



Cheshire Rural
Touring Arts

Autumn 2023



Live theatre, literature, music & dance
in Cheshire's rural venues & libraries

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Welcome to Cheshire Rural Touring Arts' Autumn 2023 Brochure!

The highest quality professional theatre, music, literature and dance; live performances brought to rural venues in Cheshire for you to enjoy.

How to buy tickets: Tickets for shows are available direct from the venue via phone or email. Please note these venues are run by volunteer promoters and are not box offices open at all times.

Most venues also offer online ticket booking.

 Shows which have the online booking facility have this symbol in the brochure listing.

Online tickets can be booked via our website:

cheshiruraltouringarts.co.uk

or for some via Ticketsource:

ticketsource.co.uk/cheshiruraltouringarts

Ticket booking contact numbers, are listed next to each show. Promoter emails and disabled access information for all venues can be found at the back of the brochure.

Ticket prices: Ticket prices vary for each venue and show, but all range within **£8 - £13** (however, tickets for children's shows may be cheaper).

Please check with the venue directly for the ticket prices.

To contact CRTA for any queries about the work we do or request the brochure in a different format please email:

crt@ccheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Please don't forget to comment on what you see or what you would like to see more of via our website or social media.

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Twitter: **[@cheshiretouring](https://twitter.com/cheshiretouring)**

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Jack Dean and Company
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MUSIC/STORYTELLING

Jack Dean and Company

HERO & LEANDER | Or, I Love You, But Everything's Under Water



Sing, dance and cry with us in this bittersweet outdoor gig theatre show.

Six multi-instrumentalists tell an epic seaside tale through songs encompassing folk, indie, sea shanties and choral music. A story of bad rulers, worse weather, and how we keep going when everything is flipping terrible.

We all know this will probably end badly. But just maybe, this time, it will turn out different...

"It is huge fun, accessible, varied, energetic and touching, telling an oft-told, ancient story with passion and honesty."
Fine Times Recorder

Including a curtain raiser performance from Lyra Dance Creative @lyra_dancecreative

Thursday 28th September - 7.30pm
Creative Campus, Kingsway, University of Chester, CH2 2LB 01244 512 880



Friday 29th September - 7.30pm
Venue TBC see CRTA website

Sat 30th September - 7.30pm
The Electric Picture House, Congleton, CW12 1QN 01260 270 908



jackdean.co.uk | suitable for adults and age 14+

THEATRE

Dead Rabbits Theatre

Tiger Lady

Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to a tale of love, excitement, danger and very sharp claws. Unveiling the true story of a forgotten woman.

Mabel Stark, the queen of the circus in the time of the greatest show on Earth, was one of the first ever female tiger tamers, and the only woman to step into the ring with seven tigers. From award-winning theatre company Dead Rabbits (The Dragon, My Love Lies Frozen in the Ice) comes a show combining fast-paced, innovative physical theatre with a moving love tale of two humans and a tiger.

"5 Star – Hilarious and Tender." Theatre Weekly
Winners of Best Immersive Show Edinburgh Fringe 2022
Nominated for Best Show Edinburgh 2022

Saturday 7th October - 8.00pm
Plumley Village Hall, WA16 0TR 01565 722 259

Sunday 8th October - 7.30pm
Neston Town Hall, CH64 9TR 07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729

deadrabbitstheatre.co.uk | suitable for adults and age 14+



The Daniel Smith Blues Duo



Daniel Smith, 'A serious challenger to Jools Holland as the UK's no.1 boogie pianist' (Blues In Britain) brings an authentic old-time feel-good USA 'tent show' of sensational blues, boogie woogie and soul-jazz to your locale.

Replete with humorous, and informative, anecdotes – these musicians are uber-experienced & proficient in their field, as BBC sessions, multiple Edinburgh Fringe appearances, tours with USA blues masters, 18 albums, awards nominations and international press acclaim all testify.

Engagingly self-effacing, yet jaw-droppingly dynamic, no wonder Blues Revue USA say: 'For jump-blues, look no further than Daniel Smith!'

In this duo performance, Daniel Smith is accompanied by talented acoustic guitar, bass and vocals musician, Andy Jones.

"Dazzlingly accomplished blues and boogie piano."
The Guardian

Friday 13th October - 7.30pm Kettleshulme Village Hall, SK23 7QU 01663 719 221



Saturday 14th October - 7.30pm Tarvin Community Centre, CH3 8LY 01829 741 468



Sunday 15th October - 7.00pm 1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall, CW8 3NJ 07941 166 632



danielsmithbluesband.com | **suitable for all (10+)**

Nic Collet

You're Bard

An audience with Will Shakespeare in the pub

Professor Nother is giving a talk about Shakespeare authorship in the function room at the Shakespeare pub – but he doesn't believe the man from Stratford wrote those plays.

That's Will's cue to kick the door off the hinges and defend his reputation. Come and meet the man himself and take the lid off a legend in your local. He'll tell you all about his family, what it's like on tour and the glory days at the Globe.

Queen Elizabeth I, Christopher Marlowe and Ned Alleyn – you'll meet them too. Intermingled with a few of his greatest hits – and maybe a sonnet or a song.

There's no fourth wall here – we're all in this together!! Ladies and gentlemen raise your glasses – Your Bard!

"Very clever, very funny and superbly performed."
Broadway World

Winner of the Holland Playwriting Award



Saturday 21st October - 7.30pm
Audlem Scout and Guide Hall, CW3 0AL 07985 982 786
nicholascollett.com/your-bard
suitable for all (10+)

Dommy B

Make Some Noise

Noise can be gentle, quiet, loud, lots of fun and full of feelings.

In 'Make Some Noise' Dommy B shares a surprising story about growing up, finding a brilliant (but naughty) imaginary friend, becoming 'Junk the Punk' and joining a great school band (Whizzkid and the Veggie Burgers)! There'll be rhymes, jokes, and lots of opportunity to make some noise in a celebration of the power of sound and friendship.

Written and performed by Dommy B for children 5+ and their grown ups.

"Really very inspiring. I love the seriousness and the humour."
Benjamin Zephaniah

2020 Saboteur Award for Best Spoken Word Artist.

Tuesday 24th October - 2.00pm
Theatre Porto, Ellesmere Port, CH65 6QY
0151 357 2120

dominicberry.net
suitable for adults and age 5+





Sarah McQuaid In Concert



Sarah McQuaid presents a varied, eclectic programme, singing and playing acoustic and electric guitars, keyboard and drum.

"One of the most instantly recognisable voices in current music ... Shades of Joni Mitchell in a jam with Karen Carpenter and Lana Del Rey."
— Neil March, Trust The Doc

Sarah McQuaid's lush, chocolatey voice combines with her engaging personality, "subtle mastery onstage" (Huffington Post) and "brilliant musicianship" (fRoots) on acoustic and electric guitars, piano and (occasionally) drum to create a truly immersive experience.

Born in Spain, raised in Chicago, holding dual Irish and American citizenship and now settled in rural England, she brings the eclecticism of her background to her "captivating, unorthodox songwriting" (PopMatters) and choice of material, spanning genres and defying categorisation.

"A truly wonderful night of top notch, professional entertainment in our local village hall. It doesn't get better than this!"
Skelton Toppin Memorial Hall

Thursday 9th November - 7.30pm

Great Budworth Parish Hall, CW9 6HL 01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472

Sunday 12th November - 7.30pm Gawsworth Village Hall, SK11 9QY 01625 619 449

Wednesday 15th November - 7.30pm The Five Villages Hall, Backford, CH1 6NT 07743 490 726

sarahmcquaid.com | suitable for all (12+)



CHILDREN/FAMILY

Life and Limb Puppets

Dragon

Dragon is a visual stunning, fantasy-genre puppet show for families and children aged 7+, taking audiences on an exhilarating 70 min adventure mixing cutting edge projection and digital animation with beautiful live puppetry, performed by a cast of 3 to a soaring original score.

An exciting but dangerous adventure set in a verdant valley ringed by mountains that protect it from the outside world. In this rich and beautiful land a young orphaned child is reluctantly taught their hunting duties by their older sibling.

But in this land where Dragons are real they will soon learn of the dark and magical cycle at the heart of their idyllic world.

A wordless show.

"Dragon is a captivating mix between folktale and fresh, modern, British puppet theatre; A timeless piece to be enjoyed by young and old."
Kerrin Tatman, Moving Parts Arts.



Friday 10th November - 2.00pm

The Fallibroome Academy, SK10 4AF 01625 627 258

Saturday 11th November - 6.00pm Tarvin Community Centre, CH3 8LY 01829 741 468

lifeandlimbpuppets.co.uk | suitable for ages 7+



Opera Dudes

Swing Song Merrily On High

The Opera Dudes in festive mood - The Opera Dudes Christmas Special. Il Divo meets Morecambe & Wise in this festive fun-packed frolic!

A show full of seasonal cheer with something for everyone - wonderful singing, audience participation and ridiculous sketches. Yule be laughing till your sides hurt, enchanted by the wonderful music and not a turkey in sight. Music includes a couple of operatic favourites, showstoppers from the West End, classical piano and swing as well as some of your Christmas favourites as you have never heard them before.

This show is suitable for all ages and provides a real entertaining night out. Put a smile on your face this Christmas.

"Wonderful singing and a laugh a minute."
Garrick Theatre, Lichfield

"I just have to let you know that my husband and I have NEVER enjoyed a night out as much. We laughed till we cried."
Rural Touring Network

Friday 8th December - 7.30pm

Little Budworth, Jubilee Hall, CW6 9BU 01829 760 422



Saturday 9th December - 7.30pm

Upton Village Hall, CH2 1HX 07712 611 616



Sunday 10th December - 7.00pm

Vicars Cross Community Centre, CH3 5LP 07593 425 399



Friday 15th December - 7.30pm

Goostrey Village Hall, CW4 8EP 07940 579 723



Saturday 16th December - 7.30pm

Farndon Community Club, CH3 6NX 01829 270 151



operadudes.com | suitable for all



ACCESS INFORMATION

1ST WEAVERHAM SEA SCOUT HALL



5 VILLAGES HALL, BACKFORD



AUDLEM SCOUT AND GUIDE HALL



FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB



GAWSWORTH VILLAGE HALL



GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL



GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH HALL



KELSALL COMMUNITY CENTRE



KETTLESHULME VILLAGE HALL



LITTLE BUDWORTH JUBILEE HALL



NESTON TOWN HALL



PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL



TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE



THE ELECTRIC PICTURE HOUSE

Venue on first floor with no lift access. Please contact the venue for further access information.

THEATRE PORTO



CREATIVE CAMPUS, KINGSWAY, UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER



UPTON VILLAGE HALL



VICARS CROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE



Key

- P** Main car park / reservable parking upon request
- Designated parking within car park and / or close to entrance
- Inclined / ramp approach down to entrance
- Inclined / ramp approach up to entrance
- Inclined / ramp approach down from entrance
- Level entrance
- Total number of steps to entrance
- Access for wheelchair users at side / rear
- Lift / Platform Lift
- WC** Standard WC facility only
- Accessible toilet
- Induction loop
- Infra red system
- osp** On street parking
- tsr** Transfer space restricted
- * We have designated parking places adjacent to the entrance
- ** Additional on-street parking is available on drive closer to main entrance.

For all other venues not listed here, please contact the venues directly for access information.

VENUES

VENUE	POSTCODE	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	EMAIL	
1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall	CW8 3NJ	Brian Williams	07941 166 632	brian.williams@midcheshirescouts.org.uk	
5 Villages Hall, Backford	CH1 6NT	Rosie Sedgwick	07743 490 726	rgsedgwick59@aol.com	
Audlem Scout and Guide Hall	CW3 0AL	Catherine Gresty / Claire Scott & Kate Goodwin	07985 982 786	cathgresty@gmail.com	
Fallibroome Academy	SK10 4AF	Lindsey Evans	01625 627 258	eva@fallibroome.org.uk	
Farndon Community Club	CH3 6NX	Hilary Williams	01829 270 151	hilarywilliams147@btinternet.com	
Gawsworth Village Hall	SK11 9QY	Andrew Bennett	01625 619 449	andrew-bennett@sky.com	
Goostrey Village Hall	CW4 8EP	Janet Ollier	07940 579 723	janet.ollier@gmail.com	
Great Budworth Parish Hall	CW9 6HL	Janet Hiatt / Katy Hopkinson	01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472	jan@hiatt.co.uk / kathyhopkinson23@gmail.com	
Kettleshulme Village Hall	SK23 7QU	Jo Butler	01663 719 221	bookings@kettleshulme.org	
Little Budworth Jubilee Hall	CW6 9BU	Joan Johnson	01829 760 422	joan@johnsonlb.plus.com	
Neston Town Hall	CH64 9TR	Pat Kynaston	07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729	pat.kynaston@btinternet.com	
Plumley Village Hall	WA16 0TR	Harry Allen	01565 722 259	tickets@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk	
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	Edward Lush	01829 741 468	bookings@tarvincommunitycentre.org	
The Electric Picture House, Spindle Mill, Congleton	CW12 1QN	Petra Lea	01260 270 908	electricpicturehouse@gmail.com	
Theatre Porto	CH65 6QY	Jess Egan-Simon	0151 357 2120	info@TheatrePorto.org	
Creative Campus, Kingsway, University of Chester	CH2 2LB	Evelyn Jamieson	01244 512 880	mmp@chester.ac.uk	
Upton by Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	Jill Smith	07712 611 616	jillsmith837@gmail.com	
Vicars Cross Community Centre	CH3 5LP	Claire Smith	07593 425 399	vxcc@greatboughtonparishcouncil.org.uk	

AUTUMN DIARY

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Book online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshiruraltouringarts
 Ticket prices range from £8 – £13 (lower prices for Children's shows)

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