

RIPON Theatre FESTIVAL

2-7 July
2024



2024 Festival Guide

www.ripontheatrefestival.org

Booking Information

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If you have any queries or additional ticketing requirements, please email **boxoffice@ripontheatrefestival.org**.

- We may alter the programme in the event of unforeseen circumstances
- Advance booking is advised for all ticketed events
- Seats are not numbered in any of our venues
- At ticketed events, everyone needs a ticket except infants (under 2)
- Concession eligibility varies – see individual events when booking
- Doors open at least 15 minutes before the start time
- Please either print your ticket or bring it on your phone or tablet
- Tickets may be available at the door, email boxoffice@ripontheatrefestival.org to check
- We cannot offer refunds, so please check your booking carefully before confirming

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welcome!

We're back for 2024 and have grown again. Puppets, stories, drama, dance and circus will be popping up in new and surprising places alongside more familiar venues. Our Family Day returns and you'll find shows in gorgeous locations at Newby Hall, The Old Deanery and Fountains Abbey.

With multiple events for all ages across 6 days, you'll need time to take it all in, so sit down with a cuppa and start planning your festival experience now!

See you in July!

The Festival Team



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Early Bird Events

Be among the first to catch the Festival vibe at our special events presented in collaboration with National Trust Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal. At half-term we welcome popular Hoglets Theatre with a charming show for families. And we present medieval heritage crafts, theatre-style with Hazelsong, kicking off our events in July. See you there!

Sunday 26 May, 11am & 2pm |
Fountains Abbey, Fountains Mill

Wood Owl and the Box of Wonders

A lonely little owl wants nothing more than to fly into the night and join his friends. But how can he, when he is made from wood? A magical half-term journey of singing owls, fantasy worlds, friendship and love. Featuring beautiful handmade puppets, original music and an age-old message about love.

Performance plus optional puppet-making activity.

11am | Fountains Abbey, Swanley Grange
& 2pm

Tales from the Scriptorium

Brother Aidan returns to the Festival, bringing heritage crafts, history and storytelling to his new home at Fountains Abbey. Witness the process of creating an Anglo Saxon book whilst he weaves talks of his life as a monk. On hand - a huge range of replica artefacts. Demonstration includes parchment and ink making, leatherwork, bookbinding and calligraphy. An interactive event for adults.



Helen Tabor



£5 (usual admission fees apply)

Age guide 3+
Duration 40 mins + activity

Hoglets Theatre



Helen Tabor

£15 (includes admission fee)

Duration 90 mins

Andrew Bates/Hazelsong Theatre

Daily screenings | Ripon Cathedral

Monoliths

Three women. Three voices. Three stories.

An immersive, digital theatre experience, which interweaves three northern UK landscapes – a moor, a city and a coast – with sweeping soundscapes and poetic monologues. Written by Hannah Davies, Carmen Marcus and Asma Elbadawi, the stories are an arresting testament to the inextricable link between person and place. Directed by Lucy Hammond.

Each performance lasts 11 minutes and can be experienced by 3 visitors at a time, wearing XR headsets.

See centrefold for daily screening times.



£5

Age guide 11+

Pilot Theatre & One to One Development Trust

Doors 7.30pm, Show 8pm | Ripon Arts Hub

Hilarity Bites Festival Special

Hosted by Ripon favourite, Lee Kyle, tonight's extra-special comedy collaboration has a twist of theatre and a dash of music with a good dollop of improv squirted on the top.

Headliners *Tarot* are an award-winning sketch supergroup with the best comedy credentials.

'Bark out loud funny...the whole show is startlingly live'
★★★★ Guardian

Comedy duo Black Liver will open with their unique brand of silliness.

'Part music duo, part double act ... that quirky couple you want as your best friends...' *Northern Uproar*

2023 BBC New Comedian of the Year, Joe Kent-Walters completes the bill with his outrageous comic creation Frankie Monroe, the MC of a working men's club that is a portal to hell.

'Born from an ungodly union of *Phoenix Nights* and *The League of Gentlemen*.' *Chortle*



£10

Age guide 18+

Hilarity Bites
Comedy Club

1pm-2pm |
Holy Trinity Church

A Spoonful of Julie

It's supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

Who loves Julie Andrews? A practically perfect and truly memorable one-woman tribute. Full of charming stories of Julie's life with songs, sing-a-longs and medleys from all her best-known shows.

A lunchtime delight to entertain and transport you to a world of favourite things.

Refreshments available.



£8

Suitable for all ages and one of our dementia-friendly events.

Nicola Mills with Pianist Maria King

8pm | Ripon Arts Hub

Look After Your Knees

A show about the pain and beauty of love, what it is to both connect and unravel. It's a celebration of being human in all its banality, sprinkled with joy and ridiculousness. Performed by a clown delving into the space inside us left behind by loss.

A solo work by Yorkshire-based theatre maker, performer and physical comedian Natalie Bellingham.

'Be kind to your knees, you'll miss them when they're gone'
Baz Lurhman, 1999

Presented in memory of Ripon Theatre Festival founder, Ian Holloway. There will be a collection after the show for St Michael's Hospice.



£12 (£10)

Age guide 14+

Natalie Bellingham

6pm-7pm | Storehouse Bar

Stand Up Stories

The product of a bold Scottish mother, an errant Italian father and a little sister with the vocabulary of a truck driver, Ilaria has found herself in more than a few scrapes, situations and silly scenes. In this quirky twilight hour of hilarious tales, she introduces her family, friends, a wide range of pets, and one very peculiar clown.

A whistlestop tour through the confusing comedy of errors that is her life.



£12 (includes a glass of wine*)

Age guide 16+ | * Prosecco/sparkling soft drink

Ilaria Passeri - RTF Storyteller in Residence

7.15pm-9pm | Meet in the Market Place

Ripon Heritage Ghost Walk

Led by Ripon Museum Trust Guides.



£6 (£4) All proceeds to Ripon Museum Trust

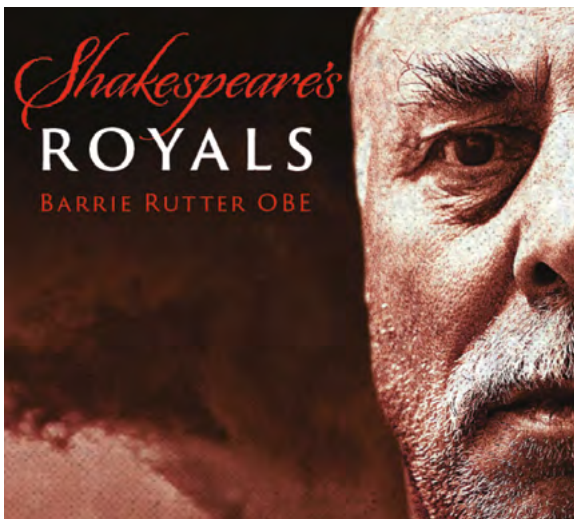
7.30pm | Ripon Cathedral

Shakespeare's Royals

Join Barrie Rutter OBE, plus special guest, to celebrate the Bard's Kings & Queens – their achievements, conquests and foibles. With anecdotes and memories from a globe-spanning career playing and directing Shakespeare with Northern Broadsides and beyond.

"A formidable, inspiring frontman, never afraid to be outspoken, the irrepressible Yorkshireman has lost none of his fervour to have a good time with audiences."

Charles Hutch Press



£18 (£16)

Age guide 12+

Barrie Rutter

Ripon Library Events

with RTF Storyteller in Residence,
Ilaria Passeri

10.30am-11am

Storytime for pre-schoolers and those they bring with them.

Can you help Derek the Dragon? Will you cheer on Rita the mouse in her skateboarding competition? And is your bedroom as messy as Brian the chicken's?

A Pay What You Can event (PWYC) - booking recommended

11.30am-1pm

Short Story Writing Workshop

A fun, practical and creative session for adults. How to turn your real-life experiences and memories into material for imaginative short stories. Bring a pen and notepad.

Tickets £10



*Ilaria Passeri -
RTF Storyteller in Residence*

2pm | Ripon Cathedral

Mr Owen's Pocketbook

Wilfred Owen lived his last summer in Ripon. He spent his last birthday in the Cathedral which now provides a fitting backdrop for Rupert Mason's one-man performance.

An officer travels from Allied HQ to the Western Front one week before the Armistice and discovers the pocket book of a young lieutenant killed that day.

The show movingly explores Wilfred Owen's experience of war through his own and the poetry of his contemporaries. Written and directed by award-winning writer Justin Butcher.



£10 (£8)

Age guide 14+

Rupert Mason / Redheart Theatre

Running time 55 mins

5.30pm-6.30pm |

The Ripon Inn

Trunk Tales

A well-travelled lady arrives with her trunk of tales that tell of boastful toads, magical fish and fearsome beasts. Using only the contents of her magical luggage, she creates Arabic seas, epic mountains, fields of turnips and the tallest trees. Interactive stories from around the world. Imagination is the only passport you'll need.

The perfect tea-time treat for families.



£6 (accompanying grown-ups go free)

Age guide 4+

Tell Tale Hearts

8pm | Ripon Arts Hub

Looking for Me Friend - the Music of Victoria Wood

An hour of pure joy filled with Victoria's best-loved songs, performed by the star of BBC1's *All Together Now* with Fascinating Aida's Michael Roulston on piano.

In telling Victoria's story, Paulus unfolds his own. A relatable story of a 1970s childhood and what it really means to find your tribe.

So, pair your stilettos with an oven glove, zip up your cocktail slacks and get booking!

"Vic would have loved this"
Sue Devaney, *Dinnerladies*

"The most feel-good show in town"
The Daily Mail



£16 (£14)

Age guide 12+

Paulus the Cabaret Geek

Pop-up Events

VARIOUS VENUES 9.30am–6pm

Tales from Honeypot Village

Adventures with Ilaria Passeri, RTF Storyteller in Residence, and friends Rita the Mouse and The Tidy Trolls.

Age guide 4+

9.30am-10.15am | Front room, The Unicorn Hotel (Wetherspoons)

11.30am-12.15pm | Back room, The Little Ripon Bookshop

PWYC - Booking recommended



Ayla's Dream

Another magical miniature suitcase show from expert puppeteers Eye of Newt. A captivating tale of night skies, light and counting sheep. Puppet workshop accompanies the library performance, where booking is recommended.

Age guide 3–10

10.30am-11.15am | Ripon Library (performance + workshop)

12 noon-12.30pm | Ripon Cathedral (performance every 10 mins)

PWYC



Curiouser & Curiouser

Join performer Tempest Wisdom on a family-friendly journey down the rabbit hole. Packed with Lewis Carroll's well-loved and whimsical writings and inspired by some of the Cathedral's nooks and crannies.

Age guide 5+

11am-11.30am | Ripon Cathedral

12.30pm-1pm | Ripon Cathedral

2.30pm-3pm | The Little Ripon Bookshop

FREE EVENT



Helen Tabor

PWYC = Pay What you Can - booking is still recommended!

Snakes and Ladders at The Workhouse

Join the Master and Matron for an interactive game of giant Snakes and Ladders. Learn how life then, as now, is as precarious as a shake of the dice - slither down the snake to a shaven head and defumigation or ascend to a life out of the ashes.

11am-12.30pm | Front Lawn, Workhouse Museum
& 1pm-3pm

FREE EVENT



Theatre for one

Micro theatre for just one at a time (plus curious onlookers!) *The Belly Bug* and *Dr Frankenstein* presented by festival favourites Lempen Puppet Theatre.

10.45am-11.30am | Ripon Cathedral
1.30pm-2.30pm & 3pm-4pm | Kirkgate
 Mini performance every 5 mins

FREE EVENT

The Trial of John Sinkler

Experience justice 1871 style as members of the Workhouse Theatre group invite you to a trial of Poaching and Threatening. Ensure Justice is seen to be done or perhaps take a more active role in a lively scripted reenactment.

2pm-3pm | The Courthouse Museum

£4



Kirkgate Street Party

The fun continues on Kirkgate with buskers, bands and more. Enjoy a meal in one of the restaurants, or have a drink before taking in more theatre.

3pm-6pm

FREE EVENT



Street Entertainment

MARKET PLACE, MINSTER GARDENS
& CITY STREETS

10am–4pm

Sedan Chair Stories

FREE
EVENTS

Hail down the ultimate in Georgian era transport and be carried above the *hoi polloi*, as your footmen pass on their scurrilous stories from Ripon's scandalous past.



PLUS LOCAL PERFORMERS INCLUDING...

Yorkshire Voices • Medusa •
Ripon City Morris Dancers •
400 Roses and Thorns •
Ripon Drum Circle •
The U3A Folk Group •
The Wakeman Mummers •
Ripon Rock Choir •
Workhouse Walkabouts



Logy on Fire

Juggling danger and excitement, this show is raw, rock'n roll and full of danger. Logy is a Belfast-based, bearded multi manipulator and performer who has performed comedy and circus all over the world.



The Bachelors of Paradise

The most beautiful birds to grace the streets of Ripon this season. Check out their glorious wingspans and gorgeous tailfeathers.



Stone Soup

A wandering stranger holds the secret to making delicious soup, fit for the finest folk in the land.

But can you really make soup with just a stone? Performed from a travelling cart with music and comical puppets.



Medieval Maniax

Giggle and guffaw as the fatal fools amuse and bemuse you. Historical hysterics, music and illusions from award-winning street-performers.



The Tea Cosies

Meet Dorothy Dunker, Tippy Teapot and Barbara Bourbon. Come and have a natter with our colourful crochet trolley dollies!



Arcade

Set to a bouncing electronic soundtrack, these interactive dance games will connect you with the childlike joy of play. Watch the fun unfold or get stuck in with our friendly team of dancers from Casson & Friends.






Alisa Boanta

2024 AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY 2 JULY

<i>Tales from the Scriptorium</i>	11am-12.30pm & 2-3.30pm	Fountains Abbey, Swanley Grange	Medieval heritage crafts	
<i>Monoliths</i>	1.30-3.30pm	Ripon Cathedral	11-minute digital theatre experience	
<i>Hilarity Bites Festival Special</i>	Doors 7.30pm, Show 8pm	Ripon Arts Hub	Comedy club with a theatrical twist	







WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

<i>A Spoonful of Julie</i>	1-2pm	Holy Trinity Church	Lunchtime musical treat	
<i>Monoliths</i>	1.30-3.30pm	Ripon Cathedral	11-minute digital theatre experience	
<i>Look After Your Knees</i>	8pm	Ripon Arts Hub	Physical theatre & comedy, solo show	






THURSDAY 4 JULY

<i>Monoliths</i>	1.30-3.30pm	Ripon Cathedral	11-minute digital theatre experience	
<i>Ilaria Passeri</i>	6-7pm	Storehouse Bar	Twilight storytelling for grown-ups	
<i>Ripon Ghost Walk</i>	7.15-9pm	Meet Market Place	Spooky guided walk	
<i>Shakespeare's Royals</i>	7.30pm	Ripon Cathedral	Barrie Rutter OBE	

FRIDAY 5 JULY

<i>Storytime with Ilaria</i>	10.30-11am	Ripon Library	Stories for pre-schoolers	 PWYC
<i>Short Story Writing Workshop</i>	11.30am-1pm	Ripon Library	Creative session for adults	
<i>Monoliths</i>	1.30-3.30pm	Ripon Cathedral	11-minute digital theatre experience	
<i>Mr Owen's Pocket Book</i>	2pm	Ripon Cathedral	Theatre & poetry, solo show	
<i>Trunk Tales</i>	5.30pm	The Ripon Inn	Twilight suitcase theatre for families	
<i>Looking for Me Friend</i>	8pm	Ripon Arts Hub	Victoria Wood musical cabaret	

SATURDAY 6 JULY

<i>Tales from Honeyptot Village</i>	9.30-10.15am	The Unicorn Hotel (Wetherspoons)	With RTF Storyteller in Residence, Ilaria Passeri	 PWYC
<i>Street Entertainment</i>	10am-4pm	Market Place, Minster Gardens & City Streets	Theatre, circus, dance, music & more	FREE
<i>Monoliths</i>	10.30am - 3.30pm	Ripon Cathedral	11-minute digital theatre experience	 PWYC
<i>Ayla's Dream plus workshop</i>	10.30-11.15am	Ripon Library	Mini show plus hands-on activity for little ones	 PWYC
<i>Theatre for One</i>	10.45-11.30am	Ripon Cathedral	Micro theatre performed every few mins	FREE
<i>Curiouser & Curiouser</i>	11-11.30am	Ripon Cathedral	Lewis Carroll poetry for families	FREE
<i>Snakes & Ladders</i>	11-12.30pm	Workhouse Front Lawn	Interactive game of Victorian life	FREE
<i>Tales from Honeyptot Village</i>	11.30am - 12.15pm	The Little Ripon Bookshop	With RTF Storyteller in Residence, Ilaria Passeri	 PWYC
<i>Ayla's Dream</i>	12-12.30pm	Ripon Cathedral	Delightful mini show performed every few mins	PWYC
<i>Curiouser & Curiouser</i>	12.30-1pm	Ripon Cathedral	Lewis Carroll poetry for families	FREE
<i>Snakes and Ladders</i>	1-3pm	Workhouse Front Lawn	Interactive game of Victorian life	FREE
<i>Theatre for One</i>	1.30-2.30pm	Kirkgate	Micro theatre performed every few mins	FREE
<i>The Trial of John Sinkler</i>	2-3pm	The Courthouse Museum	Justice 1871 style – interactive theatre	 PWYC
<i>Curiouser & Curiouser</i>	2.30-3pm	The Little Ripon Bookshop	Lewis Carroll poetry for families	FREE
<i>Theatre for One</i>	3-4pm	Kirkgate	Micro theatre performed every few mins	FREE
<i>Kirkgate Street Party</i>	3-6pm	Kirkgate	The entertainment goes on	FREE



= You'll need a ticket for this event

PWYC = Pay What You Can

2024 AT A GLANCE continued

SATURDAY 6 JULY

<i>The Adventures of Doctor Doolittle</i>	5.30pm	Newby Hall Gardens	Funny family musical from Illyria 
<i>We're Not Going Back</i>	7.30pm	Ripon Arts Hub	Thought-provoking musical from Red Ladder Theatre 

SUNDAY 7 JULY

<i>Street Entertainment at Little Bird Artisan Market</i>	10am-3pm	Market Place	Theatre, circus, dance, music and more FREE
<i>Family Events</i> 	10am-4pm	Spa Gardens	Open-air theatre, music & community fun FREE
<i>Opera Brunch</i>	10.30am-12 noon	Valentino's Ristorante	Uplifting start to the day with the Down to Earth Diva 
<i>The Not So Big Bad Wolf</i>	10.30-11.30am	Spa Gardens	Epic family theatre adventure from Wrongsemble FREE
<i>Struzzo & Maxim</i>	11-11.30am 1.30-2pm	Market Place Spa Gardens	Music, magic & mayhem with ostrich included FREE
<i>Kit and Caboodle</i>	11.30am-12.30pm	Spa Gardens Market Place	Stories and songs packed into a beautiful travelling mule FREE
<i>The Bombardiers</i>	12.30-1pm	Spa Gardens	Giggles galore from three courageous airmen FREE
<i>The Story of Daniel</i>	1-1.30pm	Spa Gardens	Bible story theatre from Open the Book FREE
<i>Circus Skills Drop In</i>	1-2.30pm	Spa Gardens	Drop-in session with The Fireman Dave FREE
<i>The Golden Tree</i>	2-2.30pm	Spa Gardens	Fun fairy tale from Henshaws FREE
<i>The Three Suitcases</i>	2.30-3pm	Spa Gardens	Slapstick street-treat for all the family FREE
<i>The Not So Big Bad Wolf</i>	3-4pm	Spa Gardens	Epic family theatre adventure from Wrongsemble FREE
<i>Fate and the Warrior</i>	3-4.30pm	Workhouse Museum	Workshop performance of new play  PWYC
<i>As You Like It</i>	7.30pm	The Old Deanery	Shakespeare's popular comedy of love & disguise 

Showcasing Local Talent



— WEEKEND COMMUNITY PERFORMERS —

★ Saturday

Yorkshire Voices
Ripon City Morris Dancers
400 Roses and Thorns
Ripon Youth Theatre
The U3A Folk Group
Medusa
The Wakeman Mummers
Rock Choir
Ripon Drum Circle



★ Sunday

Trinity Singers
Lily Worth
Freddie Cleary
Ripon Goes to Bollywood
Henshaws Performing
Arts Group
Danceability
Passion for Movement
Cricket on the Hearth
The U3A Ukulele Group
Ripon Walled Garden
Performers



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Thanks for taking part!

See website for full running orders and location details.

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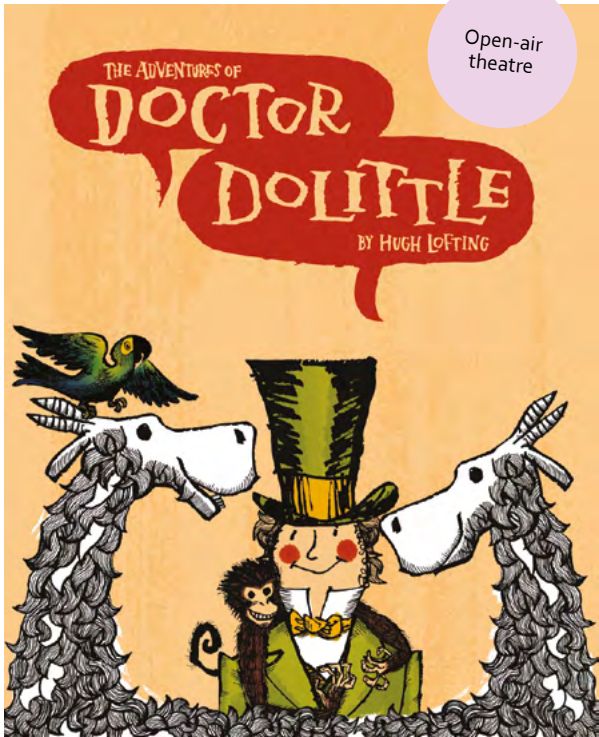
5.30pm (gates 5pm) | Newby Hall Gardens

The Adventures of Doctor Dolittle

Doctor Dolittle leads a simple life as a village doctor. But one day, with the help of his wise old parrot Polynesia, he makes an extraordinary discovery: that he can talk to animals!

Hugh Lofting's timeless classic celebrates empathy and inspires us all to see the world through the eyes of animals. This funny, exciting new family musical is performed with flair and wit by Illyria in the great outdoors. Adapted by Oliver Grey.

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Age guide 5+

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7.30pm | Ripon Arts Hub

We're Not Going Back

75 mines. 3 sisters. 1 cause. (And a six-pack of Babycham)

Red Ladder (*The Damned United*) returns to Ripon with this thought-provoking musical comedy by Boff Whalley.

It's early 1984, and Olive, Mary and Isabel are sisters whose everyday squabbles collide with a strike that forces them to question their lives, their relationships and their family ties.

The show celebrates the resilience of working communities, the make-and-mend fabric of family, and the power of sticking two fingers up to a government hell-bent on destruction. All powered by humour, song and Babycham.

£14 (£12)

Age guide 14+

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Pop-up Events

10.30am-12 noon | Valentino's Ristorante

Opera Brunch

With the Down-to-Earth Diva, Nicola Mills.

An uplifting start to your Festival Sunday with a truly unique performer. Choose from a wide-ranging Song Menu from Italian arias to crossover classics.

"I laughed and was amazed in a matter of minutes"

Brunch includes sweet or savoury pastries with Bucks Fizz or a hot drink.



£16 - includes brunch

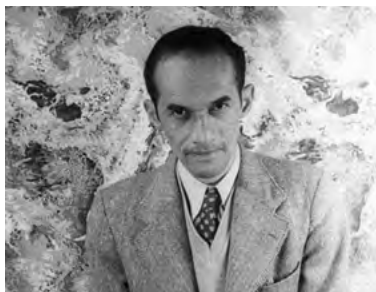
Nicola Mills

3pm-4.30pm | The Workhouse Museum
(Guardians' Room)

Fate and the warrior

A rehearsed reading and workshop performance of Mark Cronfield's new play about the troubled and prolific author Edgar Mittelholzer. Born in Guyana in 1909, Edgar was a pioneer of Caribbean literature. Join Mark and a scratch team of actors for a dark and intriguing tale in atmospheric surroundings.

*'Here we go gathering blood and bones!
Blood and Bones! Blood and Bones!
Here We go gathering blood and bones
This dark and foggy morning'*



PWYC - booking recommended

Age guide 14+

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Family Day

RIPON SPA GARDENS & MARKET PLACE

Sponsored by Concrete4U and Ripon Races **10am-4pm**

The Not So Big Bad Wolf

Meet Little Red: adventurer, heroine and world-renowned "True Grimm" podcaster. She's on a mission to debunk the myths around her so-called nemesis, with the help of a few storybook favourites, her red cloak, and a basket full of music, mayhem and magic tricks! Behold as your favourite tales are re-spun and woven together in an epic new adventure from Wrongsemble.



Lian Furness

The Story of Daniel

Open the Book perform all the best bits in 20 mins, including dreams and of course, lions!



The Golden Tree

Fairy tale of heroes, villains, royalty and fools from Henshaws Performing Arts Group.

Hedge Heads

Look out! Our Hedge Heads are on the loose!... Can you spot the suspicious looking shrubbery lurking about the bushes? If you see them, let us know as they are in need of a trim!



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Family Day

**RIPON SPA GARDENS
& MARKET PLACE**

Kit and Caboodle

Thingumajig are back with their big, beautiful, rolling mule packed with miniature puppet shows. Stories and songs of remarkable journeys.



Struzzo and Maxim

Stalwarts of street theatre for many decades, their 2019 video from the streets of Goole went mega-viral. There will be music, magic and look out for that now-famous ostrich!



JJ Waller

The Three Suitcases

A slapstick Rhubarb Theatre street-treat for all the family. Three quirky characters waiting for the train – how will they pass the time?



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Let Them Eat Cake

Three Marie Antoinettes take to the street to feed the public their tasty treats. These comedy pompous poodle-haired queens cause a right royal ruckus wherever they go!



LITTLE BIRD

**Catch these acts at the Market Place too!
Little Bird Artisan Market 10am-3pm**

The Bombardiers

Tally Ho! and Chocks Away! Three courageous airmen, Roger, Reggie and Rupert are caught in a freak storm.

Armed only with their wits and extremely good looks, who knows where they'll end up. Giggles galore from Rhubarb Theatre.



PLUS LOCAL PERFORMERS INCLUDING...

- Trinity Singers •
- Lily Worth •
- Freddie Cleary •
- Ripon Goes to Bollywood •
- Passion for Movement •
- Danceability •
- Cricket on the Hearth •
- The U3A Ukulele Group •
- Ripon Walled Garden Performers

FREE
EVENTS

The Fireman Dave - Circus Skills Drop-In

Have a go with juggling, plate-spinning, diabolo, hula hooping and more. Practise your skills before the next show begins!

Ripon Spa Gardens
from 1pm-2.30pm



Ben Colson



Great value family day out guaranteed!



RIPON RACES
Yorkshire's Garden Racecourse



7pm | The Old Deanery

As You Like It

Open-air
theatre

Shakespeare's leafy tale of banishment, love and disguise follows Rosalind's adventures in the Forest of Arden as she searches for Orlando. Disguised as Ganymede and accompanied by her cousin and the Jester, Touchstone, she devises an elaborate scheme to test Orlando's love and capture his heart.

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players..."

This popular Shakespearean comedy is filled with live music, bold characters, audience interaction and plenty of laughs. Bring something to sit on, pack a picnic and come prepared for the weather.

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We think that theatre should be for everyone. Many events are free or low cost, with shows and activities for all ages and interests, both daytime and evening.

RTF loves working with other local organisations and charities. Together we can reach those who have less chance to enjoy theatre and the arts.

Festival on the Road

In 2024 we will be working with our friends at Dementia Forward to take theatre and music directly into care settings. The wonderfully engaging Goofus Theatre will perform *Carried by the Wind*, a playful, non-verbal pop-up show perfectly crafted for community spaces.

"A feather blowing in the wind, carried on and on, a strange dance, free and magical to who knows where..."

Opera singer and experienced community music-maker, Nicola Mills, will also be visiting care homes. She'll be making people smile with her dementia-friendly mini concerts. Singing along will be encouraged!



Hands-on Activities

After the success of our bird-making workshops in 2023, we look forward to more fun and creativity with community partners including Ripon Walled Garden and Evolve College. Their creations will brighten some of our festival spaces too.

Young People

RTF 2024 will see more young people involved as volunteers and participants. There are plenty of ways to take part and share the festival vibe, whether joining a workshop or helping out at events.

We look forward to working with the Ripon YMCA Young Leaders again and to supporting the Power of 10 volunteering scheme.



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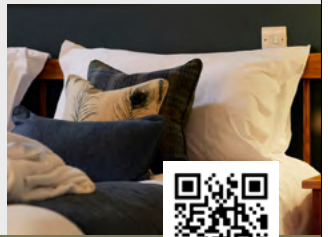


Festival-goers are spoilt for choice when it comes to eating and drinking. The city has a thriving food scene full of independent restaurants, cafés and food producers. Take time before or after a show to enjoy the best of Yorkshire food & drink.

And why not stay the night to make the most of the festival? Ripon has plenty of options for visitors seeking independent & boutique accommodation.

More recommendations at
www.ripontheatrefestival.org

Check out
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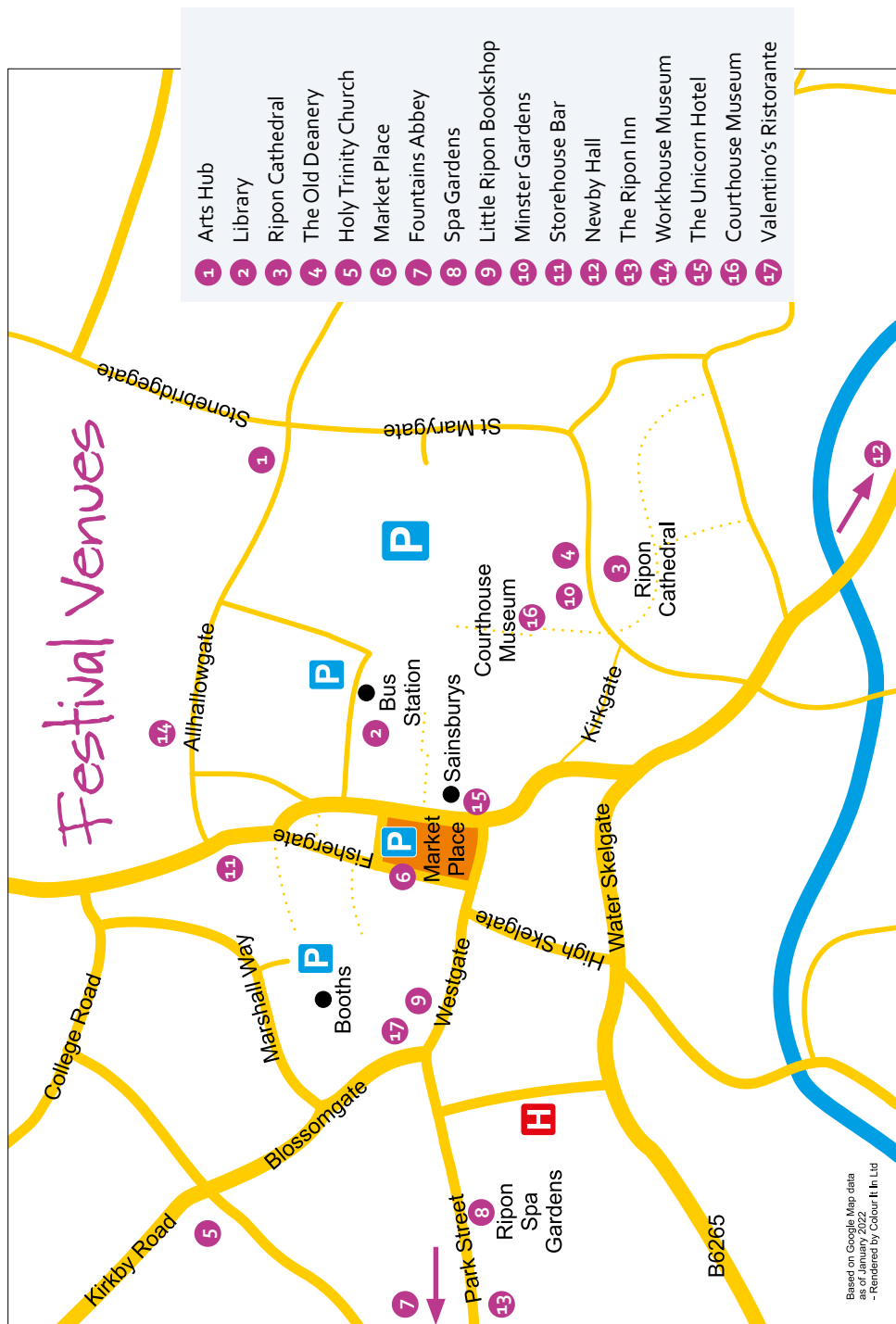
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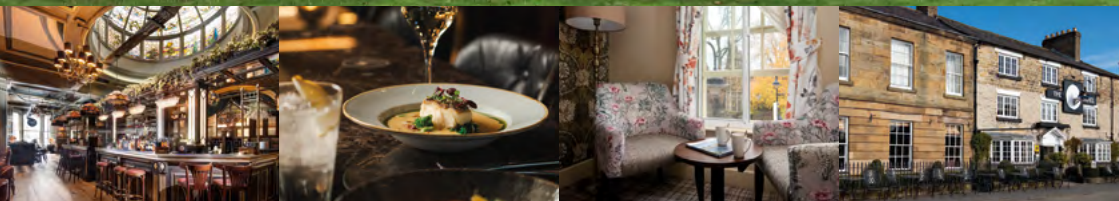
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