk County Council and The Barrington Farm Trust in partnership with The Autumn Festival of Norfolk and Norfolk Open Studios.

**Free entry, booking required.**



**Book now!**

[www.facebook.com/barrington.farm](https://www.facebook.com/barrington.farm)

Instagram: @roarartarchive

For more information and access enquiries

please contact Sarah at:

[roar\\_art@hotmail.com](mailto:roar_art@hotmail.com)

or 07913 282974



**Friday 29th  
September  
2 - 5pm**

**Saturday 30th  
September  
12 - 4pm**

*Barrington Farm,  
Walcott, Norfolk NR12 0PF*



Barrington Farm



Artists and Staff



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# Dance into the fall

A WEEKEND OF DANCE

fall  
into  
the  
dance

The AUTUMN FESTIVAL of Norfolk and TOTAL ENSEMBLE:  
Arts Initiative have created a brand new annual platform  
celebrating dance and the dance community in Norfolk.

This event has been inspired by the resilience, talent, generosity  
and enterprise of our key professional dance artist partners:  
RACHEL CANAVAN, of Copperdot (dance studio) and  
EMMA ZANGS and STEPH TOWNSEND of Movement Connects,  
who work to unite, support and sustain the artistry, well-being  
and vitality of our local, professional dance community.

The weekend of events will ease us into the winter months,  
encouraging us all to embrace dance and artful movement,  
proven to boost personal wellbeing and a sure-fire way to  
sustain connection with community and kindred spirits.

Dancing into the Fall and onwards throughout the darkness and  
cold winter months will lift our spirits and feed our souls.

Watch, participate, connect and enjoy,

*Rebecca Chapman*

Artistic Director/Producer  
Dance into the Fall



## ASSOCIATE ARTISTS

RACHEL CANAVAN  
KATY DUNNE  
ABBY PAGE  
STEPH TOWNSEND  
EMMA ZANGS

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER  
7.30PM - 9PM PERFORMANCE  
9PM - 10PM RECEPTION

## An evening of Live Dance Performance

Gala event with  
complimentary bubbly, soft  
drinks & Booja Booja Truffles

at the Blake Studio, Cathedral Close,  
Tombland, Norwich, NR1 4DD

**Tickets:** £12 Concs £10

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Full programming to be announced  
live on festival website.

**Katy  
Dunne**

LIFTED ON SHINING  
WINGS

Inclusive dance company Dance Moves You draws  
inspiration from David Sudbury's song 'King of  
Rome', which tells the real life story of a racing  
pigeon that flew 1001 miles from Rome to Derby,  
winning against the odds.

Dance Moves You, founded and directed by Katy,  
an incredible dance therapy practitioner and  
artist, was inspired by the themes of hope and  
freedom, despite the hardship of life and the  
doubts of others.

Choreographed by KATY DUNNE with the dancers.

Instagram @katydunnedancetherapy  
Instagram @dance\_movesyou  
dancemovesyou@gmail.com

Photo credit Katherine Mager



**Abby  
Page**

FIND ME, KEEP ME

In Cahoots Dance Company, founded and  
directed by Abby, celebrates the possibilities  
that come from combining disabled and non-  
disabled dancers from a range of backgrounds.

Find Me, Keep Me is a celebration of connection  
and community through which the company  
looks at what it means to feel lost and wanting  
to be found.

Choreographed by  
ABBY PAGE  
with  
creative input  
from dancers.

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instagram @incahootsdance  
page.abby@gmail.com



**Emma  
Zangs**

PLAY

Play is a piece about Motherhood where  
mothers perform with their children.

The piece looks at the impact of  
becoming mothers, and women's  
identity.

Who are women after becoming  
mothers? How do mothers move,  
feel and adapt?

Emma is a Choreographer and  
Movement & Communication Coach;  
experienced in public speaking,  
training for presentations, pitches and  
talks, as well as movement direction  
and choreography for fashion shows,  
editorial and dance workshops.

instagram.com/emmaz  
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emmazangs.com/angs

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MAY

## The Islands

ROSY MAY AND  
ANNA MUDEKA

A dance show filmed at DanceEast,  
created by ROSY MAY  
(Festival Artist In Residence)

Come on a journey to experience  
Guadeloupe, Cuba & Jamaica, a  
narrative spanning 600 years of  
dance. Enjoy music and movement  
of Caribbean islands and see the  
beautiful yet traumatic merging  
of West African and Indigenous  
Caribbean cultures under colonial  
rule. Featuring ROSY MAY and  
ANNA MUDEKA Includes Q&A with  
JADE ANDERSON,  
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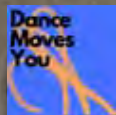
Costumed entirely with second hand  
fabrics by KatyMac.

**Sunday 8th October 1 - 3pm**

At The Blake Studio, Norwich School, NR1 4DD  
Next to Norwich Cathedral. Tickets: £10 Concs: £8

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In Cahoots  
DANCE



## Workshop

Join us in a dance workshop  
designed for everybody whether  
beginner or professional, young,  
old, disabled or non - disabled.  
We'd love to meet you.

[facebook.com/incahootsdance](https://facebook.com/incahootsdance)

**Sunday 8th October 4 - 5.30pm**

At The Blake Studio, Norwich School, NR1 4DD  
Next to Norwich Cathedral. Tickets: £10 Concs: £8

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SARAH  
LEWIS

## Festival Dance Jam

Join Glass House Dance's co-director  
Sarah Lewis for this joyful, inclusive  
dance jam.

Sarah will guide you to discover  
playful ways to dance and improvise  
on your own and with others on the  
dance floor, followed by an hour to  
use your new skills to a banging  
playlist. Dress up or down, you are  
completely welcome as you are.

Glass House Dance was set up by  
Sarah Lewis and Laura Anderson to  
take contemporary dance into public  
spaces. They've made their mark  
on the outdoor arts scene, touring  
nationally for 10 years.

[www.glasshousedance.co.uk](http://www.glasshousedance.co.uk)

**Sunday 8th October 6 - 8pm**

At The Blake Studio, Norwich School, NR1 4DD  
Next to Norwich Cathedral. Tickets: £10 Concs: £8

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## Movement Connects Networking Reception

Movement Connects is a network that brings  
the movement artists of East Anglia together.  
They offer monthly meetups and newsletters,  
ongoing Whatsapp support and weekly  
Open Practice. They now count a bit more than  
40 members across the region. Follow them for  
more information and updates on Instagram  
@Movement\_Connects

Movement Connects is led by **Stephanie  
Townsend (pictured)** and **Emma Zangs**,  
both freelance artists based  
in Norwich. Their mission  
is to create an inclusive  
and supportive network  
balancing the competitive  
arts sector.

[steph@yodanga-arts.co.uk](mailto:steph@yodanga-arts.co.uk)

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**Sunday 8th October 8 - 10pm**

At The Blake Studio, Norwich School, NR1 4DD  
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## Rachel Canavan

COPPERDOT FOUNDER/  
OWNER & ARTISTIC  
DIRECTOR

**The Dance and Parkinson's group  
workshop at Copperdot - Fri 6th October**

Rachel has transformed the face of dance in Norfolk by creating  
Copperdot as the home for professional dance in Norwich.

In her words, Copperdot is "our space to grow, to extend our practice and our  
community. We are interested in making and creating, playing and finding  
new ways to make work, pushing boundaries, working with all media and  
artists and evolving practice and continuing our love for movement."

Director of the Dance and Parkinson's Group, a new group of dancers  
with no previous experience, present VIOLET, a multi-media live  
performance piece that combines artistry, collaboration and embodies  
movement through and beyond personal expectations by challenging  
individuals physically and mentally through dance.

Copperdot Studio  
Old Church Hall  
The Street Trowse  
NR14 8SX

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# Lisa Cassidy & Jennifer Walsh

'NATURE, THE GENTLEST MOTHER'

Artist-in-residence, **LISA CASSIDY** is thrilled to return to The Autumn Festival Of Norfolk with the award winning pianist, **JENNIFER WALSH** for this year's sumptuous festival commission.

In this candlelit concert, inspired by the words of the poet **Emily Dickinson**, the award-winning musical artists Coloratura Soprano Lisa Cassidy and Pianist Jennifer Walsh perform music by composers including **Copland, Ravel, Duparc, Britten** and **Vaughan Williams**.

An intimate performance that celebrates all things natural. As Emily herself said, "Forever is composed of nows".


**Tickets £18/£16 Concs**

**Book your place:**

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**Norwich Theatre Royal in person or By calling 01603 598676**

*Early booking recommended*

Please note: Due to a steep staircase, there is no wheelchair access for this event. 

Toilet facilities at Maid's Head Hotel just across from venue.



**Saturday 14th October**  
7.30pm - 9pm  
At The Chapel, Norwich School, NR1 4DD  
Next to Norwich Cathedral Main Entrance.

# KEMP'S REST Official Opening

A NEW SPACE IN THE  
HEART OF NORWICH.

Festival Artistic Director Stash Kirkbride and Project Lead Chris Bealey are delighted to host the official opening of "KEMP'S REST", the new community arts venue at the **Maddermarket Theatre** in the heart of Norwich.



**Sunday 17th September from 2pm. This is a free ticketed event**

"Please join us at Kemp's Rest, created in collaboration with Menscraft with support from the Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund" **Chris Bealey**

"The festival is pleased to be profiling the opening of this new space, a real boon for the theatre and for the cultural & community landscape of the city" **Stash Kirkbride**

**To register for a ticket please contact the Maddermarket Theatre Box Office on 01603 620917 or visit [maddermarket.co.uk](http://maddermarket.co.uk)**

**KEMP'S REST** will be formally opened on Sunday 17th September with food and entertainment from 2pm. Please join us and take the opportunity to find out more about the Maddermarket, our history and community collaboration.

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# Posting Letters to the Moon

WITH LUCY FLEMING & SIMON WILLIAMS

A romantic, funny and touching portrait of life during the Second World War featuring readings of letters between Oscar-nominated actress Celia Johnson (Brief Encounter) and her explorer and writer husband Peter Fleming (brother of James Bond creator Ian Fleming).

The letters are read by their daughter Lucy Fleming (Love Sarah, Survivors) and her husband Simon Williams (Justin in The Archers, EastEnders, Upstairs Downstairs) and give an insight into a young mother's life coping during the war and tell of Celia Johnson's experience of filming with Noel Coward, David Lean and her thoughts while making the classic film Brief Encounter in 1945.

*“Simply spellbinding performances...revealing an abundance of love and affection between ordinary people caught in extraordinary times... a theatrical gem”*

*British Theatre Guide*



TICKETS  
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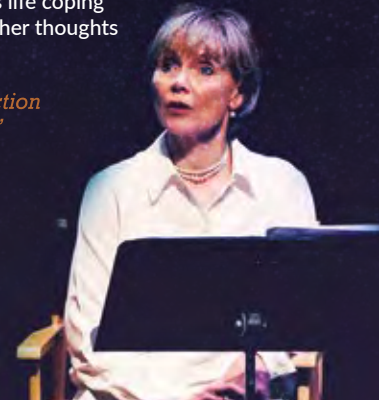
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Celia Johnson in Brief Encounter



**Friday 20th October**

7pm - Champagne Reception

7.30pm - 9pm : Event inc Q&A & Signing

At The Blake Studio, Norwich School, NR1 4DD

Next to Norwich Cathedral Main Entrance.



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# John Wilson

## THIS CULTURAL LIFE

IN CONVERSATION WITH FESTIVAL ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
STASH KIRKBRIDE

**John Wilson** has specialised in arts and cultural affairs for over 20 years. He presents **This Cultural Life**, the acclaimed **Radio 4 interview series** and **BBC Sounds** podcast on which John's guests have included **Paul McCartney, Kenneth Branagh, Nicole Kidman, Stephen Fry, Melvyn Bragg, Whoopi Goldberg, Sam Mendes, Jarvis Cocker, Mike Leigh, Nicola Benedetti, Sting**, and many more. The series is also televised on **BBC Four**.

Prior to this John presented the flagship arts magazine show **Front Row** from its launch in 1998 until he left the show in 2021.

Join **John Wilson** and festival director **Stash Kirkbride**, as John is invited to share some of his cultural moments that have shaped his outstanding career in the arts.

An exclusive interview with  
The Autumn Festival of Norfolk.

**Tickets £20/£18 Concs**

**Book your place:**

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**Sunday 29th October**  
3pm - 4.30pm

(Inc. 50min interview & Q&A)  
At the Hostry building, Norwich Cathedral

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# Lady Windermere's Fan

BY OSCAR WILDE

Oscar Wilde's masterly observations resonate throughout this lavish and exquisite production. With a cast of 19 this is a comedy drama full of delicious and memorable characters, brought to you by **The Norfolk Actors Company**.

*"Downton Abbey meets The Gilded Age, a Festival revival of one of the great plays in English Literature"*

Stash Kirkbride Artistic Director

*"The essential Wildean lesson is that people cannot simply be divided into good and bad as though they were two separate creations"*

Michael Billington  
The Guardian

A must-see presentation, early booking recommended.

Image: TRACEY CATCHPOLE by MARK IVAN BENFIELD

Monday 23rd October  
to Saturday 28th October

7.30pm - 10.15pm

at the Hostry, Norwich Cathedral, NR1 4DH

Tickets £18 to £10\* (see options below)  
Opening Night & 2nd Night  
All tickets £10

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Ticket options in detail:

Mon 23rd Oct & Tues 24th Oct all seats - £10

Wed 25th Oct Gala Press Night - £18 - Concs: £16  
Inc Bubbly & Booja Booja Truffles. Arrival 7pm. 7.30pm show

Thur 26th Oct - £16 - Concs: £14

Fri 27th Oct - £16 - Concs: £14

Sat 28th Oct Gala Last Night - £18 - Concs £16  
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Age of English  
Edwardian society...*

CAST (in order of appearance)

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Parker ROBIN WATSON  
Lord Darlington ADAM SELF  
Lord Windermere CHRISTOPHER NEAL  
The Duchess of Berwick GLENDA GARDINER  
Lady Agatha Carlisle RUBY BARDWELL-DIX  
Campbell Dumby PETER BARROW  
Lady Plymdale JENESEKA ALEXANDER  
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Lady Westwick SUSAN SEDDON  
Sir James Royston STEPHEN GOYMER  
Mr Guy Berkley BRADLEY CLARKE  
Lady in Waiting ALICIA FORTINI  
Rosalie LUCY GLEESON  
Mrs Erlynne TRACEY CATCHPOLE

Directed & Produced by **STASH KIRKBRIDE**  
Executive Producer **PETER BARROW**

Production Manager **MARK IVAN BENFIELD**  
Costume Design **SUZANNE BELL**



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# Critically Stable

An Event with  
**JAMES McDERMOTT**

Saturday 30th September  
At Norwich Puppet Theatre  
St James's Ct, Whitefriars, NR3 1TN

**JAMES McDERMOTT** will read new poems from the collection he's currently writing, exploring the loss of his anti-vaxxer father to COVID-19.

The evening includes an  
In Conversation with **DEBBIE THOMPSON** - 7:30pm to 9pm

The reading will be preceded by a  
**GRIEF POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP - 5pm to 6:30pm**

James McDermott's plays published by Samuel French include 'Rubber Ring' (Pleasance Islington/UK Tour) and 'Time & Tide' (Park Theatre/UK Tour). His poetry books include 'Manatomy' (Burning Eye), 'Green Apple Red' (Broken Sleep) and 'Wild Life' (Nine Arches Press).

*"The language, wit, insights, power of expression... Magnificent"*  
**Stephen Fry**

*"Bold, graphic and startling"* **Julian Clary**

*"McDermott delivers us his heart, terrors and triumphs"*  
**Luke Wright**

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# Paul Jackson

The Uprising!

In conversation with  
**CHRIS JACOB**

Sunday 1st October  
At Norwich Puppet Theatre  
St James's Ct, Whitefriars, NR3 1TN

Paul has been a much-respected and inspiring Oral Storyteller for 30 years. He has told over 55,000 stories to over 300,000 listeners across East Anglia and beyond.

Now he's turning his creativity into the Realms of Elsewhere, a series of nine books. Filled with imagery and imagination, these fantastical stories unfold in unique and unforgettable landscapes.

**Following the success of the launch of Book 1 at the Festival in 2022, Paul unveils the second book, The Uprising!**

A Tyrant has brought Elsewhere to the brink of war and it's time for people to stand up for what they believe in.

**From 6.30pm**, Manuscripts, Illustrations, Maps and Sculptures from the Books will be on display.

**7pm to 9pm** Inc Q&A

(light refreshments available to purchase at the bar)

**Tickets: £12 Concs £10**



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# Rebecca Stott

In the Days of Rain

In conversation with **CHRIS JACOB**

Friday 27th October  
1pm to 2.30pm at The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral.  
Inc: 20 minute Q&A & Book Signing

**REBECCA STOTT** is a historian, broadcaster, novelist and non-fiction writer, well known to listeners of Radio Four for her broadcasts on A Point of View. She is the author of the novels Ghostwalk, The Coral Thief and most recently, Dark Earth.

Today she will discuss with **CHRIS JACOB** her memoir, **IN THE DAYS OF RAIN**, winner of the Costa Biography Prize in 2017 which describes her childhood growing up in a secretive cult and the long aftershocks of her family's escape from it.

**Tickets: £16 Concs £14**



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The PBSK Partnership in association with OFF THE WALL OUTDOOR & JARROLD presents

# Michael Billington

Affair Of The Heart

Book & Review event  
In conversation with  
**EVE STEBBING**

Friday 27th October  
3pm to 4.30pm at  
The Hostry Norwich Cathedral.  
Inc: 20 minute Q&A  
& Book Signing

Join us as we welcome back The Guardian's **MICHAEL BILLINGTON**, one of the country's longest serving theatre critics. Michael will be regaling us with more of his reviews from some of the most celebrated productions of the last 50 years, all found within the pages of his book **AFFAIR OF THE HEART**.

We are especially pleased that Michael will be attending our Central Production of Lady Windermere's Fan and uniquely both he and the **EDP's EVE STEBBING** will be reviewing the production live on stage.

A truly enjoyable & fascinating event to attend.

**Tickets: £12 Concs £10**



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# Jonathan Aitken

In Conversation with  
The RT REVD GRAHAM USHER  
Bishop of Norwich



Saturday 28th October  
1pm to 2:30pm inc. Q&A & book signing  
At The Hostry Norwich Cathedral

In this remarkable exchange between two men of the cloth, the Bishop of Norwich interviews The Revd Jonathan Aitken who has had one of the most high profile and colourful careers in British public life.

Jonathan Aitken is an author, broadcaster, columnist, ex-prisoner and now priest and part time prison chaplain at HMP Pentonville. His political career included 23 years as a Member of Parliament; he was Minister of State for Defence & Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

His books include his award winning biographies of President Richard Nixon and Margaret Thatcher, as well as two volumes of autobiography, *Pride and Perjury* & *Porridge and Passion*.

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# Nigel Planer

Jeremiah Bourne In Time

Book One The Time Shard Chronicles

In Conversation with ITV's NINA NANNAR



Saturday 28th October  
3pm to 4.30pm inc. Q&A & book signing  
At The Hostry building, Norwich Cathedral

A newly published exclusive book profile event.

This electrifying first instalment of **NIGEL PLANER'S TIME SHARD CHRONICLES TRILOGY** will catapult you into a thrilling journey across London and through time.

Nigel Planer is a founder member of the Comedy Store and Comic Strip clubs, London. TV appearances since the 1980s include Neil in the Young Ones and countless other roles. Original starring cast of many West End shows, including *Wicked*, *Evita*, *Hairspray*, *We Will Rock You*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (Olivier nominated).

*"Witty and smart... He's managed to invent characters who invade your heart... I loved it!"* Miriam Margolyes

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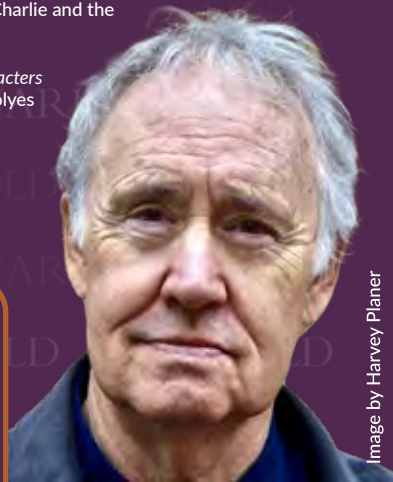


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# Margaret MacMillan

War: How Conflict Shaped Us

Based on the BBC Radio 4 Reith Lectures

In Conversation with The Rt Revd  
GRAHAM USHER, Bishop of Norwich



Sunday 29th October  
1pm to 2:30pm inc. Q&A & book signing  
At The Hostry Norwich Cathedral

Drawing on lessons from wars throughout the past, from classical history to the present day, MacMillan reveals the many faces of war — the way it has determined our past, our future, our views of the world and our very conception of ourselves.

Margaret MacMillan is a professor of History at the University of Toronto and a professor emerita of International History at Oxford University. She is currently a trustee of the Imperial War Museum. She is also a Companion of the Order of Canada and the Order of Merit and a Companion of Honour.

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# DJ Taylor

ORWELL:  
THE NEW LIFE



Sunday 5th November  
2pm to 3:30pm  
At The Blake Studio, Norwich School

Over seventy years after his premature death, George Orwell remains one of the influential figures in modern literature. His two great novels, *Animal Farm* (1945) and *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (1949) have between them sold over 100 million. Here D.J. Taylor, whose biography *Orwell: The New Life* was published earlier this year, examines the lasting impact of Orwell's work, his enduring relevance to the contemporary world and his particular connection to East Anglia.

Join internationally recognised & celebrated Norfolk Author DJ Taylor as he delivers a fascinating 50 minute talk + Q&A hosted by Jane Anderson.

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The Autumn Festival of Norfolk presents Bo Nanafana Social Club, in partnership with Ocean Room, Gorleston.

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The Bo Nanafana Social Club are worshippers of damn fine music, dancing, dressing-up and divine decoration. They have been hosting award-winning spectaculars since 2005 across East Anglia and beyond, including events at Latitude Festival, Bestival, Out There Festival and Spiegeltents in Norfolk and Norwich Festival and Ipswich.

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OCEAN ROOM



The PBSK Partnership & NORWICH SCHOOL in association with LARKING GOWEN present

# Braimah Kanneh-Mason (violin)

Jeneba Kanneh-Mason (piano)  
Mariatu Kanneh-Mason (cello)

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IN CONVERSATION WITH CHRISTINE WEBBER

We are delighted to present our 3rd exclusive concert with the Kanneh-Mason family, welcoming Braimah in his new role as a Festival Patron.

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7:40pm - 8pm Profile interview  
8pm to 9pm Concert  
9pm-9:30pm Q&A +  
House Of Music book signing

Early booking recommended.

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The concert:  
Vaughan Williams - The Lark Ascending  
Braimah and Jeneba Kanneh-Mason  
Pablo Sarasate - Zigeunerweisen  
Braimah and Jeneba Kanneh-Mason  
Florence Price - Fantasie Negre no.1  
Jeneba Kanneh-Mason  
David Popper - Hungarian Rhapsody  
Mariatu and Jeneba Kanneh-Mason  
Three Traditional Klezmer Pieces  
Jeneba, Braimah and Mariatu Kanneh-Mason

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Saturday 4th November 7pm - 9.30pm

(Inc: pre-show Gala Champagne & Booja Booja Truffles Reception)  
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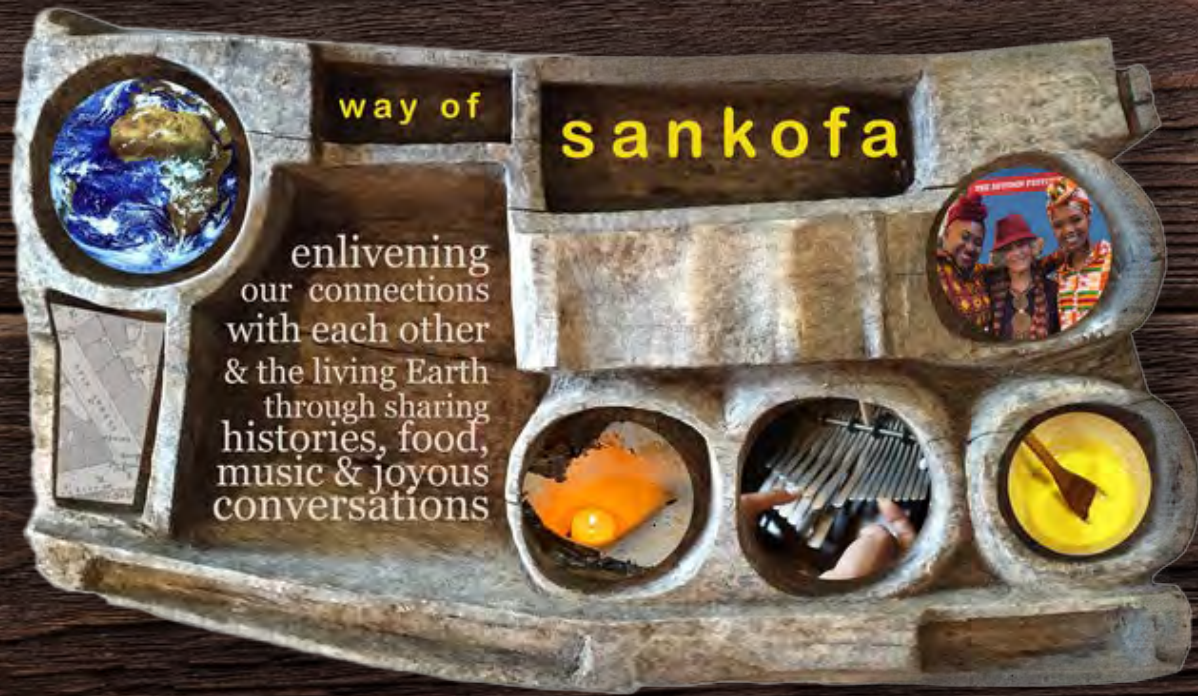
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 12.30pm - 7.30pm

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All Tickets: £15  
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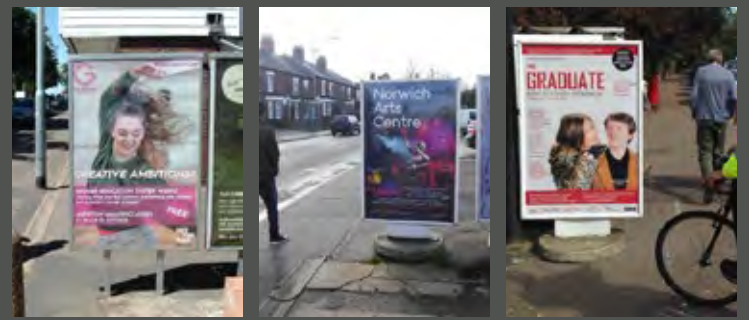
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**After today, after tomorrow, after life, the rest is not silence...**

The project now requires a Director/Screenwriter of international standing, who will help bring together a cast of 40+ actors and a full production team using Norfolk based creatives.

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For a full description of the story, published book, images, soundtrack, program + 10 minute promo film scan here



From an original story and stage production by Stash Kirkbride & Peter Beck. Edited by Peter Barrow © 2012 Image by Colin Self.

# Casting workshops

FOR THE PHILADELPHIA STORY  
BY PHILIP BARRY FESTIVAL CENTRAL PRODUCTION 2024



With Artistic Director - **STASH KIRKBRIDE**  
15th • 22nd • 29th of November 6pm to 10pm

Each year the festival works with actors from across Norfolk who are all celebrated within our Central Productions. Whether you're a professional actor recently arrived in Norfolk, an actor returning to the arts, an amateur actor or someone who's never set foot on stage, the festival supplies a unique platform on which to thrive and contribute...

*"The Norfolk Actors Company truly is a wonderful community of creatives all being given the opportunity to express and explore their creative voices with support, care and encouragement, allowing us all, no matter what age, to play and express ourselves"*

*"It gives someone like me who normally acts in London the opportunity to work with local actors while home here in Norfolk. It's festivals like this that underpin the theatre that goes on around the UK"*

LOUIS HILYER  
Festival Lead actor 2016/2021.

*"My main employer 30 years ago was Ken Branagh and I was delighted to find that Stash's approach as a director is very similar. I would recommend the festival to anyone who is thinking about joining the company, especially after a long time away from theatre"*

ABI REYNOLDS Company member of our 2022 production.

*"I get a sense every time I see a production at the festival that the actors have been given a lot of input, or to put it another way, I'd call it love. They appear to have been given real attention in order to be that confident in performance; I can't tell who amongst the cast is amateur and who is professional".*

DAVID LINDSAY visual artist



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## Volunteering at the Festival

MORE INFO:



With well over 1,000 volunteers contributing over the last 11 years, the festival boasts a truly remarkable record of engagement with people from across Norfolk. We offer multi-generational opportunities to volunteer for a day, a week, 2 months, and even year 'round.

To place your interest, get in touch with our head of volunteers, **Scott Meacock**. His 12 years of experience with us ensure new festival folk are always guided through it brilliantly.

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For further information on support opportunities go to: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org/7waysupport](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org/7waysupport)

"It's amazing to keep such a thing going for over a decade, on such a scale. It very rarely happens. These things come and go, but not this one. This is a festival that's well run, well organised and thought through - it's admirable".

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“Our partnership with the festival over the last decade has fitted brilliantly with our commitment to creativity, community, and our external engagement. The myriad of opportunities it offers our students, staff, graduates and alumni means we greatly look forward to our continued work with The Autumn Festival of Norfolk”.

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Sunday 17th September - 2pm onwards  
**Kemps Rest Gala Opening**  
At **Maddermarket Theatre**, St John's Alley, NR2 1DR. Free Ticketed event. **A**  
Booking at: [www.maddermarket.co.uk](http://www.maddermarket.co.uk)  
Full details on page 18.

Sunday 17th September - 7.30pm - 9pm  
**ELLA GLENDINING: Is Anybody Out There?**  
At **The Blake Studio, Norwich School** NR1 4DD  
By Norwich Cathedral main entrance.  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Saturday 23rd September - 6pm to 12am  
**THE AFRICAN CHOIR OF NORFOLK**  
at **Caistor Hall** by **Brasted's**,  
Stoke Rd, Caistor St Edmund, NR14 8QN  
Tickets: £30 Inc. meal, concert, party.  
Booking at: [EVENTBRITE.COM](http://EVENTBRITE.COM)  
Full timings & booking details on pages 4-5.

Friday 29th September - 2pm to 5pm  
Saturday 30th September - 12pm to 4pm  
**Barrington Farm Harvest Festival**  
At **Barrington Farm**, Walcott, Norfolk NR12 0PF  
Free Ticketed event. **A**  
Booking at: [EVENTBRITE.COM](http://EVENTBRITE.COM)  
Full details on page 10.

Saturday 30th September - 5pm to 6.30pm  
**James McDermott Poetry Workshop**  
at **Norwich Puppet Theatre**, NR3 1TN.  
Tickets: £10 Concs £8 **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Saturday 30th September - 7.30pm to 9pm  
**James McDermott Poetry & Profile**  
at **Norwich Puppet Theatre** NR3 1TN  
Inc Q&A. Tickets: £12 Concs £10 **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Sunday 1st October - 7pm to 9pm  
**Paul Jackson "Elsewhere" Book & profile**  
+ Q&A. Tickets: £12 Concs £10 **A**  
at **Norwich Puppet Theatre** NR3 1TN  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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All events wheelchair friendly apart from Chapel Concert page 15

Saturday 7th October. 7.30pm to 10pm  
**TOTAL ENSEMBLE: Dance Into The Fall**  
At **The Blake Studio, Norwich School** NR1 4DD  
By Norwich Cathedral main entrance.  
Tickets: £12 Concs £10 **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Sunday 8th October - 1pm to 3pm  
**THE ISLANDS Film Screening**  
At **the Blake Studio, Norwich School** NR1 4DD  
By Norwich Cathedral main entrance.  
Tickets: £10 Concs £8 **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Sunday 8th October - 4pm to 5.30pm  
**In Cahoots Inclusive Dance Workshop**  
At **the Blake Studio, Norwich School** NR1 4DD  
By Norwich Cathedral main entrance.  
Tickets: £10 Concs £8 **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full details on page 12.

Sunday 8th October - 6pm to 8pm  
**Festival Dance Jam**  
At **the Blake Studio, Norwich School** NR1 4DD  
By Norwich Cathedral main entrance  
Tickets: £10 Concs £8 **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Sunday 8th October - 8pm to 10pm  
**Movement Connects Reception**  
At **the Blake Studio, Norwich School** NR1 4DD  
By Norwich Cathedral main entrance  
Free ticketed event. **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Saturday 14th October - 7.30pm to 9pm  
**LISA CASSIDY & JENNIFER WALSH Concert**, Inc  
Q&A. At **The Chapel, Norwich School**  
NR1 4DD. Tickets: £18 Concs £16  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full details on page 15.  
(no wheelchair access)

Friday 20th October - 7pm to 9.30pm  
**LUCY FLEMING & SIMON WILLIAMS**  
At **The Blake Studio Norwich School** NR1 4DD  
Inc. Q&A & Signing. Tickets: £20 Concs £18  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full timings & details on page 17.

Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th October  
7.30pm to 10.15pm  
**LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN**  
**Central Production 2023**  
At **The Hostry Norwich Cathedral** NR1 4DH  
Tickets range from £18 to £10 **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full ticket prices, timings & details on page 20.

Friday 27th October - 1pm to 2.30pm  
**REBECCA STOTT In The Days of Rain**  
At **The Hostry Norwich Cathedral** NR1 4DH  
Tickets: £16 Concs £14  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full details on page 23.

Friday 27th October - 3pm to 4.30pm  
**MICHAEL BILLINGTON Affair of the Heart**  
At **The Hostry Norwich Cathedral** NR1 4DH  
Tickets: £12 Concs £10 **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full details on page 23.

Saturday 28th October - 1pm to 2.30pm  
**JONATHAN AITKEN**  
At **The Hostry Norwich Cathedral** NR1 4DH  
Tickets: £20 Concs £18  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full details on page 24.

Saturday 28th October - 3pm to 4.30pm  
**NICEL PLANER**  
At **The Hostry Norwich Cathedral** NR1 4DH  
Tickets: £20 Concs £18  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full details on page 24.

Sunday 29th October - 1pm to 2.30pm  
**MARGARET MacMILLAN**  
At **The Hostry Norwich Cathedral** NR1 4DH  
Tickets: £20 Concs £18  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Sunday 29th October - 3pm to 4.30pm  
**JOHN WILSON This Cultural Life**  
At **The Hostry Norwich Cathedral** NR1 4DH  
Tickets: £20 Concs £18  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Friday 3rd November - 6pm to 8.30pm  
**THE NORFOLK ARTS AWARDS 2023**  
At **The Ocean Room**, Pier Gardens,  
Gorleston-on-Sea NR31 6PP. Tickets: £25  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Friday 3rd November - 9pm to 2am  
**BO NANAFANA SOCIAL CLUB "Oceans 11"**  
At **The Ocean Room**, Pier Gardens,  
Gorleston-on-Sea NR31 6PP. Tickets: £15  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full details on page 28.

Saturday 4th November - 7pm to 9.30pm.  
**BRAIMAH KANNEH-MASON Classical Concert**  
At **The Blake Studio, Norwich School** NR1 4DD  
Tickets: £22 Concs £20  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full timings & details on page 29.

Sunday 5th November - 2pm to 3.30pm  
**DJ Taylor Orwell: A New Life**  
At **The Blake Studio Norwich** NR1 4DD  
Tickets: £20 Concs £18  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full details on page 25.

Friday 17th November - 7.30pm onwards  
**Hot Stove 3 Concert**  
At **Margos' Lounge, Gorleston** NR31 6AG. Tickets: £10 **A**  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
Full timings & details on page 30.

Sunday 19th November - 7pm to 11pm  
**JO COLLINS & FRIENDS: Norfolk Concert**  
At **The George Hotel**, Norwich NR2 2DA. Tickets: £15  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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Saturday 25th November - 12.30pm to 7.30pm  
**WAY OF SONKOVA**  
At **The Quaker Meeting House, Norwich** NR2 1EW  
£20 Day Ticket for all 3 events  
Booking at: [www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org](http://www.autumnfestivalofnorfolk.org)  
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**A still from Women of Influence, a British Academy-funded project, delivered by UEA in partnership with the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru and the Organisation for Indigenous Women of the Central Selva region of Peru. As part of this project, young women leaders from the Peruvian Central Amazon created short films about their communities focusing on leadership, the effects of deforestation and climate change, including threats to water and food security, and the importance of ancestral knowledge and indigenous languages.**

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