

STORIES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

5-13 OCT 2019

Hastings Storytelling Festival

Sujata Banerjee
Dance Co
Impossible
Theatre

Mother's Ruin
with Timberlina
Children's
Carnival Day & more...

FREE
Events for
Under-10s



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FESTIVAL PATRON: SIR QUENTIN BLAKE

www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk

Welcome to Hastings Storytelling Festival 2019

Once upon a time. But what time? Yesterday? Today? Tomorrow? Stories transcend time and space.

This year Hastings Storytelling Festival has time-travelled. Instead of November, it's happening in October and the theme is Futures.

We've expanded our frontiers to present stories in partnership with Battle Festival and St Leonards Festival.

Did you know that around 50% of Hastings Storytelling Festival takes place in schools?

Children enjoy workshops with 2019's Storyteller in Residence, **Xanthe Gresham**, and Artist in Residence, **Sarah Evans**, as well as performances from **Pickled Image Theatre**.



We love stories and different ways of telling them. From adult events like **Mother's Ruin** and **Essex Girl** by **Maria Ferguson**, to digital stories from **Impossible Theatre**, puppet shows,



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author talks and dance from **Sujata Banerjee Dance Company**.

And of course, there's **Children's Day**, with oodles of stories for free. This year's parade will feature banners inspired by *Flights of Fancy*, a new book by our Patron, **Sir Quentin Blake**.

Climb aboard — there's space for everyone — ticketed events for adults help cover the cost of our free children's events.

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SAT 5 OCT

XANTHE GRESHAM: King of the Golden River

A Sussex based storyteller whose highly energetic and distinctive style has captivated audiences all over the world.

11am
Battle Library
7 Market Rd,
Battle TN33 0XB

FREE

ALSO AT HASTINGS LIBRARY ON 12 OCT



SUNDAY 6 OCT



The Mermaid
Showglobe's mermaid welcomes you to her beautiful underwater world.

Drumming workshop
Make some noise!

Pongo: Flying Buttresses
Meet the world's only 8foot Obobee Bird with his charming personality!

CHILDREN'S DAY & PARADE

Woodland Tales with Grandad
In Pickled Image's new show, the animals need Grandad's help to save the wood. But is there enough time?
(Also on Monday at Sandown School)



Anusha Subramanyam
Fresh and exciting Indian dance and storytelling.

Parade: (line up 2.30pm, start 3pm)
Could Flights of Fancy be our most beautiful parade ever? With flight inspired banners made by

local children to honour Festival Patron Sir Quentin Blake, plus drums and whistles a-plenty. Come and join in!

Circus Workshop
Bring out your inner acrobat and practice your circus skills with Andy Bosco and his giant bubbles.

Abbie Simmonds
Traditional tales that take you on adventures into your imagination.

Helicopter Stories with Out of the Bag
This method of telling stories is proven to positively influence children's literacy, communication, confidence and social development.



Carnival Parade at 3pm

Arrive early to avoid disappointment
No bookings

12-4pm
The Stade
FREE

Stade
Open Space
TN34 3FJ

If it's wet, don't fret!
All our stories are under cover

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



MON 7 OCT

PICKLED IMAGE: WOODLAND TALES WITH GRANDAD

Something is happening in the woods. Strange voices are heard, a metallic smell fills the air, machines are gathering and a mysterious call echoes across the valley.

Laura the ladybird, Jeffrey the spider, Brett the Woodlouse, Willoughby the Woodpecker and Velda the Vixen are worried. But there's one person who can help them – Granddad.

Is there enough time to save the wood?

And will the mystery stranger help?

4.30pm

Sandown School, The Ridge,
Hastings TN34 2AA

FREE (open to the public –
places limited)



TUE 8 OCT

MEET THE WRITER: SUSAN EVANS CREATIVE FUTURE

'Breaking the artificial barrier between page and stage.' Susan Evans is an award-winning performance artist and writer, who regularly headlines across the UK's alternative poetry and cabaret scenes. Her work, which focuses on her relationships with people, places and politics, is widely published. She is currently editing her widely anticipated debut poetry collection, *Shift Happens*.

6pm for 6.30pm

Hastings Contemporary,
Rock-A-Nore, TN34 3DW

FREE



WED 9 OCT

MOTHER'S RUIN:
QUEER FUTURES
hosted by TIMBERLINA

Queer Performance Provocateurs Mother's Ruin return to Hastings' Storytelling Festival with another crazy, unpredictable night of cabaret, stories and performance, this time with a focus on 'Queer Futures'. Hosted by Timberlina and featuring an electric mix of Queer voices both local and shipped in, Mother's Ruin events feature emerging talent alongside established LGBTQ artists.

**"Outrageously entertaining...
bursting with queer comedy mayhem"**

Manchester Wire

**"Mother's Ruin cleverly demonstrates
just how radical and contemporary
queer performance can be."**

Mancunian Matters

Over 18s

7.30pm, Printworks,
14 Claremont, Hastings
TN34 1HA

£7

Advance tickets from hastingsstoryfest.org.uk





THU 10 OCT

THE INN CROWD PRESENTS MARIA FERGUSON 'ESSEX GIRL'

Poet and award-winning theatre maker, Maria Ferguson introduces Essex Girl, AKA Kirsty, a 16-year-old girl growing up in '00s Brentwood.

She likes WKD, Elton John, Pie & Mash and Charlie Red body spray. She's on a quest to win Sexy Ricky's heart and pass her GCSEs.

She also has a secret to tell you. One she can't tell anyone else.

Follow Kirsty through the house parties and Irish pubs of Essex. From West Ham matches to choir practice, pre-drinks to registration, she'll tell you what it's really like to be an Essex Girl.

7pm
Marina Fountain
26 Caves Road, Saint Leonards-on-Sea
TN38 0BY
Pay what you can



THU 10, FRI 11, SAT 12 OCT

TOLKIEN

As a young student J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, finds love, friendship and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow outcasts. Their brotherhood soon strengthens as Tolkien weathers the storm of a tumultuous courtship with Edith Bratt and the outbreak of World War I. This film approaches its subject with an interest in the development of Tolkien's ideas, his

passion for philology and his love of myths and legends. A well acted, enjoyable biopic that sheds overdue light on an until now rather shadowy figure.

Director: Dome Karukoski, 2019

Duration: 112mins, USA Cert: 12

Thu-Sat: 8pm

Additional showing: Thu at 11am

The Electric Palace Cinema
39A High St, Hastings TN34 3ER

Tickets: £8 (concessions available)

Advance tickets: electricpalacecinema.com





FRIDAY 11 OCT

'AHIMSA' EVENING

Gandhi's non-violent philosophy celebrated on his 150th birthday.

Sujata Banerjee Dance Co introduce special guest Santosh Nair, a Chau dancer from India.

Dancers from the Company perform with dancers from Sacred Heart School and HOPE-G (Black and Minority Ethnic Seniors Group).

This event is expected to sell out so book early.

7pm
Sacred Heart School,
Old London Road,
Hastings Old Town
TN35 5NA
£7 – with Indian snacks



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SATURDAY 12 OCT

XANTHE GRESHAM: King of the Golden River



This tale of
adventure, that
illustrates the
triumph of love
and kindness over
evil.

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Xanthe brings the story to life with
original illustrations by Sir
Quentin, who has recently
illustrated the story for his new
book.

11am
Hastings Library, Claremont,
Hastings TN34 1HE

FREE

(Also on Saturday 5 October in Battle)



AUDIO INSTALLATION: WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Come and hear songs composed
by local children and young
people from Silverdale School
and Hastings Academy in six
special listening booths in
Hastings town centre.

12-3pm
Wellington Place
TN34 1NY

FREE



SAT 12 OCT

IMPOSSIBLE THEATRE: TALKING HEADS

Simple to take part – then surprise yourself when you see your giant face spouting various texts. Humorous, accessible and engaging.

7–10pm

Hollington Youth Centre – venue tbc

See hastingsstoryfest.org.uk

FREE



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SUN 13 OCT



SPUD AND YAM

This engaging and heart-warming fusion of Irish and Caribbean stories, songs and music has lots of opportunities to join in and learn about recycling and looking after the environment.

1.30pm and 2.30pm
Battle Memorial Hall,
High Street, Battle
TN33 0AQ
FREE



Storytelling Hub

Because we love stories as much as you do, we are creating a 'story hub' on our website. Here are just a few links and suggestions to feed your appetite for splendid tales:

Hastings Storytelling Festival
www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk

The Story Museum:
www.storymuseum.org.uk

New Writing South:
www.newwritingsouth.com

Forest Row School of Storytelling:
www.schoolofstorytelling.com

White Rock Theatre:
www.whiterocktheatre.org.uk

Society for Storytelling:
www.sfs.org.uk

Mad about stories?
Want to tell a story next year?
Want to ask a question?

We hope you enjoyed Hastings
Storytelling Festival 2018 –
Feel free to contact us at:
info@hastingsstoryfest.org.uk



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OCT	SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE		SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Sat 5	XANTHE GRESHAM: King of the Golden River Battle Library	11am FREE	
Sun 6	CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING DAY & PARADE The Stade	12-4pm FREE	
Mon 7	PICKLED IMAGE: Woodland Tales with Grandad Sandown School	4.30pm FREE	
Tue 8	SUSAN EVANS Hastings Contemporary	6.30pm FREE	
Wed 9	MOTHERS RUIN: Hosted by Timberlina Printworks	7.30pm £7	
Thu 10	MARIA FERGUSON: Essex Girl Marina Fountain	7pm PAY WHAT YOU CAN	
Thu 10 – Sat 12	TOLKEIN Electric Palace Cinema	11am (Thu) & 8pm (Thu, Fri & Sat) £8 CONCS AVAILABLE	
Fri 11	SUJATA BANERJEE DANCE CO: Ahimsa Evening Sacred Heart School	7pm £7	
Sat 12	XANTHE GRESHAM: King of the Golden River Hastings Library	11am FREE	
Sat 12	AUDIO INSTALLATION Wellington Place	12-3pm FREE	
Sat 12	IMPOSSIBLE THEATRE: Talking Heads Hollington Youth Centre (venue tbc)	7-10pm FREE	
Sun 13	SPUD & YAM Battle Memorial Hall	1.30 & 2.30pm FREE	

Additional booking fee applies to online bookings