



#TOTNESFRINGE

TOTNES
FRINGE
FESTIVAL

**FOUR DAYS OF
THEATRE, DANCE,
COMEDY, FAMILY
SHOWS, PERFORMANCE
AND UNEXPECTED
ENCOUNTERS ACROSS
TOTNES**

9TH - 12TH
JULY 2026 | [TOTNESFRINGE.UK](https://totnesfringe.uk)

70+ ARTISTS FROM THE UK AND BEYOND
FREE & TICKETED EVENTS

**A FESTIVAL ROOTED
IN CONNECTION,
CURIOSITY AND
CREATIVE RISK**

COME AND
BE A PART
OF IT



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THANK YOU, TOTNES & BEYOND

After a beautiful and vibrant three days of theatre at last year's inaugural Totnes Fringe Festival, we are delighted to return – with lessons learned, with even greater conviction that Totnes has a real appetite for theatre and live performance, and with an even bigger army of volunteers behind us.

It's important to reflect on the arts and cultural landscape across the UK right now. There continues to be a decline in touring work reaching the Southwest, fewer new productions are being commissioned nationally, and participation in the arts among children and young people continues to fall from primary school through to university. In many ways, the picture is bleak. But perhaps that is exactly why festivals like this matter.

Last year's response reminded us of how hungry people are for live performance, shared experiences, and spaces where artists and audiences can come together. Those realities only strengthen our determination to bring exciting work to Totnes: to provide a platform for artists, support graduating theatre-makers, offer family shows and workshops, and celebrate what theatre can do for us – individually and collectively. Performance can connect us more deeply to ourselves and to the people and world around us. It reflects how we live, but can also challenge us to imagine living differently.

The generosity that defined last year's festival has only continued to grow. Local businesses, sponsors and volunteers have once again given their support through donations, time and space, while artists are arriving from across the UK and Europe. This year, we are thrilled to welcome our first international companies, alongside our new Fringe Futures awardees and several returning artists bringing brand-new shows.

We are excited to welcome back Ben's Farm Shop as one of our two headline sponsors, alongside The Bull, and we are delighted that Josh Widdicombe has become our first patron – helping affirm something we felt strongly last year: that Totnes Fringe Festival can be deeply rooted in the local community while still reaching outward nationally.

Enjoy the festival. See something you know you'll love – then follow it with something you suspect you might not. Take a chance, discover a new artist, start a conversation.

And thank you for being here.

Danielle, Susie, Lucy, Ceni and Rosie

3-POINT CHALLENGE

1. Fringe Roulette

See a show you didn't plan to. Follow a sound, a vibe, or a stranger's tip. Let spontaneity lead the way.

2. Get Lost (On Purpose)

Wander down a street you've never taken. Find a corner of Totnes you've never seen. Explore with curiosity.

3. Fringe in a Frame

Seen something epic? Tell a friend, post a story, or drop a quick shout out online.

**HELP THE FRINGE
BUZZ GROW!**

**Tag us: @totnesfringefestival
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PLAN YOUR FRINGE

The programme is organised 'At a Glance' by day – Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – with shows listed in time order from morning to evening. To find out more about any show, head to the alphabetical show listings on **page 16**.

For tickets, artist info and last-minute updates, scan the QR code and visit our online Festival Box Office.

Already booked? Great – just head to the venue with the QR code sent after purchase.

Advance booking closes 45 minutes before each show after that tickets can be purchased on-the-door of each venue.

Need help, want to pay cash, or have a question?

Visit the Festival Box Office at Bogan House (opposite the Civic Hall).

Free & Unticketed Events

Some Fringe events are unticketed, including Leechwell Gardens, Rotherfold, Pop-Up Poetry, the Telephone Box and the Bay Horse. These events are free (donations welcome), but space may be limited – arrive early!

Accessibility

Totnes isn't the easiest town for access, but we're working to improve accessibility across the festival each year. The Civic Hall, St Mary's, The Mansion, Leechwell Gardens and the Castle are fully accessible venues.

**NEED HELP? VISIT THE BOX OFFICE HUB
OR ASK A VOLUNTEER IN ORANGE –
THEY'RE HERE FOR YOU.**

KEEP IN TOUCH...

Get ready to share the magic of Totnes Fringe

Tag us in your posts and let's make this Totnes Fringe one to remember – your perspective is part of the story!



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Ticket Prices

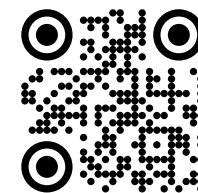
Ticketed shows:

£10 or £8
£6 for children

If you're able to pay £10, please do – 80% of ticket income goes directly to artists.

Or book a bundle:

**£22 Pick & Mix
any 3 shows
available
to buy at the
Festival Box Office.**



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THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

THANKS BEN...

Few will remember the early days, but Ben's Farm Shop began life as Riverford Farm Foods on Totnes market back in 1983.

Since then, Totnes has been pretty good to us. From the market stall to the farm shop, to Riverford Goes To Town and the much-missed Ben's Wine & Tapas, we've always felt at home here - supported by the people of Totnes and, we hope, striking a chord in return.

So when the team behind Totnes Fringe Festival approached us last year, it felt obvious: this was something worth backing. A chance to help something ambitious take root in the town.

A year on, it's clear the Fringe has found its place too. The packed rooms, lively conversations and buzz around town reminded us what makes Totnes special: people turning up for independent ideas, creativity and culture.

At Ben's, we've always believed local businesses should do more than simply trade here - they should help shape the place too. That's why we're proud to support Totnes Fringe Festival for a second year running. Because good food, farming, art and culture all come from the same instinct: people putting care, creativity and graft into something they believe in.

"Some say we're a Totnes institution. We'd like the Fringe Festival to

"We are delighted to welcome back Ben's Farm Shop, our 2025 Lead Sponsor, returning this year as Joint Headline Sponsor alongside The Bull Inn."

THANKS GEETIE...

Few places embody Totnes' independent spirit quite like The Bull Inn. The organic, values-driven pub with rooms has become nationally recognised for its commitment to sustainable hospitality and ethical business practices. In its first year of opening, it was named The Times and Sunday Times Best Eco Hotel of the Year, while its founder, Geetie Singh-Watson, a pioneer of the organic pub movement, has received numerous accolades including Publican of the Year, Business Woman of the Year and an MBE for Services to the Organic Pub Trade.

Operating under a "planet, people, profit" ethos, The Bull places environmental responsibility and conscious decision-making at the heart of everything it does, from organic, seasonal food and locally sourced ingredients to zero-to-landfill waste practices. In November 2025, Geetie

and her team expanded their vision further with the opening of sister restaurant The Albatross Pizza Shop, just across the road from the pub, serving a weekly changing pizza menu focused on sustainability and local British produce.

"We wanted to be a Headline Sponsor this year because I truly believe in this kind of thing happening in local towns," comments Geetie. "Festivals are phenomenally important to local communities. They bring people together to share live experiences and connect in a real way. Supporting the Fringe feels like a natural extension of that."

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HELLO JOSH!

We're delighted to welcome **Josh Widdicombe** as our Patron. His support is a huge boost for us as he recognises that festivals are where emerging artists can cut their teeth, and one of our fundamental aims is to provide that launchpad.

Josh Widdicombe is one of the UK's most recognisable comedians and broadcasters, known for his work on *The Last Leg*, *QI*, *Taskmaster*, *Live at the Apollo*, as co-host of the hugely successful podcast *Parenting Hell*, and most recently announced as one of the new hosts of *Strictly Come Dancing*.

"Totnes Fringe is exactly the kind of festival that matters. Ambitious, independent, and genuinely open to a wide range of artists and audiences. It's rooted in the South West but has the potential to grow into something much bigger and I'm really pleased to support it as Patron."

FRINGE FUTURES

Totnes Fringe Futures is the festival's artist development programme, supporting recently graduated theatre makers to create, develop and showcase exciting new work. Participants receive mentoring, a bursary, and the opportunity to present their work as part of the festival, helping them bring ambitious ideas to life while building the next generation of creative talent.

Pending Approval emerged from a love of experimental and physical theatre, combining immersive storytelling with movement to comfort the disturbed. Having met during their time at drama school, their love for sharing difficult, dark and often dystopian worlds has come together to create something captivating. In **You Need More (Sat, 5.15 pm)**, they combine sensory theatre, imaginative world-building, and unconventional staging to create a work that questions who really holds power in the worlds we inhabit.

Joss Affleck, a Bristol-based artist, recently moved into live performance, combining animation, storytelling and audience participation to create playful, strange and immersive experiences exploring transformation, folklore and queerness.

The Skin Show (Sun, 2.00pm) draws on folk horror, dark comedy, animation and ritual.

WORDS A STAGE

*Suppose one word— a flake of sound flung from a mouth—
lands softly in the dark of you
and says the thing
you never knew you needed.
This is poetry communing with theatre on solid ground.*

JULIE MULLEN

Words A Stage

Come to the Totnes Fringe Festival and expect your heart to be covered in graffiti. Is Totnes town beckoning you?

Yes? Good.

You'll be awash with words because a call is going out across the town: bring your portable typewriter to the streets. Listen for the clacking chorus of keys as poems spring into life on paper. If you've never written a poem before, consider this your official permission slip.

Our poet in residence Julie Mullen will be co-ordinating 'WORD LOVE-INS'. Write of passage she calls it...

The **Community of Words** will be popping up in places such as Totnes Museum, Dutch Flowers and unexpected corners of the town. Poets will be roaming, gathering, appearing and disappearing like Houdini's cat.

Try to bump into one. Ask for a poem. Let them whisper words directly into your heart. **For one weekend, Totnes will become a living poem. Come and add a line!**

"Poetry is eternal graffiti written in the heart of everyone."

Lawrence Ferlinghetti

THURSDAY...

FIND THE COLOURED VENUE
ON THE TOTNES TOWN MAP

5.00PM	Festival Opening	The Fringe Festival	Civic Square	PERFORMANCE	All Ages	
6.30PM	Twelfth Night or What You Will	Sun & Moon Theatre	The Castle	THEATRE	All Ages	
7.00PM	Jazzient Album Launch	Jazzient	Birdwood House	MUSIC	12+	
7.00PM	Community Service	Seamas Carey	Civic Hall	THEATRE	All Ages	
7.00PM	Grimspound Border Morris	Grimspound Border Morris	The Bay Horse	DANCE	All Ages	
7.30PM	LET'S RAW CULTURE™ LIVE!	George Williams	Barrel House	COMEDY	14+	
8.30PM	Stories Without Borders	Tony Gee	St Mary's	THEATRE	All Ages	
9.00PM	SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE	Cameron Sinclair Harris	Royal Seven Stars	COMEDY	18+	

KRINGE FESTIVAL

**FREE
EVENT**

Come and roll your eyes, let out a few groans and squirm in your seat at **KringeFest™** at the **Kommüne Koffee Shack** in the Narrows. Stand up comedy as it should be. Edgy, absurd and always with the potential to make you cringe.

Thursday 9th and Saturday 11th from 8pm

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FRIDAY...

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11.00AM	Niplash	Karla Shacklock	Civic Hall	PHYSICAL THEATRE	16+ (babes in arms welcome)	
11.00AM	Scratch event 3x works in progress	Various	Dartmouth Inn	THEATRE	12+	
1.00PM	The Dream	VOX Theatre Company	Barrel House	THEATRE	All Ages	
2.00PM	Drawing on the Bottle	Lisa Gornick	Birdwood House	THEATRE	12+	
3.00PM	Search for the Golden Nuggets	Fingers in Pies	Barrel House	COMEDY	16+	
3.00PM	The Rotherfold Gold	Jonathan Lee	21 Leechwell Street	THEATRE	12+	
3.30PM	The Last Password. Speakeasy	Lazy Dart band	Totnes Cinema	JAZZ	All Ages	
4.00PM	The Magic Bookmark	Petite Pantos	St Mary's	FAMILY SHOW	3+	
5.00PM	Zonga	Cie amba malu	Civic Hall	DANCE	12+	
5.00PM	Drawing on the Bottle	Lisa Gornick	Birdwood House	THEATRE	12+	
6.00PM	Nothing Happens Without You	random scream / Davis Freeman	St Mary's	PHYSICAL THEATRE	12+	
6.00PM	The Five Flavours of Masculinity	Silverback Theatre Company	Royal Seven Stars	THEATRE	12+	
7.00PM	Humans in the Loop	Lucy Bell & James Joshua Otto	Barrel House	THEATRE	12+	
7.30PM	Doom and Glitter: A Tribute To Tom Waits	Mr Brake Down / Doom & Glitter	St Mary's	CABARET	14+	
8.00PM	Shakers: Under New Management	Dartington Playgoers	Royal Seven Stars	THEATRE	16+	
8.15PM	WE/US ,MODI-NU, The Orchestral Body	Sandrine Wouters & Dries Vestreepen. Yolande Snaith. Ambä Lucy Chenery.	Civic Hall	DANCE	10+	
8.30PM	Cartography	Chris Hoban - with Martin Reeve	United Free Church	PERFORMANCE	12+	
9.15PM	Master of the Music	Núria Bonet	St Mary's	COMEDY	16+	
9.30PM	How I went to Every Supermarket in the World	Dan Kelly	Barrel House	COMEDY	12+	

SATURDAY...



FIND THE COLOURED VENUE
ON THE TOTNES TOWN MAP

BUY TICKETS HERE



10.00AM	Hidden Gems Respect Festival	Respect Festival	Leechwell Gardens	FAMILY SHOW	All Ages	
10.00AM	The Magic Box	Stiltskin	Civic Hall	FAMILY SHOW	All Ages	
11.00AM	The First Men in the Moon	Mark Jardine Company	Royal Seven Stars	THEATRE	12+	
11.00AM	Rotherfold Conversations	Various	Rotherfold Square	THEATRE	All Ages	
11.00AM	Jack and the Beanstalk (sort of)	Kid Carpet & The Noisy Animals	St Mary's	FAMILY SHOW	Family and Ravers	
12.00PM	The Rotherfold Gold	Jonathan Lee	21 Leechwell Street	THEATRE	12+	
1.00PM	Dance Double Bill FLUX and My Sister the Eel	NooN Collective	Civic Hall	DANCE	All Ages	
1.00PM	Look Busy	Judie Boom	Barrel House	COMEDY	14+	
1.30PM	Hags, Harpies & Haridans	Jane Flood & Rina Vergano	Totnes Cinema	THEATRE	14+	
2.00PM	Improvisation Now	I:N-Collective	St Mary's	FAMILY DANCE	All Ages	
2.00PM	Bed Amongst the Lentils	Crosscat Productions	Royal Seven Stars	THEATRE	18+	
3.00PM	Without U	Vowelpay	Dartmouth Inn	THEATRE	16+	
3.00PM	The Rotherfold Gold	Jonathan Lee	21 Leechwell Street	THEATRE	All ages	
3.30PM	Scottish Folk Tales	Niall Moorjani	St Mary's	THEATRE	12+	
4.00PM	Zonga	Cie amba malu	Civic Hall	DANCE	12+	
4.00PM	Running Commentary	Metta Theatre	Barrel House	COMEDY	14+	
5.15PM	The Five Flavours of Masculinity	Silverback Theatre Company	Dartmouth Inn	THEATRE	12+	



Please be aware that some performances may contain themes, language, or content that may not be suitable for all audiences. When purchasing tickets, guidance will be provided regarding any age restrictions, content warnings, or topics that may cause distress.

We encourage all attendees to review this information carefully to ensure an enjoyable and appropriate experience.

5:15PM	You Need More	Pending Approval Theatre	Royal Seven Stars	THEATRE	12+	
6.00PM	Felled	Wolf Close	St Mary's	FAMILY SHOW	13+	
6.30PM	This Is Your Musical	The Bristol Improv Theatre	Civic Hall	THEATRE	All Ages	
7.00PM	Work	Claudia Jefferies	Dartmouth Inn	THEATRE	16+	
7.00PM	The Great Divinator: Touched by Spirits	Katie Tranter & Lestyn Evans	Barrel House	COMEDY	12+	
7.30PM	Paperweights	Villainarium	Royal Seven Stars	THEATRE	14+	
8.00PM	Antlers	Chris Fogg, Chris Waters, Rob Yockney	United Free Church	JAZZ	12+	
8.00PM	Tom Unwin and Friends	Tom Unwin and Friends	The Bay Horse	JAZZ	All Ages	
8.30PM	Niplash	Karla Shacklock	Civic Hall	PHYSICAL THEATRE	16+ (babes in arms welcome)	
8.30PM	On Girlhood	Millie Parker	St Mary's	DANCE	12+	
9.00PM	Full Frontal Mikey Mode	Mikey Bligh-Smith	Barrel House	COMEDY	12+	
9.30PM	Blame of Thrones	Jack Greenwood	Royal Seven Stars	COMEDY	16+	

THE ROTHERFOLD



The Rotherfold is the heart of the Festival: a welcoming space for conversation, ideas and performance. Across Saturday and Sunday, free Fringe "In Conversation" events at **11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.30pm** will bring together artists, thinkers and makers to explore subjects that touch all our lives—from work and death to creativity, culture and making art in uncertain times.

At **2.00pm and 5.00pm**, poetry takes centre stage, with some of the region's most exciting spoken-word artists curated and hosted by Totnes' own Bard, Geoff Petty.

Join us for thought-provoking conversation, compelling poetry and the unique atmosphere of the Fringe.

SUNDAY...

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10.00AM	Hidden Gems Respect Festival	Tony Gee	Leechwell Gardens	FAMILY SHOW	All Ages	FREE EVENT
10.00AM	Improvisation Now	I:N-Collective	St Mary's	DANCE	All Ages	
11.00AM	The Werewolf	Cutpurse Theatre	Royal Seven Stars	THEATRE	16+	
11.30AM	Plain Bob	Noisy Oyster	Barrel House	FAMILY SHOW	3+	
12.30PM	Paperweights	Villinarium	Royal Seven Stars	THEATRE	14+	
1.00PM	Unwiped	Playground Arts	The Mansion	THEATRE	All Ages	
2.00PM	Dance Double Bill: WE/US,MODI-NU	Sandrine Wouters,Yolande Snaith	Civic Hall	DANCE	10+	
2.00PM	The Skin Show	Jocelyn Affleck	Barrel House	THEATRE	16+	
3.00PM	Unwiped	Playground Arts	The Mansion	THEATRE	All Ages	
3.00PM	Work	Claudia Jefferies	Royal Seven Stars	THEATRE	16+	
3.30PM	Rhizome Tears	Crumbling Rocks Theatre	St Mary's	PHYSICAL THEATRE	16+	
4.00PM	This Is Your Musical	Bristol Improv Theatre	Civic Hall	THEATRE	All Ages	
4.00PM	Shakers: Under New Management	Dartington Playgoers	Dartmouth Inn	THEATRE	16+	
4.30PM	CIVIC DANCE	MASH	St Mary's outside	PERFORMANCE	All Ages	FREE EVENT
5.00PM	Unwiped	Playground Arts	The Mansion	THEATRE	All Ages	
5.30PM	A Peek Inside Your Mind	Chris Tennant - Magician	Royal Seven Stars	MAGIC	16+	
6.00PM	Superstar in Therapy	Mumtaztic	Barrel House	THEATRE	16+	
7.30PM	Art Karaoke	Random Scream	Civic Hall	PERFORMANCE	All Ages	
8.00PM	Blues on Sunday	The Boal Weevils	The Bay Horse	MUSIC	All Ages	FREE EVENT
9.30PM	An Evening with Roberta Calamari	Roberta Calamari	Barrel House	PERFORMANCE	14+	

FREE EVENT

HIDDEN GEMS
LEECHWELL GARDEN

A WEEKEND OF STORIES,
PERFORMANCE, POETRY,
MUSIC, DANCE AND
SHARED CELEBRATION
INSPIRED BY THE
HIDDEN LIFE OF
LEECHWELL GARDEN.

Across two days, the garden becomes a place of imagination, filled with voices from many cultures, local tales and activities for all ages. We will explore the garden's own hidden treasures, from its plants and creatures to the stories that shape it.

A JOYFUL COMMUNITY
GATHERING THAT CELEBRATES
CREATIVITY, NATURE AND
THE MANY WORLDS THAT
MEET IN THE GARDEN.

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WHAT'S ON SATURDAY?

10.00AM

Welcome and Crow Show **Puppet Show**
Tony Gee

10.45AM

Poetry and introduction to the Hidden Gems challenge Kevin Payne (Exeter Bard)

11.00AM Hidden Gems Hunt

12.00PM

Judging, prize giving and creating a shared garden poem

12.30PM – 1.30PM Lunch

1.30 PM

Participatory **poetry** set
Kevin Payne

2.30PM

Totnes Telling Tales – stories gathered from Totnesians **Storytelling**3.30PM Red Corals for my Crown –
stories from Benin - Agbo Play **Theatre**

4.30PM Close

WHAT'S ON SUNDAY?

10.00AM Welcome to Day Two

10.15AM

Tales of a Far and Wide Cat **Puppet Show**
– Tony Gee

11.15AM

Scottish stories with Niall Moorjani
Storytelling

12.30PM

The Great International Pot Luck Picnic
Lunch with World Tales from Totnes
**Bring food to share for a giant
community picnic!**

2.30PM

Red Corals for my Crown – Part Two
Agbo Play **Theatre**

3.30PM

Andigwa African **Dance Workshop**

4.30PM Close

GETTING AROUND

Parking in Totnes, Devon can be a mixed experience, as the town's historic layout and narrow streets mean spaces fill up quickly especially on Friday and Saturday (market days).

Try long-stay options such as **Steamer Quay, Longmarsh, North Street, The Nursery** or the **Totnes Station** car parks, while short-stay spots like **Victoria Street, Old Market Car Park, Heath Nursery Car Park, Pavilions Car Park** and **Civic Hall** offer convenient access to the town centre.



BOB the Bus, the friendly community shuttle that loops around town as an hourly service on Friday and Saturday.

KEY

1. THE BAY HORSE
2. ROTHERFOLD SQUARE
3. TOTNES CINEMA
4. THE BARREL HOUSE
5. TOTNES CASTLE
6. BOX OFFICE
7. BIRDWOOD HOUSE
8. CIVIC HALL AND CIVIC SQUARE
9. ST MARY'S
10. LEECHWELL GARDENS
11. ROYAL SEVEN STARS
12. DARTMOUTH INN
13. THE MANSION
14. THE UNITED FREE CHURCH
15. TOTNES MUSEUM

Theatre isn't the only thing on the menu.

From coffee and cake to festival feasts and post-show pints, Fringe-friendly offers will be popping up across Totnes throughout the weekend.

Check the map on the **Fringe website** and make a day (or night) of it.



WHAT'S WHERE?

KINGSBRIDGE, DARTMOUTH AND SALCOMBE





A. ANTLERS

Chris Fogg and Chris Waters join Rob Yockney for an evocative performance exploring climate, displacement and belonging. Blending spoken word with live saxophone, the show reflects on identity, home and the fragile connections shaping our world.

Running time 60 minutes

AN EVENING WITH ROBERTA CALAMARI

Ink-redible news! Roberta is back with her cabaret extravaganza — An Evening with Roberta Calamari! With her dazzling vocals, scandalous comedy, and sequins for days. She'll be serving enough camp to qualify as a national park! See you there, squids!

Running time 60 minutes

A PEAK INSIDE YOUR MIND

Chris Tennant invites audiences into an evening of illusion, mindreading and revelations. Blending warmth, humour and astonishing mentalism, this show creates moments of genuine wonder while questioning perception, intuition and the hidden stories people unknowingly reveal.

Running time 45 minutes

ART KARAOKE

Art Karaoke transforms contemporary art into playful performance. Audiences become participants within a collision of karaoke, visual culture and creativity, where experimentation, humour and shared awkwardness combine into a celebration of participation, performance and artistic expression.

Running time 60 minutes

B. BED AMONGST THE LENTILS

Alan Bennett's beautiful monologue comes alive through Gina Carter's tender and sharply funny performance. Bed Amongst the Lentils explores loneliness, faith and longing with warmth and wit, uncovering unexpected humanity beneath ordinary suburban life and routine.

Running time 35 – 40 minutes

BLAME OF THRONES

An improvised period fantasy. The monarch is dying, uncertainty reigns. Who will get the throne and who will fall short? You decide in this comedic performance filled with corruption and conspiracy.

Running time 50 minutes

BLUES ON SUNDAY: THE BOAL WEEVILS

Wander up to the Bay Horse at the top of town for some Sunday Blues with the Boal Weevils, a highly popular local Delta blues duo in South Devon, England. Featuring musicians Stuart Cumberpatch (slide and lap-steel guitar) and Andy Boal (National guitar and vocals)

Running time 60 minutes

C. CARTOGRAPHY

Through story, song and poetry, Cartography traces England's evolving relationship with the land beneath our feet. From enclosure acts to miners' ballads, this musical journey explores belonging, ownership and memory through beautiful narratives and original songs.

Running time 45 + 40 minutes with interval

CIVIC MASH

Grace Surman reimagines folk traditions through vibrant contemporary dance inspired by Morris and social dance forms. Joyful, energetic and rooted in movement, this performance invites audiences into rhythms, rituals and connections between bodies, histories and communities.

Running time 20 minutes

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Geoff has to complete community service and he needs your help. Blending participation, comedy and social satire, this interactive performance explores bureaucracy, responsibility and collective action with warmth, awkwardness and increasingly chaotic consequences.

Running time 60 minutes

D. DRAWING ON THE BOTTLE

Through live projected drawing, storytelling, music and humour, this poignant and funny show follows one drinker's journey from childhood to adulthood, exploring what alcohol can be, how we use it, how we say goodbye to it, and the art of becoming unstuck.

Running time 60 minutes

DOOM AND GLITTER: A TRIBUTE TO TOM WAITS

Step into the smoky world of Tom Waits through this blues-soaked cabaret from Mr Brake Down and band. Blending music, storytelling and charm, Doom and Glitter celebrates a cult artist with warmth, wit and offbeat energy.

Running time 60 minutes

DANCE TRIPLE BILL: WE/US, MODI-NU, THE ORCHESTRAL BODY

WE/US

Contemporary duet, expect an intimate, dark, intense atmosphere supported by techno and dance music. A playful 12-minute performance by Dries and Sandrine.

MODI - NU

Dancer / choreographer Yolande Snaith with musicians Glyn Jackson, Eliza Jacobs and Roger Hall. In this moment, here, now, together, we sense the method, we feel the rhythm, the manner of composing, we follow the map through different worlds of sound, movement and images.

THE ORCHESTRAL BODY

Free improvisers Ambă Lucy Chenery and Roger Hall explore the relationship between movement and stillness, body and instrument, silence and sound.

Overall Run time around 60 minutes

THE DREAM

Two actors. Endless characters. Shakespeare's wildest dream bursts alive as VOX Theatre transforms A Midsummer Night's Dream into playful, intimate chaos. Fresh from Pride and Prejudice, Bristol Old Vic-trained performers deliver storytelling, comic invention and magic.

Running time 60 minutes

F. FELLED

Threading tales of trees, humans, life and death this immersive mother-daughter performance drags hope on an uphill journey. Dance with a deer through this playful performance centring nature, connection and community.

Running time 40 minutes

THE FIVE FLAVOURS OF MASCULINITY

Join us at the pub for an exploration of masculinity in the modern day, with everchanging roles and responsibilities. Conversation, poetry, imagination and song culminate in this light-hearted exploration of Bloke-dom!

Running time 60 minutes

THE FIRST MEN IN THE MOON

A comically dramatic ride through HG Wells' Sci-Fi classic. A struggling playwright and an eccentric scientist journey to the moon. Armed with avarice and ambition this unlikely duo set off where no man has ever been before.

Running time 60 minutes

DANCE DOUBLE BILL FLUX AND MY SISTER THE EEL

Immerse yourself in an evocative encounter with water through dance, music and generative visuals. A live, improvised performance exploring connection, transformation and our relationship with nature.

A dancer and musician weave contemporary dance, live music and folklore into an intimate exploration of femininity, nature and transformation, where human and animal collide.

Running time 60 minutes

FULL FRONTAL MIKEY MODE

Comedian Mikey delivers a glorious hour of clowning, awkwardness and freakish charm. The show embraces vulnerability, absurdity and playful audience connection, creating comedy that feels simultaneously ridiculous, heartfelt and joyfully unpredictable from beginning to end.

Running time 60 minutes

G. GRIMSPOUND BORDER MORRIS

Grimspound is an ancient hut circle on a western facing slope on Dartmoor, a wild and barren area of moorland in Devon, England. The atmosphere of the place inspired this team of morris dancers to re-create the way things could have been for the people who lived there in terms of their rituals and approach to life.

H. HUMANS IN THE LOOP

A fast, funny musical exploring the people driving the AI revolution. From earworms to touching solos Humans in the Loop blends satire, original music and chaos into a human story about technology, ambition and survival.
Running time 60 minutes

HAGS, HARPIS & HARRIDANS

Jane Flood and Rina Vergano conjure dark tales of crones, witches and wildwomen through story, spoken word and music. Punk spirit meets folklore, chants and fairytales in this celebration of ageing, power and untamed feminine energy.
Running time 60 minutes

HOW I WENT TO EVERY SUPERMARKET IN THE WORLD

For ten years, Dan has travelled the world recording prices from every supermarket in the world into a Dictaphone. From apples to cheese, this strange, funny and unexpectedly human story explores obsession, routine and global economics.
Running time 60 minutes

I. IMPROVISATION NOW

Live devised dance theatre. Utilising dance, sounds & text as tools to respond to our environment & audience, we create performances belonging to the moment. Our work is based in the joy of dance, collaboration, creativity & performance.
Running time 60 minutes

J. JACK AND THE BEANSTALK (SORT OF)

Kid Carpet doesn't care for pantos. The Noisy Animals love it. A nonsensical retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk, stuffed with songs silliness and air guitar, this family friendly show is loud, proud and full of surprises.
Running time 60 minutes

JAZZIENT ALBUM LAUNCH

Jazzient are spending a week in the iconic Birdwood Gallery to bend the genre of the art space into a sonic experience as they record their second jazz/rock/ambient album with open doors. On Thursday evening, the first night of the Fringe they will be performing new tracks live from the album
Running time 60 minutes

L. THE LAST PASSWORD

A whispered password unlocks this hidden speakeasy, where six jazz musicians become hosts of an illicit swing club. Expect smoky melodies, playful storytelling and audience interaction in a warm performance that feels secret, spontaneous and gloriously alive.
Running time 60 minutes

LOOK BUSY

When robots take our jobs, what happens next? Judie Boom blends stand-up and surreal props with Black Mirror-esque storytelling. A funny, hopeful solo show exploring AI, automation and the future of work.
Running time 60 minutes

LET'S RAW CULTURE™ LIVE!

Food Influencer Connor Mann, aka The Good-Gut Groovy-Guru Guy™, brings his infectious passion for yeast onstage. With live music, drama and science learn to Ferment Your Bitterness Into Betterness™ and Discover Your Self-Raising Power™.
Running time 60 minutes

This show has been supported through Villages in Action's From Devon With Love artist development programme.

M. MASTER OF THE MUSIC

Núria Bonet arrives through the medium of Cabaret as Master of the Music, about becoming and being a classical musician. Musical clowning and audience interaction leading into a dangerous encore, spiralling the evening out of control.
Running time 60 minutes

THE MAGIC BOX

Immersive children's theatre experience, full of magic mayhem and mischief, Ted and Bun introduce puppets, movement and mime. Join us at the Magic Box for a journey into storms, space travel aliens and more!
Running time 50 minutes

THE MAGIC BOOKMARK

Join Britain's Got Talent Semi-Finalist dame Mama G for a storytelling pantomime adventure packed with songs, laughter and picture-book magic. When Book Worm steals library books, Mama G saves the day, proving stories still matter.
Running time 55 minutes

N. NIPLASH

Niplash dives into the societal pressures surrounding infant feeding, dance humour solo performed by Karla. Intimate performance centring a myriad of motherhood experience, hilariously raw and heartbreakingly real. Expect to see milk tears and confetti!
Running time 60 minutes

NOTHING HAPPENS WITHOUT YOU

Davis Freeman blends ritual, confession and stand-up in this intimate exploration of ageing, masculinity and forgiveness. Audiences are invited to explore what it means to care in an increasingly disconnected world, transforming the ordinary into the sacred.
Running time 60 minutes



MASTER OF THE MUSIC



NIPLASH



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BRITAIN'S GOT
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SCOTTISH FOLK TALES**O.
ON GIRLHOOD**

What does it mean to be a Woman? Contemporary dance and physical theatre, collide to explore friendship, identity and girlhood. Chaotic and relatable, this energetic performance captures the contradictions of womanhood through movement, memory and shared moments.
Running time 60 minutes

**P.
PLAIN BOB**

Plain Bob is a joyful puppet show for younger audiences, filled with humour, original music and visual storytelling. Using puppetry, mime and playfulness, this performance celebrates imagination, curiosity and the extraordinary possibilities hidden within ordinary moments.
Running time 35 minutes

PAPERWEIGHTS

Paperweights explores working life through corporate absurdity, physical theatre and humour. Lost in paperwork and office rituals, people in progress search for meaning, escape and connection within a labyrinth where fulfilment always seems frustratingly out of reach.
Running time 45 minutes

**R.
RHIZOME TEARS**

Beginning within concrete landscapes before returning toward nature, Rhizome Tears combines movement, sound and poetry into a meditation on ecological connection. This performance explores grief, regeneration and our fragile relationship with the living world surrounding us.
Running time 50 minutes

THE ROTHERFOLD GOLD

Kenneth, a shambolic heritage tour guide searches for a hoard of stolen gold. Meet 300 years of Leechwell Street spirits and explore nostalgia, mass-market production and fake news through this site specific performance.
Running time 45 minutes

RUNNING COMMENTARY

41-year-old poet P Burton-Morgan finds themselves newly single and keen to join the local running club. This solo show is a silly, sweaty, sexy romp - don't forget to stretch first!
Running time 60 minutes

ROTHERFOLD IN-CONVERSATIONS

The Rotherfold will once again become a welcoming space to pause, gather and share ideas. Across Saturday and Sunday, enjoy a series of free Fringe "In-Conversation" events exploring topical themes, with speakers bringing diverse perspectives and fresh slants to a range of subjects.
Running time 60 minutes

ROTHERFOLD POETS

The Rotherfold Poets, curated and hosted by Totnes' own Bard, Geoff Petty, celebrating the power, humour and beauty of spoken word. Come along, settle in and enjoy inspiring conversation, poetry and the unique atmosphere of the Fringe.
Running time 60 minutes

**S.
SEARCH FOR THE GOLDEN NUGGETS**

Part game show, part comic adventure, Grab for the Golden Nuggets invites audiences into a playful world of risk, greed and unexpected generosity. Filled with improvisation, audience participation and absurd twists, this lively performance balances chaos with warmth and delight beautifully.
Running time 60 minutes

SCOTTISH FOLK TALES

Join award winning Niall Moorjani for Scottish folk tales guaranteed to delight and dazzle. Expect Kelpies, three-legged cows, ghosts, magic and mayhem in this genius performance from a globally touring storyteller.
Running time 60 minutes

SHAKERS: UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

This revamped, post-covid version of the iconic 80s comedy Shakers brings us up to date with waitress Adele, Nicky and Mel, as they introduce a varying menu of tricky customers. This wickedly funny new variation faces down the perils of the hospitality industry as our heroines juggle home, work, school and everything in between - but how long can they keep it up?

Running time 70 minutes

THE SKIN SHOW

Fringe Future Winner: Part folk-horror séance, part surreal cabaret, this blends dark comedy, drag energy and unsettling storytelling into a strange theatrical ritual. Tender, eerie and funny, this performance explores identity, transformation and the things we hide beneath the surface.

Running time 60 minutes

SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE

You are invited to the wedding of all weddings. This participatory event blends celebration, awkwardness and revelation as audiences become guests inside an unfolding ceremony where love, ritual and human connection collide in beautifully unpredictable ways.

Running time 60 minutes

SPOKEN WORD EVENT

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Running time 60 minutes

STORIES WITHOUT BORDERS

Tony Gee, will deliver poignant and unexpected tales from residents who live, work and add to the rich character of our little, big town. Tony has been collecting world stories from the lives of Totnes citizens. People's narratives from the Middle East, Iraq and Palestine; the Americas, Mexico and Venezuela and beyond.

Running time 60 minutes

SUPERSTAR IN THERAPY

A former pop icon confronts fame, identity and reinvention inside this intimate solo performance. Blending music, storytelling and dark humour, Superstar in Therapy explores celebrity culture, personal collapse and survival with warmth, vulnerability and emotional honesty.

Running time 50 minutes

THE ROTHERFOLD GOLD**RHIZOME TEARS**

TWELFTH NIGHT OR
WHAT YOU WILL

BRING A PICNIC

PERFORMANCE AT
TOTNES CASTLE



T.
THE GREAT DIVINATOR: TOUCHED BY SPIRITS
Fake moustache. Real mindreading. This combines outrageous comedy, impossible predictions and audience participation inside a chaotic evening of theatrical deception. Expect quick wit, unexpected revelations and playful absurdity from a performer delighting in mystery and mischief.
Running time 55 minutes

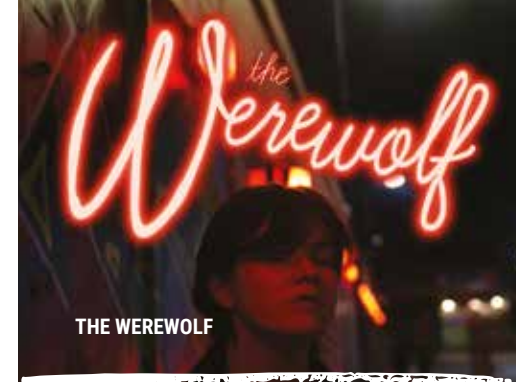
THIS IS YOUR MUSICAL
An entire musical created live from your suggestions. Expect original songs, outrageous characters, spontaneous choreography and big laughs as a cast of professional performers and live musicians invent a brand-new show before your eyes. No script, no safety net, no two performances alike.
Running time 60 minutes

TOM UNWIN AND FRIENDS
Join Tom Unwin and Friends for some mellow Jazz and a pint of well kept beer at The Bay Horse Inn. All Welcome.
Running time 60 minutes

TWELFTH NIGHT
Shakespeare's bittersweet comedy arrives in 1950s Illyria, where grief gives way to joy. Shipwrecks, mistaken identities and tangled romances unfold through music, longing and humour in this warm-hearted reimagining filled with charm, melancholy and theatrical vitality.
Running time 120 minutes

U.
UNWIPED
Step inside the iconic Mansion for a unique immersive journey through hidden corridors, grand rooms and open courtyards. Funny, vibrant and moving, this site-specific performance explores what happens when local stories fade, memories disappear, and the spaces around us fall silent.
Running time 60 minutes

W.
WITHOUT U
Four women struggle to communicate in a world where talking has been privatised. Blending dystopian storytelling and sharp humour, Missing U explores connection and silence through an unsettling world where even vowels have become dangerously scarce.
Running time 35 minutes



THE WEREWOLF

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Part spoken-word performance, part mythic reimagining, The Werewolf explores bodily autonomy, transformation and female rage through folklore and dark humour. Ancient stories collide with contemporary experience in this fiercely intelligent journey into identity, instinct and survival.
Running time 60 minutes

WORK
Experimental performance art shedding light on the absurd nature of necessary employment. Inviting audiences to consider exhaustion, value and the machinery of modern working life. Expect staff room chat, CV's and ridiculous interview speak!
Running time 50 minutes

Y.
YOU NEED MORE
This bold new performance explores democracy, power and who gets heard. Blending movement, theatre and contemporary questioning, it invites audiences into an urgent conversation about participation, responsibility and the complicated systems shaping modern public life.
Running time 60 minutes

Z.
ZONGA
An Afro-contemporary work exploring the restitution of African artworks to their motherland. Meaning "return" in Lingala, it gives voice to what museums often leave unsaid: memory, displacement, and the beauty of what was taken. Through movement, ancestral rhythms meet contemporary beats, celebrating the power of return; for objects, souls and identities.
Running time 60 minutes

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Dartington Playgoers are thrilled to be sponsoring the Seven Stars venue for a second year. We have been making theatre in this area for more than seventy years, so we're well aware of the wealth of talent and commitment here and excited to see so much of it showcased throughout the weekend.



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Our thanks to our Fringe Home Hosts for welcoming artists into their homes and helping create the unique community spirit that sits at the heart of the Fringe.

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BE CURIOUS – SHELLEY KIRK DESIGN SERVICES

From posters in shop windows to the programme in your hands, from flyers and beer mats to all the little details that make the festival feel like a festival, Shelley has shaped the visual identity of Totnes Fringe from day one. Her creativity, generosity and countless hours of work behind the scenes have helped turn an idea into something that fills the town.

BOX OFFICE AND FESTIVAL HUB

We are very grateful to the D W Mitchell Charitable Trust for gifting us the use of Bogan House in the run-up to and during the festival as our Box Office and Festival Hub.

FREE VENUES

Many of the venues used during the Fringe are commercially rented for much of the year or managed by community groups. We are deeply grateful to all those who gift the use of their spaces during the festival period.

Seven Stars – Venue and Volunteer Hub
Barrel House – Venue
Dartmouth Inn – Venue
United Free Church – Venue
Leechwell Garden Committee – Venue
Rotherfold Committee – Venue
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