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SIRF 23

STOCKTON INTERNATIONAL RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL

3-6 August
www.sirf.co.uk



Welcome

Every year I meet people who say they've travelled from across the country just to see SIRF.

Every year I also see local people at SIRF who are proud to come to every festival, bringing their children, who I see grow over the years.

If you don't yet know what makes it special, what pulls people back again and again, immerse yourself in SIRF this year.

Come with patience and a willingness to stand alongside people you've never met, be reminded of universal human stories, be prepared to laugh and cry and to imagine you can fly.

Reuben Kench

Director

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

SIRF 23

Festival navigation

This programme lists all the companies appearing at the festival this year, conveniently grouped by location. You'll also find a handy timetable and map showing all the locations at the back of the programme.

Key:



Shows for children and their adults



Free but ticketed shows. All tickets are available from SIRF Central. See show listings for details.



Walkabout




Audio description and/or BSL are available for several shows. For more information visit SIRF central or turn to page 34 and 35.

Show times are approximate and subject to change, especially in the case of inclement weather. Visit the website, check out our digital screens on the High Street and follow us on social media for any last minute changes.

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SIRF is a partner in Without Walls, a consortium of festivals and arts organisations bringing fantastic outdoor arts to people in towns and cities across England. Find out more on www.withoutwalls.uk.com. This year we are presenting four new shows that have been supported by Without Walls for 2023.

ALIVE AFTER FIVE

WELCOME PARTY

Thursday 3 August
5pm to 9pm



We're having a party and everyone is invited!

This year's SIRF will get underway with a special welcome party to get you warmed up for the weekend.

Featuring the return of the fabulous SIRF Green, with tasty treats from local traders, footstomping sets from Old Time Rags, The Dead Seat and a healthy dose of tomfoolery from 16rpm.

Street performances from Akademi, Unlimited Theatre and Upswing, and 2Faced Dance will keep you entertained throughout the night.

And don't forget to catch our usual launch show, which this year has moved to Friday. See page 6 for details.



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Betty Brown Bags



2Faced Dance - Page 14



SIRF Green



CIE BIVOUAC
(FRANCE)

Perceptions

Friday 4 August, 7pm and
Saturday 5 August, 9.30pm

French street theatre company, Bivouac, will perform their show Perceptions for the first time in the UK as our official festival launch on Friday. Avanti Display will set the scene with a musical excerpt 'A Bit of Crow' from their new commission 'Crow' for 2023.

As the High Street is filled with haunting music all focus will be drawn to the grandness of the magnificent structure for the phenomenal show Perceptions.

Expect to be mesmerised as the company take you on a journey to define what is "real". Cie Bivouac invite you to dream of other realities with this thought provoking show. Drawing from a visual vocabulary of the world of quantum physics, the show focuses on matter and movement, emptiness and gravity, where the infinitely large meets the infinitely small. As we question man's place in the world, his perception, and understanding of it.



**TWO CHANCES
TO SEE**

16RPM The Carpenters

Thursday 3 August, Friday 4 August
and Saturday 5 August
5pm and 7.15pm (Thursday)
1.45pm and 4pm (Friday and Saturday)



Keep an eye out for this bemusing ensemble who roll and unroll red carpets end-to-end, with no celebrities in sight and no apparent destination. They need your help as the carpet cannot be stopped and their progress creates comedy and chaos. Hilarious fun for all the family.



DUCKS & DRAGONS



JAMES TAYLOR WITH DAVE LOVATT Ducks & Dragons

Friday 4 August and Saturday 5 August
1.30pm and 3.15pm



Free but ticketed. Tickets are released two hours before each show time. Available from SIRF Central on a first come, first served basis.

Ducks & Dragons is an interactive fantasy themed walk about adventure heavily inspired by Dungeons & Dragons. The games master is looking for new adventurers to take up the quest of finding and stopping the wicked witch who's been turning all of the townspeople into rubber ducks.

A new commission for SIRF 2023 as part of the Tees Valley New Creatives Commission in partnership with ARC Stockton.

Age rating 5+

THE STRAY HORNS

Friday 4 August
2.30pm and 4.45pm



This fabulous four-piece brass band will not fail to dazzle audiences, with heavy foot stomping beats, suave and sophisticated riffs, and a healthy dose of humour.

Also featuring at SIRF Green.

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Sunday 6 August, 2pm
Stockton High Street to Trinity Green

A vibrant, colourful procession will see hundreds of young people, adults, community members, musicians, and street performers dance and sing their way along Stockton High Street to Trinity Green in a sea of colour and music.

The SIRF Community Carnival is a real highlight of the festival, with over 750 participants animating the streets with a cacophony of sound and colour. Follow the carnival parade down the high street to its new location at Trinity Green for an afternoon of entertainment and workshops for all of the family.

Come along to Trinity Green where there will be lots on offer for families, children, and young people.

Join Carley from The Little Silver Kiln for drop-in pendant making workshops; learn to fly with Anvesaka Yoga and Aerial on their aerial hoops and hammocks; and make your own circus 'Wheelie Wonder' puppet with Moving Parts Arts.

Keep your eyes peeled for the BloomInArt team who will take to the road and roam around site to help audience members aged 5-25 complete their Arts Award.



DIGITAL FILM
SCREENING
ONLY

MURMURATION ARTS

The Signing Mother

Thursday 3 August to Sunday 6 August
On the hour from 11am to 9pm daily

Check out our digital screen in the High Street (Dovecot Street end). This short film is part of a wider project with new mothers by Murmuration Arts.

It is a Visual Vernacular (VV) film inspired by interviews with parents who are deaf, about their baby's bedtime rituals.

VV is a unique physical theatre technique, with elements of signed poetry and mime, primarily performed by Deaf artists.

KIM MCDERMOTTROE

Lockie: experiments in stop motion animation

Quarter past the hour, every hour,
following *The Signing Mother*

In these two experimental silent films you'll see popular online puppet, Lockie, a hare who escaped his egg at Easter 2022 unpacking a gift and finding his feathers.

DIGITAL FILM
SCREENING
ONLY

ARTISTAS DEL GREMIO (SPAIN)

Butibamba!

Sunday 6 August
12pm



Ready for the perfect storm of music and chaos with a relentless energy that is off the charts? Spanish band Artistas del Gremio bring to Stockton an eccentric whirlwind of brass at it's boldest with flamboyant fanfares to count us down to our spectacular SIRF finale by CirkVOST.

At Carnival, 2pm and Trinity Green Main Stage, 8.45pm, Sunday.



GLOBAL GROOVES

Sunday 6 August
12pm



Groove along with the Global Grooves team as they walk about with their Bollywood stars and carnival queens. Their decadent elephant can be seen strolling around head and shoulders above the crowd.

Look out for their larger than life puppets in our treasured carnival parade.

At Carnival, 2pm and Trinity Green, 4pm.

BAQUE DE OGUM

Sunday 6 August
11.45am

Baque de Ogum are a maracatu band celebrating the history and heritage of maracatu nação, an Afro-Brazilian performance genre from North East Brazil.

At Carnival, 2pm and Trinity Green, 4.45pm, Sunday.



UNLIMITED THEATRE AND UPSWING

Ancient Futures

Thursday 3 August and Friday 4 August
6pm and 8.15pm (Thursday),
2.30pm and 6pm (Friday)

A blend of contemporary circus, storytelling with sound system culture and West African folklore. Ancient Futures fuses dance, circus, parkour, music, and storytelling with design inspired by West African masquerade and Afrofuturism.

Watch out for flamboyant Afrinauts around the festival, welcoming willing participants to witness their unique community. Make sure you bring your dancing shoes so you are all set to join in their spectacular dance party. Ancient Futures will be captioned using The Difference Engine.


Ancient Futures is co-produced by Unlimited Theatre and Upswing. Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by LEEDS 2023; Greenwich and Docklands International Festival; Brighton Festival and Stockton International Riverside Festival.



CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

Train with the Afrinauts

Friday 4 August, 4pm

 Free but ticketed. Tickets are released two hours before each workshop time. Available from **SIRF Central** on a first come, first served basis.

Age Recommendation: Ages 7+

Welcome to the Afronautical Future Reclamation Itinerant Centre! A mouthful, we know. That's why we say AFRIC. It has a better flow.

Join the team for their daily physical training session. Learn the skills, moves and routines they use to ascend to a higher frequency. Suitable for space cadets of all abilities and ages who love to dance.



AKADEMI

Pravaas

Thursday 3 August
5pm and 7.30pm

This is a promenade performance which requires an element of walking for the audience. The experience starts at Town Hall and Fountain Area and lasts 50 minutes.

Pravaas is inspired by the climate migration of people from the Sundarbans mangrove across India and Bangladesh. The journey is explored through the beauty and poignancy of South Asian dance forms and classical Carnatic vocals.

Pravaas invites you to follow an evocative experience of migration. You will witness the lyricism, fluidity and symmetry of ancient South Asian dance forms, rooted in rhythm, gestures (mudras) and uplifting song.

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by Norfolk and Norwich Festival and Brighton Festival.



LE GRAND JETÉ! (FRANCE)

Répliques

Friday 4 August and
Saturday 5 August
3.30pm and 9.45pm (Friday),
2.45pm and 8.15pm (Saturday)

Replica is the theme for this amazing duet who will defy the law of gravity as they take us on a fantastic journey to show how movement and gesture can be performed when you are a dancer-acrobat or an acrobat-dancer.



2FACED DANCE

Lungs of Our City

Thursday 3 August
5.30pm and 7.45pm

Three performers inhabit a futuristic space where wanderers of a desolate world come together to breathe in our polluted cities. In this emotional, athletic and timely work that explores our hopes and fears for the future, witness a world that questions what happens if we come together and change our vision of the future. Featuring haunting music from Ukrainian quartet DakhaBrakha, a striking four-metre-tall scaffold tree and the company's trademark physicality, Lungs of Our City invites the audience to become a part of the experience!

DEF MOTION

Cog in the Wheel

Friday 4 August
3pm and 4.45pm

Age rating 6+

Thought-provoking street dance storybook examining the impact of hustle culture and the use of mobile culture on our lives.

The piece is conceptualised by self-taught dancer and teacher Billy Read and choreographed and performed by Def Motion, a mixture of deaf and hearing dancers.

The dancers are not characters with stories and personalities but are gears in a machine.



KNOT ON HANDS (NETHERLANDS)

Brace for Impact

Friday 4 August and
Saturday 5 August
2pm and 8pm (Friday),
4.45pm and 7.45pm (Saturday)

Three acrobats search for the limits of balance in this latest show from Knot on Hands. Formed in 2017, they strive to take partner acrobatics in a new direction, where the main focus lies on the physicality between their three bodies. Here they find their common ground, from which point they work to create innovative circus that pushes the boundaries of human possibilities.



JOSS ARNOTT DANCE

RUSH

Saturday 5 August
3.30pm and 6.30pm

RUSH is a fast-paced, athletic and physically charged dance experience that takes dance on the street to an electrifying high. Featuring a cinematic percussive high-energy score by composer James Keane, 'RUSH' is an exciting, multi-sensory experience that explores the power of human connection through dynamic solos and powerful unison work.

At Trinity Green, 3pm and
5.30pm, Sunday.

TRIPOTES LA COMPAGNIE (BELGIUM)

Encore une fois

Saturday 5 August
2pm and 5.30pm

Watch out! Encore une fois means 'Once again'. Take a fall, start again, take risks, juggle and topple over. The higher it gets the more amusing it is to watch, but there's real peril here. Playful circus at high altitude.

At Trinity Green 3.45pm and 6.15pm,
Sunday.



ALLEYNE DANCE BONDED

Friday 4 August and
Saturday 5 August
1.15pm and 4pm

This wonderful dance production explores the construct of human dependency, especially that of siblings, and how time and external conditions can affect the synergetic connection.


Choreographed and performed by twin sisters, Kristina and Sadé Alleyne, the work takes the audience through a transitional journey of inter-and-independency.



ELÉCTRICO 28 (AUSTRIA AND CATALONIA)

[THE FRAME]

Friday 4 August and
Saturday 5 August
2pm, 4pm and 8pm (Friday),
1.15pm, 5.30pm and
7.45pm (Saturday)

 Free but ticketed. Tickets available from **SIRF Central** two hours before the start of each show.
Age rating 12+



The street is an everchanging stage full of surprises and cinematographic images – if you look at it from a certain viewpoint. [THE FRAME] proposes to settle down in front of the passing town life to observe it. You'll be treated to a show that embraces life beyond the everyday, and flips banal and general to in a playful poetic special experience. There is no plot. There is no ending.

HANDS DOWN CIRCUS

Tape That!

Friday 4 August and Saturday 5 August
2pm and 5pm (Friday),
2pm and 4.30pm (Saturday)

Tape That! is a charming, light-hearted, non-verbal acrobatic duet. Two performers construct a visual world using colourful tape, object manipulation and partner acrobatics. A simple roll of tape transforms from a tie into DJ decks to a spyglass and is stretched to create physical boundaries for the performers to navigate.

 ALSO SHOWING AT HIGH STREET WELLINGTON SQUARE

PIF-PAF
TOAST



Friday 4 August, 8pm
See page 18 for details.





FAIRLY FAMOUS FAMILY

Anyone for Tennis

Friday 4 August
2pm, 4pm and 5.45pm



Britain's top miniature, outdoor, comedy tennis show has just gone mobile. Pulling the court, scoreboard and posh umpire behind him, our highly strung tennis player searches streets, parks and town centres for worthy opponents.

PIF-PAF TOAST



Friday 4 August and
Saturday 5 August
2.30pm (Friday),
2.45pm and 7pm (Saturday)

TOAST is a beautiful big-hearted journey through food, dance, live music, songs and tales from around the world. Join the Guild of Toasters and dance with their cart through the seasons as you toast your own lives with batter-based treats from around the world in a love song to community.

At High Street Wellington Square
8pm, Friday.



META4 DANCE

Jumpers for Goalposts

Saturday 5 August
2pm and 4.45pm



Take a seat in the stands to watch Jumpers for Goalposts. Get behind the team as they are faced with a season-ending setback and see if they can come together in this excitement-packed football dance work for all the family. Suitable for all ages.

At Trinity Green, 3.45pm
and 5.45pm, Sunday.



FAIRLY FAMOUS FAMILY

Strolling Gardeners

Saturday 5 August
1.45pm, 4pm and 6.30pm



Twin brothers Bob and Tom both love their fruit and veg, but how did one brother grow so tall? The answer lies in the special compost formula; if you are lucky they might share it with you. On their travels the boys help the balding to sprout hair, children to bloom and everyone else to a fun filled '5 a day'.

At Trinity Green, 4.15pm, 5.45pm
and 7.15pm, Sunday.



NEL UNLIT

Saturday 5 August
8.45pm

The Saturday night SIRF party gets going with Nel Unlit, a group of seven songwriters, storytellers and musicians.

They have released two acclaimed albums under Northeast record label Butterfly effect. The band were awarded Album of the year for 2020 by Northern Line, and Album of the Month in The Crack magazine.

Drawing from their roots in folk, rock, theatre and classical music, the multi-instrumental seven piece, have developed an expansive live show, complete with cello, accordion, flute, ukulele, guitars, field recordings and two drummers.



JONES AND BARNARD

Dr Jones and Professor
Barnard's Medicine Show

Sunday 6 August
1.15pm

See with your own eyes as the bland, bald and bucolic are miraculously 'cured'. Based on established medical procedures, and steeped in proven theory this is an event that needs to be witnessed to be believed. In the great tradition of the travelling medicine show, a series of entertainments and distractions will be presented in addition to the demonstrations in the form of occasional songs, dancing and jokes.

At Trinity Green 3pm, Sunday.



MURMURATION ARTS

A Lullaby For Stockton

Friday 4 August
and Saturday 5 August
1.15pm to 6pm



Take a moment to sit on our Crescent Moon and listen in to a unique lullaby, written with local mothers in creative writing workshops. What songs were you sung as a child? What songs do you sing now? Come and reminisce and take a moment of calm and serenity as you listen to the heartwarming lullaby.

TIT FOR TAT

Books!

Friday 4 August and Saturday 5 August
1.15pm and 4pm



Four bedraggled book enthusiasts are travelling from town to town on a mission to protect literature. The libraries keep closing, and their beloved books are being forced out into the streets where the rain is heavy and the sun is getting hotter! As the last surviving members of their rather intensive book club, they must embark on a quest to recruit more radical readers to their cause.



SHE SAID JUMP

The Guy in the Luggage Rack

Friday 4 August and Saturday 5 August
3.15pm and 5.45pm (Friday)
3.15pm and 7.30pm (Saturday)

Age rating 8+



The Guy in the Luggage Rack is an aerial comedy about grief and memory. Suitable for adults and young people alike, the show combines physical comedy with striking aerial acrobatics and an original, constantly moving aerial set. Using clown, circus and puppetry, this accessible show tackles the themes of grief and bereavement with a light and playful touch.



HIKAPEE

Everywhere's A Beach

Friday 4 August and Saturday 5 August
2.45pm and 5.15pm (Friday)
2.45pm and 5.30pm (Saturday)



A high energy circus theatre show, perfect for the whole family. Everywhere's a Beach is a charmingly ridiculous performance, taking place on a giant revolving beach parasol! Will it rain or shine, who will get the perfect tan line? This dynamic, dizzying and downright daft show will leave you dancing with delight!



BLOOMINART

Arts Award Workshops

Friday 4 August and Saturday 5 August
1pm to 2.45pm and 3.15pm to 5pm
Ages 5 to 25

Audience members aged 5-25 can achieve an Arts Award certificate during the festival. Simply participate in a creative activity on site.

Look out for the BloomInArt team in Parish Gardens Friday and Saturday, and Trinity Green on Sunday, to sign up.

Arts Award is a national qualification that aims to nurture an interest in the arts, build confidence and life skills as well as supporting education and future employment.

At Trinity Green, 1pm to 2.45pm
and 3.15pm to 5pm, Sunday



TEATRO SÓ (PORTUGAL)

SORRISO

Friday 4 August and
Saturday 5 August
4.45pm (Friday)
6.30pm and 8.15pm (Saturday)

Beautiful street theatre that tells the story of a lasting love that fills a life until its twilight. The writing of this love story does not begin upon the heroic deaths of Romeo and Juliet, it flows out of a couple's entire life, for whom love is that very whole fully accomplished life.

At High Street Car Park North,
9.15pm (Friday).



ZEST THEATRE

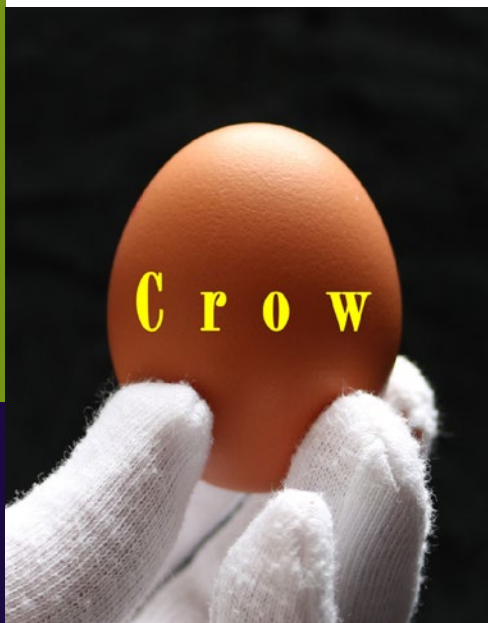
Refresh SIRF

Thursday 3 August, Friday 4 August,
and Saturday 5 August
5pm to 9.30pm (Thursday),
1pm to 9pm (Friday and Saturday)

An installation imagining the future.

In September 2022, Zest Theatre ran workshops for 200 young people aged 11-18 across Stockton-on-Tees. This summer, Refresh SIRF turns their words into artworks ready to be flown from fourteen festival flags at the heart of this year's Stockton International Riverside Festival!



At Trinity Green on Sunday, 1pm to 9pm



AVANTI DISPLAY

Crow

Friday 4 August and
Saturday 5 August
8.45pm

-  Free but ticketed. Tickets are released two hours before each show time.
-  Available from SIRF Central on a first come, first served basis.

Live music is at the heart of this comically beautiful performance where you are invited into a dreamlike world of illusion, that owes more to Tommy Cooper than David Blane. Three musicians arrive at a gig that seems to be not entirely safe. Corners have been cut, rules are being bent, and reality seems slightly warped. Crow will be captioned using The Difference Engine.

Crow is supported by Without Walls and commissioned by Stockton International Riverside Festival.



DARRYL J CARRINGTON

Out of the Box

Sunday 6 August, 5pm




A unique blend of world-class juggling, high-skill manipulation and original, TikTok trick shots delivered through gentle, non-verbal clowning. Audience members become the stars of the show and celebrate both failures and successes.

Also at SIRF Green Stage, Sunday.

JUGGLING WORKSHOP

Sunday 6 August, 3.45pm

-  Free but ticketed. Tickets are released two hours before each show time. Available from SIRF Central on a first come, first served basis.
- Age Recommendation:** Ages 10+ will have the best experience with this workshop.


In this 30-minute workshop, Darryl breaks down the How-Tos of juggling into digestible, interactive, and playful exercises, promoting teamwork, learning from one another and the willingness to make mistakes.



ANTHONY LO-GIUDICE

ROMA

Thursday 3 August
5.30pm and 8pm

-  Free but ticketed. Tickets are released two hours before each show time. Available from SIRF Central on a first come, first served basis.

Anthony Lo-Giudice has worked with young creatives from across the North East to create two pre-show performances inspired by ROMA's music and movement.

Trinity Church is the setting for ROMA, a dance theatre production from Teesside raised choreographer Anthony Lo-Giudice that explores the notions of belonging, nationhood, and cross-cultural identity.

Within ROMA, Anthony crafts the intimate musings of his mother's accounts of a failed love story, whilst attempting to build a home for her son in the absence of a father figure.

ROMA meditates on a quest for someone to love and for a place to call home, entangled within the complexities of heritage, tradition, language and family.



THAT 80S BAND!

Sunday 6 August
2.15pm

Get ready to travel back to the 80s with That 80s Band! From catchy pop anthems by Duran Duran and Wham! to irresistible grooves from Billy Ocean and Michael Jackson.

Be prepared to sing and dance all as we get the afternoon started with a sensational nostalgic throw back. That 80s Band! will get you partying like it's 1989!



GHETTO FABULOUS

Family Catwalk Extravaganza

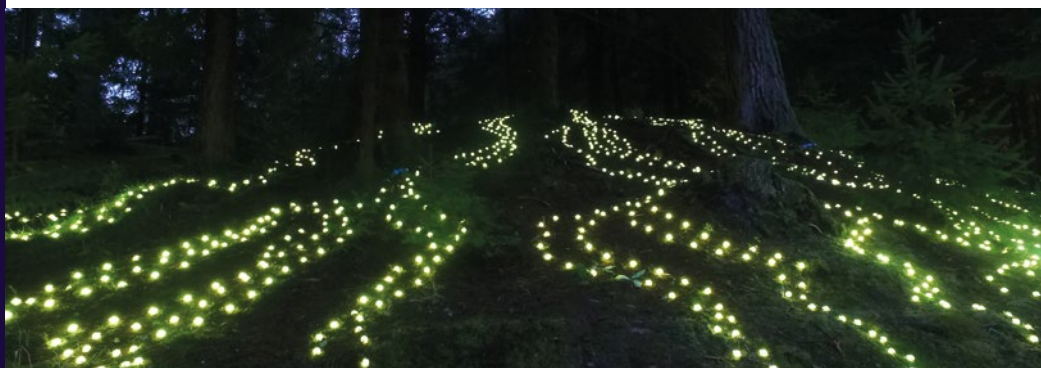
Sunday 6 August
1.15pm and 4.45pm



Bring your glamour, glitz and grace and come together in a fabulous celebration of self-expression. Four professional dancers go head-to-head in a dance, fashion and lip sync competition in an interactive event where the audience decides the winner. Whether you just want to join in the fun by cheering along or have

a passion to pose, come along and show off your own magnificence by dressing up and helping crown the winner! Dress your finest, learn the moves – then take to the floor.

Family Catwalk Extravaganza is supported and commissioned by Hat Fair.



SQUIDSOUP

The Power of Art (Environmental Responsibility Showcase and Commission)

Thursday 3 August to Sunday 6 August
5pm to 9.30pm (Thursday),
1pm to 9.30pm (Friday and Saturday),
1pm to 10pm (Sunday)

The Power of Art project aims to find flexible and sustainable solutions for powering digital artworks, large and small, in any outdoor situation. With funding from SIRF and Arts Council England, Squid Soup have partnered with Cleevly Electric Vehicles to explore the capability of second life electric car batteries in combination with solar energy to power digital artwork. This site-specific piece installed at Trinity Church is the result of this research and is powered completely by solar energy.

THE LULAS

Sunday 6 August
7pm

The Lulas hail from Middlesbrough bringing a sound that is a pop-groove melting pot including influences from The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bruno Mars and Amy Winehouse. They are fun and are sure to get you moving your feet and clapping your hands. Following the successful release of their debut album 'Enjoy The Ride', they are out in force to get their live show into as many ear holes as possible, do not miss them!



GUACAMAYA LATIN BAND

Sunday 6 August
7.45pm

Guacamaya Latin Band have performed all around the UK, Europe, and Middle East, delivering authentic latin vibes and filling the dancefloor wherever they go. Lead singer Jose is from Caracas, Venezuela. Half Caribbean, half Spanish. Expect a wild heady mix of the most famous Latin, American and British, a unique musical experience very difficult to resist.



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BAQUE DE OGUM

Sunday 6 August, 4.45pm
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CIRKVOST (FRANCE) PIGMENTS

Sunday 6 August
9.30pm

SIRF closes with a truly spectacular high flying acrobatic show from CirkVOST. At 15 metres above ground, in this aerial show group solidarity really takes flight. Individuality is important, as every individual is unique, but individualism can prove dangerous; each solo initiative can throw a group off balance if the action doesn't consider the limits of the whole. In this, some may see a blatant allegory of today's society, others a manifestation of defiance, a rebellion against the laws of gravity. Yet all, big and small, will enjoy the heady pleasure of shared flight.

The CirkVOST team of musicians will work with Lightfires to illuminate the sky with a flourish of pyrotechnics as we bring the SIRF festival to a spectacular close!





Bishop Street Car Park
 Thursday 5pm-9.30pm,
 Friday and Saturday
 11am-9.30pm,
 Sunday 11am-3pm

Trinity Green
 Sunday 1pm-10.30pm

SIRF GREEN TASTY EATS

Following its popularity last year, SIRF Green is back! SIRF Green is the perfect place to sit and chat with family and friends, and you can even enjoy some live entertainment. And this year it will appear in Trinity Green on the Sunday too. The site is fully accessible and includes easy access toilets, seating and spaces to enjoy some time-out between shows.

BISHOP STREET TRADERS:

TASTY TARTS • THE LITTLE INDIAN
 HOPE AND UNION • THE LITTLE KOREAN
 THE VELVETEEN RABBIT LUNCHEON CLUB
 STEWY'S ICES • CREPE EXPECTATIONS
 THE COCKTAIL BOX • LUCKY TEDS
 THE SEAHORSE COFFEE BOX
 ROCKET PIZZA

TRINITY GREEN TRADERS:

STEWY'S ICES • TASTY TARTS
 JERK AND RUM STREET FOOD
 BRASS MONKEY BEER BOUTIQUE
 FLIPNFAST • BUTE PIZZA
 PALOMINO COFFEE BOX
 THE PIMMS VAN



SCAN ME

Tees Music Alliance presents a free programme of live music over at The Georgian Theatre and The Green Room, in and around Green Dragon Yard.

Shows will run from 7pm, Friday
 and from 4pm, Saturday.

Festival food will be available from 12noon on
 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, serving a range
 of pizzas, nachos and loaded fries.

Scan the QR code for latest details or visit
www.georgiantheatre.co.uk



YOUR GUIDE TO ALL THINGS SIRF

Whether you're a regular visitor, or this is your first SIRF, we are here to help you make the most of your festival visit:

- Choose your shows
- Get the latest updates at www.sirf.co.uk, digital screens in the high street or follow us on social media
- Come prepared for all weathers - bring a raincoat, sunscreen, and sunglasses too!
- Take time out of your busy festival day to enjoy SIRF Green where you can use our free water station, grab some tasty street food or even bring your own picnic.

SIRF CENTRAL

Located in the Enjoy Stockton-on-Tees shop, this is your one stop shop for more information about the festival, merchandise, and tickets.


Enjoy Stockton-on-Tees Visitor Information, 134b High Street, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1LP

THE TEAM ON THE STREET

Our incredibly friendly and helpful Visitor Experience Team in their orange SIRF t-shirts will be located at all our locations so do ask them for:

- Directions and other useful information
- Programmes (if you need another one)
- Guiding you around the festival, providing support, advice, and recommendations on what to see
- Helping you navigate the festival with up-to-date information if anything changes

SIRF TICKETS

SIRF is a free festival, however some shows are ticketed due to capacity or the use of specialist equipment. In your programme all ticketed shows are clearly marked with a  with instructions of how to access and collect tickets.

SIRF23 ticketed shows:

- Anthony Lo-Giudice – ROMA (including pre-show), Page 25
- Avanti Display – Crow, Page 24
- Eléctrico 28 – [THE FRAME], Page 17
- James Taylor with Dave Lovatt - Ducks & Dragons, Page 8

SIRF23 ticketed workshops:

- Darryl J Carrington – Juggling Workshop, Page 24
- Unlimited Theatre and Upswing – Circus Skills, Page 12

Tickets are free and available to collect each day two hours before the start of each show or activity. Please be aware that as tickets are limited, they are served on a first come first served basis. There may be queues and tickets cannot be guaranteed. Tickets can be collected from SIRF Central, 134b High Street, Stockton.



ARTS AWARD

Audience members aged 5-25 can achieve an Arts Award certificate during the festival. Simply participate in a creative activity on site.

Look out for the BloomInArt team in Parish Gardens on Friday and Saturday, and in Trinity Green on Sunday, to sign up.

Arts Award is an a national qualification that aims to nurture an interest in the arts, build confidence and life skills as well as supporting education and future employment.

For more information visit www.sirf.co.uk

GETTING TO SIRF

SIRF is working with Julie's Bicycle to make small changes and actions towards reducing our carbon footprint. Help us by walking, biking, or car sharing to the festival.

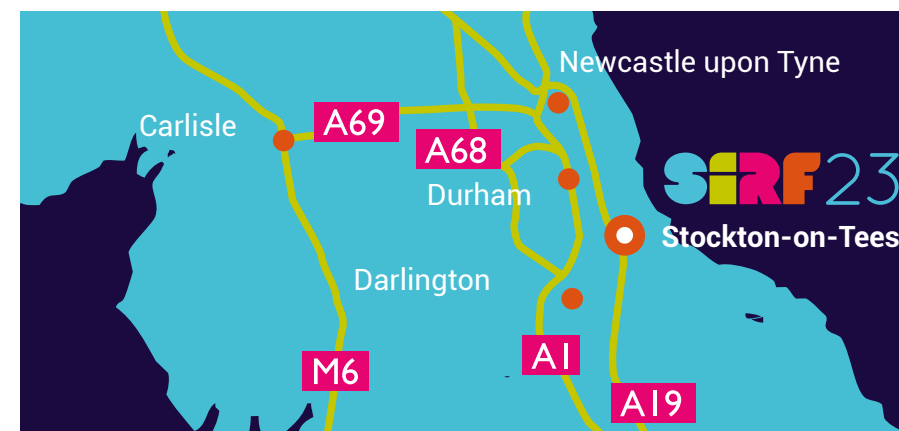
Bike Station: For keen bikers, located in SIRF Green.

Buses: Stockton Town Centre is well served by buses from across the Tees Valley.

Train: Stockton Railway Station is a five minute walk from Stockton Town Centre. Thornaby Railway Station is a short 15 minute walk across the river, and buses or taxis can be taken to-and-from the station from the Town Centre.

Driving: There is ample car parking within easy walking distance to Stockton Town Centre. Please see website for a list of the available car parks along with any road and parking restrictions in-place during the festival.

We encourage visitors to car share where possible.



CONTINUE YOUR SIRF EXPERIENCE ONLINE!

Watch behind the scenes shows, interviews with artists and performances from international acts. Visit www.sirf.co.uk or scan the QR code to find out more.



For further information:

Visit www.sirf.co.uk

General enquires, Accessible SIRF & SIRF Central: **01642 528130**

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ACCESSIBLE SIRF

We're committed to ensuring that SIRF is as accessible as possible for everyone. SIRF provides:

- A SIRF buddy service
- Accessible SIRF wristbands
- Disabled access
- BSL interpreted shows and Audio Described shows

A full listing of all accessible information including BSL listings can be found at www.sirf.co.uk

Stockton Shopmobility Centre is open at 15 Wellington Street throughout SIRF for hire of mobility equipment to help you get around the festival.

BSL INTERPRETED SHOWS

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST

TIT FOR TAT

Books

1.15pm

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📍 Parish Gardens

SHE SAID JUMP

The Guy in the Luggage Rack

3.30pm

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📍 Parish Gardens

MURMURATION ARTS

A Lullaby for Stockton

4.30pm to 5.30pm

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📍 Parish Gardens

SHE SAID JUMP

The Guy in the Luggage Rack

6pm

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📍 Parish Gardens

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

PHOEBE OPHELIA

Betty Brown Bags

1.45pm

📍 SIRF Green Garden Stage

MURMURATION ARTS

A Lullaby for Stockton

2.15pm to 2.45pm

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📍 Parish Gardens

PHOEBE OPHELIA

Betty Brown Bags

3.30pm

📍 SIRF Green Garden Stage

TIT FOR TAT

Books

4pm

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📍 Parish Gardens

SHE SAID JUMP

The Guy in the Luggage Rack

7.30pm

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📍 Parish Gardens

DIFFERENCE ENGINE SHOWS

The Difference Engine is Talking Birds' discrete tool for making performances and events accessible to D/deaf and hard-of-hearing audience members by delivering captioning direct to their own mobile devices via the Difference Engine App which can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

For more information about Accessible SIRF including Audio Description Resources and our Buddy Service please contact SIRF Central or visit our website.

UNLIMITED THEATRE AND UPSWING

Ancient Futures

Thursday 3 August, 6pm and 8.15pm

Friday 4 August, 2.30pm and 6pm

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Town Hall and Fountain Area

AVANTI DISPLAY

Crow

Friday 4 August and Saturday 5 August

8.45pm

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📍 Trinity Green

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We want to learn more about how we can make SIRF the best possible experience for you.

Please set aside some time to fill in our short online survey. It should take around five minutes to complete.

Anything you tell us will be kept confidential, is anonymous and will only be used for research purposes.

Scan the QR code below or visit www.sirf.co.uk



Getting around the festival is easy with our handy location map.

The whole of Stockton High Street will be alive with activity and in each location you will find a number of different shows.

We've even added in a couple of our landmarks to help guide the way!

Don't forget, our dedicated Visitor Experience Team will be on hand to direct you around the sites too.

SIRF LOCATIONS

- 1 STOCKTON HIGH STREET
- 2 HIGH STREET CAR PARK (NORTH)
- 3 TOWN HALL AND FOUNTAIN AREA
- 4 HIGH STREET PLINTH
- 5 HIGH STREET WELLINGTON SQUARE
- 6 PARISH GARDENS
- 7 RIVERSIDE BANK
- 8 SIRF GREEN BISHOP STREET
- 9 TRINITY GREEN
- 10 SIRF GREEN TRINITY



Location	5pm	5.15pm	5.30pm	5.45pm	6pm	6.15pm	6.30pm	6.45pm	7pm	7.15pm	7.30pm	7.45pm	8pm	8.15pm	8.30pm	8.45pm	9.00pm	9.15pm	9.30pm
Stockton High Street	16rpm									16rpm									
Town Hall and Fountain Area	Akademi*				Unlimited Theatre and Upswing						Akademi*			Unlimited Theatre and Upswing					
High Street Plinth			2Faced Dance									2Faced Dance							
Riverside Bank	ZEST Theatre																		
SIRF Green Bishop Street Car Park	Alive After 5 Welcome Party																		
Trinity Green	Squidsoup																		
			Anthony Lo-Giudice										Anthony Lo-Giudice						

* Starting location
** Workshop
*** Starts Stockton High Street and moves to Trinity Green

Location	1pm	1.15pm	1.30pm	1.45pm	2pm	2.15pm	2.30pm	2.45pm	3pm	3.15pm	3.30pm	3.45pm	4pm	4.15pm	4.30pm	4.45pm	5pm	5.15pm	5.30pm	5.45pm	6pm	6.15pm
Stockton High Street				16rpm									16rpm									
			James Taylor with Dave Lovatt				The Stray Horns			James Taylor with Dave Lovatt						The Stray Horns						
High Street Car Park North							Pif-Paf															
					Fairly Famous Family								Fairly Famous Family							Fairly Famous Family		
Town Hall and Fountain Area							Unlimited Theatre and Upswing			Le grand jeté!		Unlimited Theatre and Upswing**									Unlimited Theatre and Upswing	
High Street Plinth		Alleyne Dance			Knot on Hands				Def Motion				Alleyne Dance			Def Motion						
High Street Wellington Square					Eléctrico 28								Eléctrico 28									
					Hands Down Circus											Hands Down Circus						
Parish Gardens		Tit for Tat					Hikapee		She Said Jump			Tit for Tat			TEATRO SÓ	Hikapee		She Said Jump				
		Murmuration Arts																				
		BloomInArt								BloomInArt												
Riverside Bank	ZEST Theatre																					
Trinity Green	Squidsoup																					

Location	6.30pm	6.45pm	7pm	7.15pm	7.30pm	7.45pm	8pm	8.15pm	8.30pm	8.45pm	9.00pm	9.15pm	9.30pm	9.45pm	10pm	10.15pm
High Street Car Park North	Avanti Display		Cie Bivouac - Official SIRF Launch									TEATRO SÓ				
High Street Plinth							Knot on Hands									
Town Hall and Fountain Area													Le grand jeté!			
High Street Wellington Square							Eléctrico 28									
							Pif-Paf									
Riverside Bank	ZEST Theatre															
Trinity Green	Squidsoup															
									Avanti Display							



Location	1pm	1.15pm	1.30pm	1.45pm	2pm	2.15pm	2.30pm	2.45pm	3pm	3.15pm	3.30pm	3.45pm	4pm	4.15pm	4.30pm	4.45pm	5pm	5.15pm	5.30pm	5.45pm	6pm	6.15pm
Stockton High Street				16rpm						James Taylor with Dave Lovatt			16rpm									
			James Taylor with Dave Lovatt																			
			Fairly Famous Family									Fairly Famous Family										
High Street Car Park North					Meta4 Dance			Pif-Paf								Meta4 Dance						
High Street Plinth		Alleyne Dance			Tripotes la Compagnie					Joss Arnott			Alleyne Dance			Knot on Hands			Tripotes la Compagnie			
Town Hall and Fountain Area								Le grand jeté!														
High Street Wellington Square		Eléctrico 28			Hands Down Circus											Hands Down Circus				Eléctrico 28		
Parish Gardens		Tit for Tat						Hikapee		She Said Jump			Tit for Tat							Hikapee		
		Murmuration Arts																				
		BloomInArt								BloomInArt												
Riverside Bank	ZEST Theatre																					

Location	6.30pm	6.45pm	7pm	7.15pm	7.30pm	7.45pm	8pm	8.15pm	8.30pm	8.45pm	9pm	9.15pm	9.30pm	9.45pm	10pm	10.15pm	10.30pm
High Street Car Park North	Fairly Famous Family		Pif-Paf							Nel Unlit			Cie Bivouac				
Town Hall and Fountain Area								Le grand jeté!									
High Street Plinth	Joss Arnott						Knot on Hands										
High Street Wellington Square						Eléctrico 28											
Parish Gardens	TEATRO SÓ				She Said Jump			TEATRO SÓ									
Riverside Bank	ZEST Theatre																
Trinity Green	Squidsoup																
										Avanti Display							

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** Workshop

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Location	11.45am	12pm	12.15pm	12.30pm	12.45pm	1pm	1.15pm	1.30pm	1.45pm	2pm	2.15pm	2.30pm	2.45pm	3pm	3.15pm	3.30pm	3.45pm	4pm	4.15pm	4.30pm	4.45pm	5pm	5.15pm
Stockton High Street		Global Grooves								Community Carnival Parade***													
		Baque de Ogum																					
		Georgia Hill																					
		Aristas del Gremio																					
High Street Car Park North							Jones and Barnard																
Trinity Green - Zone1						Squidsoup																	
							Ghetto Fabulous			That 80s Band!		Jones and Barnard			Darryl J Carrington**							Darryl J Carrington	
Trinity Green - Zone 2						ZEST Theatre																	
														Joss Arnott			Tripotes la Compagnie				Ghetto Fabulous		
																	Meta4 Dance				Baque de Ogum		
						Participation Workshops inc. Moving Parts Arts, The Little Silver Kiln, Anvesaka Yoga and Aerial**																	
						BloomInArt										BloomInArt							
																			Global Grooves				
																			Georgia Hill				
																					Fairly Famous Family		

Location	5.30pm	5.45pm	6pm	6.15pm	6.30pm	6.45pm	7pm	7.15pm	7.30pm	7.45pm	8pm	8.15pm	8.30pm	8.45pm	9pm	9.15pm	9.30pm	9.45pm	10pm	10.15pm	10.30pm
Trinity Green - Zone1	Squidsoup																				
	Darryl J Carrington						The Lulas			Guacamaya Latin Band				Artistas del Gremio			CirkVOST - Official SIRQ Finale				
Trinity Green - Zone 2	ZEST Theatre																				
	Joss Arnott			Tripotes la Compagnie																	
		Meta4 Dance																			
	Participation Workshops**																				
		Fairly Famous Family							Fairly Famous Family												

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