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SPRING-SUMMER 2026

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the 2026 spring-summer season at Queens Park Arts Centre – the creative and cultural hub of Buckinghamshire. As ever, we have a programme packed with fantastic activities to inspire and entertain, from weekly creative and wellbeing workshops, to live theatre, music and comedy in the Limelight Theatre, plus an ongoing and inspiring Artisan Exhibitions programme. We're adding new events to the programme all the time, so check out [www.queensparkarts.com](http://www.queensparkarts.com) and follow [@queensparkarts](https://twitter.com/queensparkarts) on social media for the latest updates!

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## BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

### Become a Member:

Enjoy regular discounts on workshops and events for an entire year with a one-off membership payment. Attend often, save more! See p.29

### Volunteer with Us:

Join our award-winning team of volunteers and make a real difference. Gain new skills, meet new people and give back to the community. Be part of something special!

### Sign Up for Our Newsletter:

Don't miss out! Scan the QR code to receive our weekly newsletter and get the latest updates on workshops and events.

### Follow us on Social Media:

We post regular updates, information and special opportunities on our instagram and facebook accounts - go have a look if you want to know exactly what's coming up!



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## 2026 BUCKS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 3 JULY - 9 AUGUST

From a remote island to a magical forest, experience the many worlds of Shakespeare's plays this Summer with Unbound Theatre's Buckinghamshire Shakespeare Festival! See p.16 and p.20 for details of the whole programme



CREATIVE AND CULTURAL HUB

# FUNDRAISER

HELP US REACH OUR AMBITIOUS  
£60,000 GOAL BY MAY 2026

WE NEED THE REMAINING  
**£20,000**  
BY SUMMER 2026



Thanks to a very generous grant from Opportunity Bucks and an incredible amount of support from our wonderful patrons we have already reached over £40,000 in just 4 months!

We are now very close to being able to place the order for our new theatre seating, but in order to complete the work to a high standard during the Summer break when we can avoid disruption to our weekly programme of events, we need to raise the remaining £20,000

**WAYS TO DONATE:**

DIRECTLY THROUGH OUR WEBSITE  
AND  
AT CHECKOUT WHEN BOOKING

SHARE, PROMOTE AND DONATE TO  
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[GOFUND.ME/B18FCCD83](https://gofund.me/B18FCCD83)

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£500+	£100+
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# WORKSHOPS

## DISCOVER YOUR CREATIVITY

As the hub, heart and home of the arts in Buckinghamshire, QPAC offers a vibrant and diverse programme with over 50 workshops each week.

Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to refine your skills, there's something for everyone. Our weekly workshops offer activities across arts, crafts, performance and wellbeing - from tapestry to contemporary jewellery, portraiture to woodcarving, Bollywood dance, yoga, and many more.

Workshops take place during daytimes, evenings and weekends, making it easy for you to find something that fits into your schedule. Sessions are pay-as-you-go so are the perfect way to try something new - you might discover a new hobby, learn a new skill or finish that DIY project!

Many of our workshops are tutored by our passionate and highly skilled volunteers, some of whom have been with us for over 25 years, offering their expertise and experience to the community and passing on knowledge and skills.

Our large and well-equipped studios give you access to everything you need to get your creativity flowing – from textile and woodwork studios, to a large art studio with twenty standing easels plus pottery and glazing studios equipped with five throwing wheels and plenty of room for sculpture and hand-building. There are dedicated spaces for all activities.

### SPECIAL ONE-DAY CLASSES AND SHORT COURSES

Our one-day and short course programme is added to throughout the season.

Full details [queensparkarts.com](http://queensparkarts.com)  
or call 01296 424332.

Join our mailing list to hear first  
by scanning the QR code



# WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG CREATIVES

Booking in advance is highly recommended



## CHILDREN

### AGED 7-11

#### AFTERSCHOOL POTTERY MAKING & GLAZING

with Emma Bowden

**MON 4.30pm - 6pm**

£13 std | £12 mem

See website for session dates

#### AFTERSCHOOL ART CLUB

with Lindsey Grexhammer

**TUE 4.30pm - 5.30pm**

£9.50 std | £7.50 mem



## TEENS

### AGED 12-17

#### TUTORED LIFE DRAWING

16+

with Ayşe Kongur

**TUE 7.15pm - 9.30pm**

Sessions open to adults & teens 16+

£8 discounted price for U18s

#### POTTERY FOR TEENS

12+

**THU 4.30pm - 6pm**

£6.50 std | £5.50 mem

Many of our adult special workshops are open to teenagers 16+ on tutor discretion. You'll need to be comfortable working independently and taking advice to enjoy the sessions. Please contact us to find out more.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

We offer exciting school holiday workshop programmes for children and teens led by local artists. Details of individual sessions are added to our website a few weeks before each holiday.

### EASTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

**MON 30 Mar - WED 1 Apr**

### MAY HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

**MON 25 May - THU 28 May**

#### WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

POTTERY

COLLAGE

3D CRAFTING

ZINE MAKING

PORTRAITURE

VISUAL POETRY

FELT MAKING

DRAWING

AND MORE!



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# ONE-OFF ADULT WORKSHOPS

## FULL & HALF DAY WORKSHOPS

### SHIBORI DYEING: 2 DAY COURSE

with Karina Thomas

**SAT 7 & 14 Mar**

**10am – 1pm**

£55 std | £50 mem

### INTRODUCTION TO PRINTMAKING

with Nicola Hammond-Gilson

**SAT 14 Mar | 10am – 12.30pm**

£25 std | £20 mem

### GLAZING MASTERCLASS

With Charlie Butters

**SAT 21 Mar | 10am – 1pm**

£45 std | £40 mem

### CREATE YOUR OWN COVER

with Alessia Tumbiolo

**SAT 28 Mar | 10am – 12.30pm**

£25 std | £20 mem

### SELF-PORTRAITURE

with Joseph Schneider

**SAT 28 Mar | 10am – 12.30pm**

£25 std | £20 mem

### INTRODUCTION TO CHINESE

with Jay Tang

**SAT 28 Mar | 10am – 12.30pm**

£25 std | £20 mem

### DESIGN AND STITCH - INSPIRED BY FASHION ARTIST ZANDRA RHODES

with Janet Edmonds

**MON 30 Mar | 10am – 3.30pm**

£60 std | £55 mem

### WARLI (TRIBAL) ART

with Shashirekha Prakash

**MON 30 Mar | 10am – 12.30pm**

£25 std | £20 mem

### INTRODUCTION TO WOODCARVING

with Jeremy Turner

**MON 30 Mar | 10am – 4pm**

£55 std | £50 mem

### INTRODUCTION TO CROCHET

with Jane Kendal

**TUE 31 Mar | 10am – 12.30pm**

£25 std | £20 mem

### PAINTING WITH INKS

with Anastasia Osborne

**TUE 31 Mar | 1.30 – 4pm**

£25 std | £20 mem

### RAKU: HANDBUILDING AND FIRING

with Helen Neighbour and Charlie Butters

**SAT 25 Apr | 10am - 1pm**

**AND SAT 6 Jun | 10am - 3pm**

£125 std | £110 mem

### WAY INTO LANDSCAPE; PAINTING

with Joseph Schneider

**SAT 16 May | 10am – 3pm**

£50 std | £45 mem

### MADHUBANI ART PAINTING

with Shashirekha Prakash

**THU 28 May | 10am – 4pm**

£60 std | £55 mem

### PLAYFUL STILL LIFE IN ACRYLICS

with Colin Stokes

**SAT 6 Jun | 10am – 4pm**

£50 std | £45 mem

# ONE-OFF ADULT WORKSHOPS

## RECURRING COURSES

### FULL DAY WHEEL THROWING COURSES

With Patrick Hayward

**SAT 18 Apr, 16 May, 20 Jun, 11 Jul**

**10am – 4pm**

£85 std | £80 mem

### HALF DAY WHEEL THROWING COURSES

With Charlie Butters

**SAT 28 Feb, 28 Mar, 23 May**

**10am – 1pm**

£45 std | £40 mem

### POTTERY HANDBUILDING COURSES

With Helen Neighbour

**SAT 28 Feb, 21 Mar, 28 Mar, 23 May**

**10am – 1pm**

£40 std | £35 mem

## SUMMER SHORT COURSES

### DRAWING TO SCALE: 2 DAY COURSE

with Susan Kudo

**FRI 10 & 17 Jul**

**10am – 3pm**

£65 std | £60 mem

### RUST AND INDIGO DYEING: 2 DAY COURSE

with Dawn Ramsay

**MON 27 & TUE 28 Jul**

**10am – 1pm**

£55 std | £50 mem

### POTTERY SUMMER SCHOOL

with Helen Neighbour

**TUE 28 - FRI 31 Jul | Handbuilding**

**AND SAT 12 Sep | Glazing**

**10am – 2pm**

£135 std | £120 mem

## MULTI-WEEK COURSES

### PRINTMAKING: 5 WEEK COURSE

with Nicola Hammond-Gilson

**SATURDAYS 18 Apr - 23 May**

**10am – 12.30pm**

£75 std | £70 mem

### BOOKBINDING: 4 WEEK COURSE

with Alessia Tumbiolo

**SATURDAYS 6 - 27 Jun**

**10am – 12.30pm**

£85 std | £80 mem

### WATERCOLOUR PAINTING: 4 WEEK COURSE

with Paul Chappell

**FRIDAYS 29 May - 19 Jun**

**1pm – 3.30pm**

£60 std | £55 mem

### NERIKOMI CERAMICS: 1 DAY COURSE

with Freya Froggatt-Smith

**THU 30, FRI 31 Jul (two dates available)**

**10am – 4pm**

£65 std | £60 mem

### WATERCOLOUR PAINTING: 5 DAY COURSE

with Paul Chappell

**MON 3 - FRI 7 Aug**

**10am – 4pm**

£125 std | £110 mem

### CARVING WOODWARE: 3 DAY COURSE

with Jeremy Turner

**MON 3 - WED 5 Aug**

**10am – 4pm**

£105 std | £90 mem

## WEEKLY WORKSHOPS

# NEEDLEWORK & TEXTILES

Well-equipped textile studio offering a range of workshops. See course descriptions on our website for a full list of the materials and equipment provided.

### KNITTING

with Avril Gates

**MON 1pm - 3pm**

£8.50 std | £6.50 mem

### TAPESTRY

with Arianna Odell

**MON 4.30pm - 7pm**

£10.50 std | £8.50 mem



### PATCHWORK

with Jean Twyford

**WED 10am - 12.30pm**

£10.50 std | £8.50 mem

### LACEMAKING

Untutored

**THU 1.30pm - 4pm**

£6 std | £5 mem

### NEEDLECRAFT

Untutored

**FRI 1pm - 3pm**

£5 std | £4 mem

# CRAFTS & WOODWORK

Well-equipped studios and workshops run by tutors with many years of expertise. You may need to bring your own specialist tools and materials for some workshops, check course descriptions on our website for full details.

## CREATIVE PARTNERS

### WOODCARVING

with Jeremy Turner

**MON 10am - 12.30pm | 1pm - 3.30pm**

**Bookings:**

[jeremy.turner155@gmail.com](mailto:jeremy.turner155@gmail.com)

### BUCKS ADULT LEARNING - WOODWORK FOR BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS

10-week courses run by Bucks Adult Learning

**For more information – and to book your place visit [www.adultlearningbc.ac.uk](http://www.adultlearningbc.ac.uk)**



### WOODWORK & WOOD TURNING

with Phil Francis

**TUE 10am - 12.30pm**

**WED 7pm - 9.30pm**

£11.50 std | £9.50 mem

### CONTEMPORARY JEWELLERY

with Susie Upstone

**MON 10am - 12.30pm**

**THU 7pm - 9.30pm**

£12.50 std | £10.50 mem

### WOODCARVING CLUB

Untutored

**THU 10am - 12.30pm**

£10.50 std | £8.50 mem

### MIXED CRAFTS

Untutored

**THU 10am - 12.30pm**

£8 std | £6 mem

# PAINTING & DRAWING



Workshops are held in our superb art studio complete with twenty full-size easels, drawing boards and other communal resources. Our workshops have expert tutors to lead both beginners & improvers.

## OIL PAINTING

with Michael Navarro

**MON 7pm - 9.30pm**

£11 std | £9 mem

## PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

with Amanda Curbishley

**THU 10am - 12.30pm**

£12.50 std | £10.50 mem

## PORTRAITURE

with John Easterling

**TUE 10am - 12.30pm**

£11 std | £9 mem

## LIFE DRAWING

### TUTORED SESSION

with Ayşe Kongur

**TUE 7.15pm - 9.30pm**

£12 std | £10 mem

### UNTUTORED SESSION

**See Website For Dates**

**SAT 10am - 12.30pm**

£15 std | £13 mem

## PAINTING & DRAWING

with Anne Bennison

**WED 10am - 12.30pm**

£11 std | £9 mem



## CREATIVE PARTNERS

### MONDAY LIFE DRAWING

MON 10am - 2pm

**Find out more:**

[a.glynnejones@outlook.com](mailto:a.glynnejones@outlook.com)

## WEEKLY WORKSHOPS

# POTTERY

Pottery has been the cornerstone of our crafts programme for more than forty years, and our facilities and fully-equipped studios are amongst the best and most popular in the county.

### WEEKLY TUTORED CLASSES

£11.50 std | £9.50 mem

#### TUE MORNING

10am - 12.30pm

with Helen Neighbour

#### TUE AFTERNOON

2pm - 4.30pm

**Beginners Class**

with Tim & Sue Rooke

#### WED MORNING

10am - 12.30pm

**Handbuilding & Sculpture**

with Gill Brown

#### WED EVENING

7pm - 9.30pm

with Patrick Hayward

#### THU MORNING

10am - 12.30pm

**Handbuilding & Sculpture**

with Jenny Hay

#### THU AFTERNOON

**Beginners to Intermediate**

1.30 - 4pm

**Handbuilding & Sculpture**

with Wendy Edmundson

#### THU EVENING

7pm - 9.30pm

with Charlie Butters

### POTTERY FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

#### MONDAYS

with Tony Tomblin & Dan Sullivan

10am - 12.30pm

£13 std | £10.50 mem



### WEEKLY UNTUTORED CLASSES

11.50 std | £9.50 mem

#### MONDAYS

1pm - 3.30pm

7pm - 9.30pm

#### TUESDAYS

4.30pm - 7pm

7pm - 9.30pm

#### WEDNESDAYS

2pm - 4.30pm

4.30pm - 7pm

#### FRIDAYS

10am - 12.30pm

1pm - 3.30pm



### SATURDAY POTTERY COURSES

#### All-Day Throwing

with Patrick Hayward

#### Half-Day Throwing

with Charlie Butters

#### Handbuilding and Glazing

with Helen Neighbour

#### Glazing Masterclass

with Charlie Butters

#### Raku: Making and Firing

with Helen Neighbour and Charlie Butters

See p.7 for details

## WEEKLY WORKSHOPS

# PERFORMING ARTS

Musical workshops running throughout the week for beginners and improvers.

### RECORDER GROUP

Untutored

**MON 10am - 12.30pm**

£10 std | £8 mem

### JAZZ GROUPS

With Rick Atkins

#### BEGINNERS JAZZ

**WED 12.45pm - 1.45pm**

£5.50 std | £4.50 mem

#### INTERMEDIATE JAZZ

**WED 2pm - 4.30pm**

£11 std | £9 mem

### GUITAR CLUB

With Nicola Gray and Chris Yoxall

**WED 7pm - 9.30pm**

£11 std | £9 mem

### INTERMEDIATE GUITAR

Untutored

**THU 7pm - 9.30pm**

£10 std | £8 mem

### CLARINET GROUP

Untutored

**FRI 10am - 12.30pm**

£10 std | £8 mem

### CREATIVE PARTNERS



MUSICAL THEATRE CHOIR

### JIGSAW THEATRE COMPANY

TUE 1pm - 3.30pm

Find out more:

[info@jigsawtheatre.org.uk](mailto:info@jigsawtheatre.org.uk)

### MUSICAL THEATRE CHOIR AYLESBURY

WED 7.30pm - 9pm

Find out more:

[musicaltheatrechoir@gmail.com](mailto:musicaltheatrechoir@gmail.com)



### CREATIVE PARTNERS

#### BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 COURSES

MON, TUE & THU

7pm - 9pm

[handtalkingbsl@gmail.com](mailto:handtalkingbsl@gmail.com)

#### SPORT IN MIND YOGA

TUE 11am - 12pm

TUE 12.15pm - 1.15pm

[www.sportinmind.org](http://www.sportinmind.org)

#### SING YOUR PAIN AWAY

FRI 11.30am - 12.30pm

[jane@singyourpainaway.co.uk](mailto:jane@singyourpainaway.co.uk)

# HOLISTIC SESSIONS

Discover mindfulness and boost your wellbeing with our drop-in classes

### BOLLYWOOD DANCE WORKOUT

with Supriya More

**TUE 11am - 11.45am**

£5 std | £4 mem

### YOGA

with Helena Legg

**TUE 9.30am - 10.30am**

**THU 5.30pm - 6.30pm**

£9.50 std | £7.50 mem

### INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION

with Hina Pancholi

**THU 10am - 11am**

£5 std | £4 mem

### QI GONG

with Helena Legg

**THU 2pm - 3pm**

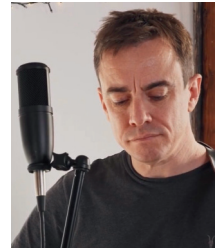
£9.50 std | £7.50 mem

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## REGULAR EVENTS



### OFF THE RECORD

**Second Saturday of the Month**

**14 Mar, 11 Apr, 9 May, 13 Jun, 11 Jul**

**Doors 7pm, Performances 7.30pm**

A music showcase for talented artists around Aylesbury! Whether it's their first show for a live audience or an album debut, we are a safe space to come and enjoy all genres of music. 3 Acts per evening with short breaks between.

**Tickets £10**



### QPAC ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC NIGHT

**Second Sunday of the Month**

**8 Mar, 12 Apr, 10 May, 14 Jun, 12 Jul**

**Doors 7pm, Performances 7.30pm**

Join us for the new-look Queens Park Acoustic Mic Night! These monthly sessions will take place in the QPAC Bar - an intimate setting for a night celebrating local talent from music, comedy, magic and more!

**Free entry, donations invited**

## LIMELIGHT THEATRE



6 Mar | 7.30pm

### 'THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST'

PRESENTED BY UNBOUND

A rehearsed reading of Oscar Wilde's most iconic comedy, presented as part of Unbound's ongoing 'Wilde Words' project. A night of assumed identities, societal wooing and - of course - a handbag...

£10 std | £8 conc

7 Mar | 8pm

### THE DUNG BEATLES

Aylesbury's very own tribute to the Fab Four delve into the iconic 'Red' and 'Blue' albums, sharing over two hours of Beatles classics. High energy, precise harmonies and top-drawer musicianship.

£18 std

20-22 Mar | 7.30pm

### 'THIS BLASTED PLACE' BY JO PRATT

PRESENTED BY UNBOUND

Winner of the 2025 New Writing Commission, this powerful new one-act play explores how cultural trauma reverberates through generations and how present day conflict mirrors the horrors of the past.

£10 std | £8 conc



27-31 Mar | 2pm & 7.30pm

### MURDER IN SERVICE

The latest murder mystery event by Karen Banfield. In 1908, Lord and Lady Cromford are well respected in polite society. They have loyal servants tending to their every whim. So what is really going on under their roof that leads to murder? Engagements, virtuosic playing and vocal prowess.

£13 std | £72 Party of 6 | £86 Party of 8

17 Apr | 7.30pm

### 'THE HAPPY PRINCE' AND OTHER STORIES

PRESENTED BY UNBOUND

Join us for readings of some of Oscar Wilde's celebrated stories for children. A very special evening of storytelling, perfect for all ages!

£8 std | £6 conc

18 Apr | 8pm

### CODA

Europe's most authentic and exciting Led Zeppelin tribute band, replicating the power, excitement and magic of a Led Zeppelin show like no other.

£19 std



**24-25 Apr | 7.30pm**  
**'INFLUENCE'**  
 PRESENTED BY UNBOUND  
 A new one-act play by Dario Knight. It's press night for a new West End play – and it hasn't gone well. Now, the show's director and press agent are trying to sway the opinions of a hardened critic and a trendy influencer. And then the actors get involved...  
**£10 std | £8 conc**

**1 May | 8pm**  
**THE DEAD CHERRY PICKERS MUSIC SOCIETY**  
 PRESENTED BY ROTARY ROCKS  
 The long-awaited live debut of streaming sensation The Dead Cherry Pickers Music Society. An evening of diverse original music from power-pop, acoustic and funk to prog and jazz, balanced with some tasteful covers.  
**£16 std** (All proceeds to Young Bucks Carers)

**2 May | 8pm**  
**MARK HARRISON**  
 An established, multi-award-nominated singer-songwriter, storyteller and guitarist with an ever-growing reputation for being unlike any other artist out there. All-original songs in a very individual folk roots and folk-rock style.  
**£15 std**

**15 May | 7pm**  
**SPOTLIGHT: ILLUMINATING ENGINEERING**  
 A series of short talks from some of Oxford's most innovative and enthusiastic engineers, exploring how advances in ground-breaking research are helping to improve our lives and expand our horizons.  
**£5 std**

**16 May | 8pm**  
**CHEMISTRY - A TRIBUTE TO RUSH**  
 A spellbinding power trio performing music from the entirety of Rush's career and doing so with a passion, attention to detail and raw enthusiasm that is infectious.  
**£14 std**

**22 May | 8pm**  
**THE ATOMIC PRUNE**  
 An honest, earthy blues trio who are committed to preserving blues music whilst infusing it with influences from genres such as rock, skiffle, reggae and more!  
**£10 in advance | £12 on the door**

**VISIT THE LIMELIGHT THEATRE BAR**  
 Our licenced bar opens an hour before each performance begins with affordable prices for drinks and snacks, so you can make an evening out of your outing!

## LIMELIGHT THEATRE



**23 May | 8pm**

### **GILMORE & ROBERTS**

Contemporary acoustic roots duo Gilmore & Roberts combine award-winning songwriting with astounding musicianship and their trademark harmonies to create a lasting connection with their audience.

**£16.50 std**

**29 May | 8pm**

### **BEYOND DISTRACTIONS; A MAGIC SHOW**

Distractions aren't obstacles, they're invitations. Every wandering thought and stolen glance becomes part of the magic to discover with magician George Barlow.

**£10 std**

**30 May | 8pm**

### **OTWAY & BARRETT**

John Otway and Wild Willy Barrett have been at it... and each other... for over 50 years. Still jousting, they are back on the road with their 'Alive and Giggling' tour.

**£20 std**



**5 Jun | 8pm**

### **ZOE SCHWARZ BLUE COMMOTION**

Vibrant and melodic, funky rocking blues. Zoe Schwarz Blue Commotion refreshes the genre with eclectic arrangements, virtuosic playing and vocal prowess.

**£12.50 std | £10.50 conc**

**6 Jun | 8pm**

### **JAGGED LITTLE ALANIS**

The UK's leading and most authentic tribute act of the Canadian American singer songwriter Alanis Morissette, capturing her unique sound and vocals closer than any other UK tribute band.

**£13.25 std**

**19 Jun | 7.30pm**

**20 Jun | 2.30pm & 7.30pm**

### **'PRESENT LAUGHTER'**

PRESENTED BY RUNNING JOKE THEATRE COMPANY  
A sparkling 1960s comedy of egos, romance and theatrical chaos. A glamorous actor's carefully curated life unravels in a whirlwind of wit, vanity and unexpected visitors.

**£15 std**

### **HIRE THE LIMELIGHT**

Want to perform on the Limelight stage? You can hire the venue for a live performance. Email [limelight@queensparkarts.com](mailto:limelight@queensparkarts.com) for details.



SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL



GARY MOORE BLUES EXPERIENCE

**3-4 Jul | 7.30pm**

**'THE TEMPEST'**

PRESENTED BY UNBOUND

Shakespeare's final masterpiece. On a remote island where magic blisters the tree bark, a reckoning is about to be made; for Prospero the sorcerer is preparing to confront the brother who betrayed him...

**£10 std | £8 conc**

**24-25 Jul | 7.30pm**

**'TWELFTH NIGHT'**

PRESENTED BY UNBOUND

After almost performing the wrong play last year, our Shakespearean Comedians are back with a brand-new production that will definitely all go to plan...

**£10 std | £8 conc**

**18 Jul | 7pm**

**FISH AND CHIP QUIZ**

Tuck into tasty fish & chips then test those little grey cells! Hosts Grace and Faye will be setting the questions at this special fundraising event. Teams of 6 people max. Vegetarian option available.

**£20 std (includes food)**

**6-8 Aug | 7.30pm**

**8-9 Aug | 2.30pm**

**'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM'**

PRESENTED BY UNBOUND

A magical new take on Shakespeare's iconic tale of magic, love and amateur dramatics in the Limelight Theatre Forest...

**£10 std | £8 conc**

**SAVE THE DATE**

We already have some exciting shows confirmed for our Autumn-Winter 2026-27 season!

18 Sep  
THE GARY MOORE BLUES EXPERIENCE

11, 18, 23, 34 Dec  
A CHRISTMAS CAROL

25 Sep  
MURDER, FISH & CHIPS

12, 13, 19 Dec  
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PANTO)

28 Nov  
THE JOHN OTWAY BAND

20, 26, 27, 28 Dec  
TREASURE ISLAND (PANTO)

**Check [www.queensparkarts.com](http://www.queensparkarts.com) for the latest Limelight listings.**

# OFF THE RECORD

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**UNSIGNED ARTISTS**



EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

[Queensparkarts.com](http://Queensparkarts.com)

LIMELIGHT THEATRE, QUEENS PARK ARTS CENTRE, AYLESBURY

## SPRING-SUMMER 2026 SEASON

### ‘WHAT WE MAY BE’

Unbound is Queens Park Arts Centre’s award-winning in-house storytelling company.

Formed in 2014, the project is led by Creative Producer Dario Knight alongside an ever-expanding community of actors, writers, directors, artists, makers and technicians.

Unbound’s mission statement – ‘tell great stories’ – has seen it develop into the beating heart of inspirational storytelling activity in Buckinghamshire and beyond – the go-to company for bespoke performance projects across theatre, film and audio, with more than 200 different projects completed over the last 11 years.

In 2023 it was announced that QPAC had been awarded a three-year grant by the Rothschild Foundation to support Unbound’s work – enabling the company to continue producing dozens of volunteer-led projects every year in addition to two new initiatives designed to create paid work for local practitioners.

*“This new season brings a series of projects and stories that ponder identity. Through brand-new writing and fresh looks at old classics, we’re pondering the question ‘Who are we?’ and exploring how the response to that query is formed. How much of it is inherited? How much is influenced? And what happens when the answer begins to change?”*

**Dario Knight, Creative Producer for Unbound**

## THEATRE

6 Mar

### 'THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST'

REHEARSED READING

See p.11 for details.

20-22 Mar

### 'THIS BLASTED PLACE' BY JO PRATT

See p.11 for details of QPAC performances. See website for tour info.

17 Apr

### 'THE HAPPY PRINCE' AND OTHER STORIES

REHEARSED READING

See p.11 for details.

24-25 Apr

### 'INFLUENCE'

See p.12 for details.

3 Jul - 9 Aug

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2026

See pg.14 for details.

#### OUTREACH WORK

We'll be bringing brand-new shows to all manner of venues and events in Bucks and Beyond this Summer. Head over to [www.unboundtheatre.co.uk](http://www.unboundtheatre.co.uk) or follow @unboundtheatre online for updates!

## STORYTELLING

### THE BARD OF AYLESBURY

Bard of Aylesbury Patrick Cline will be completing his final public engagements before handing over to the next Bard, but who will it be? If you'd like the Bard to attend an event you're hosting, then be sure to get in touch!

Info: [unboundtheatre.co.uk](http://unboundtheatre.co.uk)

## AUDIO & FILM

Spring 2026

### 'HENRY V'

A five-part audio adaptation of Shakespeare's historical epic, presented as part of our 'Sounds and Sweet Airs' project, which aims to adapt the Bard's Complete Works for audio.

### 'INSPECTOR MURDER INSPECTS...'

After a prolonged delay, the trilogy of feature-length finale specials finally brings our hilarious sleuthing sitcom to a close.

### 'THE UNBOUND SKETCHBOOK'

Celebrating the tenth anniversary of our sketch troupe with brand new audio recordings of many of their greatest comedy skits.

### 'MORE FOOL ME'

A filmed recording of our acclaimed thriller play exploring the ethics of deception. Available to view online for free.

Find these projects – and many more! – at [soundcloud.com/unboundtheatre](https://soundcloud.com/unboundtheatre)





**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE  
SHAKESPEARE  
FESTIVAL 2026**  
3 JULY - 9 AUGUST



**TWO-WEEK  
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Rigorous technique, innovative practices and personalised mentorship along with a focus on collaboration and creativity allows students to develop their unique artistic voices and prepared them for successful careers in the dynamic world of performing arts.

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# ARTISAN

## EXHIBITIONS



Free-to-view collections from inspirational artists, covering a diverse range of visual arts. Visit [queensparkarts.com](http://queensparkarts.com) for the full 2026-27 exhibitions programme.

## GALLERY SHOP



Open all year round with beautiful handmade art and craft from the very best local artists and makers. Perfect for bespoke gifts, with handmade cards also available.

## ARTISAN EVENTS



### **BUCKS ART WEEKS | SAT 6 - SUN 21 JUN**

The Buckinghamshire Craft Guild will be exhibiting at Queens Park Arts Centre's Artisan Galleries with demonstrations and events arranged alongside. See p.26 for more details

## ARTISAN EXHIBITIONS



DEBORAH DE BEER



ARTIST PSYCHOTHERAPISTS GROUP

**2 - 13 Mar**

### THE REALM OF THE SUBCONSCIOUS

Joanna Beck

COFFEE BAR

Joanna is an expressive artist, reflecting on the subconscious, mental health and myth within her paintings.

**7 - 27 Mar**

### GLORIOUS MUD

Deborah De Beer

MAIN GALLERY

A mixed media exploration of how dialogues, conversations, iconic works and simple objects have influenced De Beer over time as an artist.

**21 Mar - 16 Apr**

### NATURAL WORLD MIXED MEDIA

AHS Textiles Students

COFFEE BAR

Skillful and creative "Natural World" mixed media pieces using learnt textile techniques, created by Year 9 students from Aylesbury High School.

**20 Apr - 1 May**

### FORTH

Paul Smith

COFFEE BAR

Forth amplifies the voices of North Edinburgh's housing schemes through screenplay-inspired short stories exploring class, identity, and resilience.

**4 - 21 May**

### A CELEBRATION OF AHS ART

AHS Art Students

COFFEE BAR

A display of art from students at Aylesbury High School, celebrating their creativity and skill.

**8 - 20 May**

### DRAWING DOWN

BAAT Practising Artist-Psychotherapists

MAIN GALLERY

Practising artist-artpsychotherapists, engaged with varied clients and groups come together to share their own artwork in this show. There will also be related workshops and talks to get involved with.

#### GALLERY OPENING TIMES - TERM TIMES ONLY

Monday - Thursday 9.30AM - 9.30PM | Friday 9.30AM - 4.30PM | Saturday 9.30AM - 1PM



**6 - 20 Jun**  
**BUCKS ART WEEKS**  
**Buckinghamshire Craft Guild**  
**Selected Designer Crafts**  
MAIN GALLERY & COFFEE BAR

The Buckinghamshire Craft Guild promotes the best in design-led and contemporary crafts in the county. Guild members will be demonstrating in the Main Gallery during Bucks Art Weeks alongside their exhibition. The artist rota will be published online on the QPAC website and at [www.buckinghamshirecraftguild.co.uk](http://www.buckinghamshirecraftguild.co.uk).

This exhibition is part of Bucks Art Weeks and the Aylesbury Art Trail. See [www.bucksartweeks.org.uk](http://www.bucksartweeks.org.uk) for more information.

**YOUR AFFORDABLE WAY TO VIEW AND PURCHASE ART**

All exhibitions at Queens Park Arts Centre are free to view and accessible throughout our usual opening hours with free onsite parking. Works on display are often for sale - speak to staff at reception for more information.

Our coffee bar is always open during exhibition open times for you to sit down for a drink and a snack, making your viewing into more of an outing!

To stay up to date with our exhibitions and events, sign up to our newsletter via the QR code or our website and follow us on social media!



## ARTISAN EXHIBITIONS



**29 Jun - 11 Jul**

### LIFE DRAWING GROUP EXHIBITION

Tuesday Evening Life Drawing Class

MAIN GALLERY

Studies, rapid sketches and longer analytical figurative drawings have been selected to showcase the artists' observational skills, artistic expression and technical ability.

**3 - 23 Jul**

### PICTURES FROM TRING AND SURROUNDINGS

Tring Art Group

COFFEE BAR

A collection of works that capture the everyday activities, special events and the rich heritage of Tring. Styles, techniques and media all vary from piece to piece but underlying all is a fascination of this old Town.

**16 - 23 Jul**

### BEYOND DISABILITY - BIRCHWOOD PAINTERS PAST AND PRESENT

Birchwood Painters

MAIN GALLERY

The Birchwood Painters bring you a celebration of colour with a vibrant mix of paintings from their recent and past works.

### PLUS MORE TO LOOK FORWARD TO FROM QPAC AND ARTISAN

5 Sep  
THROUGHOUT QPAC

Open Day - Exhibitions, Demonstrations and More

19 Oct - 16 Nov  
MAIN GALLERY  
QPAC Affordable Off The Wall Art Sale

6 Nov - 21 Nov  
COFFEE BAR  
Young Artists Competition 2026

7 Nov  
THROUGHOUT QPAC  
Artisan Craft Fair - Stalls, Activities, Decorations, Demonstrations and a brand new Off-The-Wall Art Sale

23 Nov - 13 Dec  
COFFEE BAR  
QPAC Winter Showcase



CREATIVE AND CULTURAL HUB

# SAVE THE DATE

## OPEN DAY - 12 SEPTEMBER

11 AM - 2 PM | FREE ENTRY & PARKING

FAMILY CRAFTS

LIVE STORYTELLING

COFFEE AND CAKE

EXHIBITIONS

DEMONSTRATIONS

VOLUNTEERING INFO



FREE TO VISIT  
FREE TO PARTICIPATE

We'll have information about volunteering opportunities and the ways you can get involved, so come on in to kickstart your creativity!

# BECOME A MEMBER OF QPAC TODAY

MEMBERS CAN GET  
DISCOUNTED RATES FOR  
WORKSHOPS, PLUS  
SPECIAL OFFERS AT OUR  
LIMELIGHT THEATRE

If you're looking to attend regularly then why not take out membership with the Centre? For a one-off payment you can get regular discounts on workshops and events for one calendar year. The money raised by membership helps us to provide the programme of activities as well as maintaining and developing the centre for all.

Benefits to becoming a member include:

- Discounted admission to many of our workshops & courses
- Discounts to selected shows at the Limelight Theatre
- An invitation to our annual AGM

2025 membership prices:

Standard	£40
Concessionary	£30
Family	£80
Child (up to 18 yrs)	£15

*Membership is free for all QPAC volunteers.  
People in extreme financial difficulty can also receive  
discounted or free membership.*



# ABOUT QPAC



## COFFEE BAR



Fully-licensed bar open throughout the week serving hot and cold drinks, cakes and snacks. The coffee bar also hosts an exhibition space making it the ideal place to take a break and enjoy incredible art.

## ART SHOP



Art and craft shop stocked with canvases, paints, brushes, paper, pottery tools, kits and more - ideal for our workshops!

## VENUE HIRE



We have rooms to suit every occasion; from workshops, exercise classes and meetings to concerts and conferences. Our studio spaces are ideal for all occasions and projects.

# VOLUNTEERING



Join our creative community, meet new people and gain new skills. QPAC welcomes all applications from people who would like to lend a hand. Visit [www.queensparkarts.com](http://www.queensparkarts.com) for latest opportunities.



## PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

QPAC gratefully acknowledges the kind financial support provided by the following partners this season:



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If you are interested in supporting our ongoing refurbishment project to improve longevity of the centre please get in touch [sarah@queensparkarts.com](mailto:sarah@queensparkarts.com)

# BUCKS ART WEEKS

Makers & Artists in Action

**Join us: become a Visual Images Group (VIG) member!**

- A monthly newsletter for artists
- Eligibility for entry to our Bucks Art Weeks event
- Your own gallery page on our website
- Advertising opportunities
- Access to our growing following of over 3000 visitors
- Being part of a creative community



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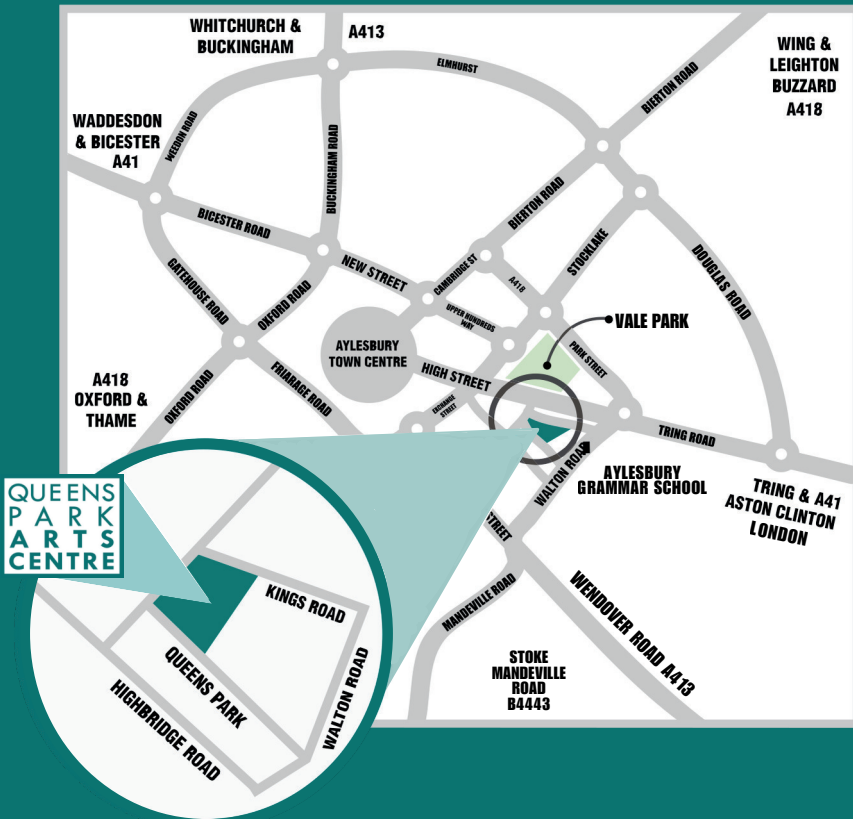
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**VENUE ACCESS**

Step-free access to all areas, with automatic main door and accessible toilets in the main foyer. Induction loop at reception. Guide/assistance dogs welcome. Free car park with two accessible parking spaces available near the entrance. For theatre performances, seating is unallocated - please let us know if you need reserved front-row seating. Relaxed and signed performances are offered for some events and our annual pantomime.

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