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## Festival Highlights



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## Welcome

...to Holmfirth Arts Festival 2016, which invites you to come and experience the exotic, the unexpected, the wild and the extraordinary, with a distinctly circus theme. We're following in the footsteps of Holmfirth's tame tiger, Fenella, with a newly commissioned song cycle from poet and broadcaster **Ian McMillan** and musician **Luke Carver Goss**, plus a rare opportunity to see family photos of Fenella and hear about the tiger at home.



FIONA GOH  
Festival Director

The party starts in earnest with a vibrant street parade and **Creature Carnival** on Saturday 18 June - and don't worry if you haven't made a costume, all are welcome to join our Pop-Up Samba band! Our collaboration with **Yorkshire Festival** also includes a free programme of intriguing outdoor performances in our Park Life weekend, including a wordless slack rope balancing act, **Hold On**, and the beauty of aerial circus in Upswing's **Show and Have a Go** - with a chance for you to try your hand. Company Chameleon's **Of Man and Beast** and Them Two Dance's **Random Acts of Kindness** bring fearless and arresting dance to the streets - and their #RandomTandem... Keep your eyes peeled for online links to Kevin Boniface's **Recorded Delivery** monologues and meet the poetic postman in person.

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We invite you to play, by creating a circus of a different kind with Barry Russell's community music project **Holmfirth Circus**, to be performed on the final weekend, and to come outdoors to see the return of the popular **Art in the Woods** sculpture trail in beautiful Holme Styes, and vote for your favourite artwork.

Holmfirth's own Edinburgh fringe winner **Kieran Hodgson** makes a triumphant return home with 'Lance', comedian **Mark Steel** asks you to help him find out who he is and there is top quality music from opening night party band **Family Atlantica**. We go out with a bang with percussionists **O Duo** so grab your drumsticks and follow the swallow to find us in June!



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**INSTALLATION**

Friday 17 - Sunday 26 June

Holme Styes reservoir  
and woods

FREE

*Parking is at the bottom of Greave Road, Hade Edge, follow the 'Art in the Woods' signs from Dunford Road, Holmfirth*

**INSTALLATION**

Friday 17 - Sunday 26 June

Holmfirth town centre  
and online

FREE

**Art in the Woods**

This popular biennial event returns for 2016, set in dramatic woodland just five minutes' drive from Holmfirth town centre. The Art in the Woods outdoor family art trail features over 30 artists and this year's event also sees the welcome addition of artist and community collaborations, including many local schools. Artworks have been inspired by our circus theme and we hope you will be delighted and intrigued with the way artists have explored this in a woodland setting. Free throughout the Festival, this open air trail will encourage families to enjoy the inspiring setting of Holme Styes reservoir and woodland. Once again, there is an opportunity for audiences to vote for their favourite artworks along the trail.

**Recorded Delivery**

Award-winning writer, artist and Huddersfield postman Kevin Boniface takes to the road to produce a series of monologues (audio and visual) about the people and places he encounters on his rounds. A unique snapshot of contemporary Yorkshire where One Direction perfume for under a tenner is not to be sniffed at and where there is an underlying murmur of people in tight shorts commenting on the warmer weather to come. Follow the QR codes around Holmfirth to uncover Kevin's audio diaries, or see the map upstairs at Up Country.

*The project will be documented by filmmaker, Ed Cotterill. Please see performance event on p15*

**EXHIBITION**

Friday 17 June -

Friday 24 June,

9.30am - 5pm

(Closed Sunday)

Upstairs at Up Country

FREE

**EXHIBITION**

Tuesday 21 -

Saturday 25 June

Tuesday - Friday:

10am - 4.30pm

Saturday: 10am - 1pm

Helen J Bray Studio

FREE

**The Most Difficult Thing Ever**

The exhibition features Kevin Boniface's award-winning blog, which covers a wide range of subjects including topiary armchairs, consolidating your Argos bags, suggestive trees, shouting Raymond, killing a pigeon at the traffic lights, farting loudly by the turnips, wheeling a broken swivel chair out to your bins, bobbing over when she gets back and BMW slippers among many, many others.

**Fenella in Photographs**

A rare opportunity to see family photographs of Fenella the tiger's life in Holmfirth. Fenella lived with the Overend family of circus entertainers in Holmfirth from 1939-1950, and these photographs show the tiger with the family and at home in Holmfirth, as well as providing a glimpse of life in the circus.

*Please also see the Fenella talk and walk, p15 and the exhibition launch, p17, and don't miss the newly commissioned Tiger Tales song cycle - see p20*





## MUSIC

Friday 17 June  
8pm  
Picturedrome  
Tickets: £15, £10

*'Excellent guardians of endangered musical styles from Africa and Latin America'*

NIGE TASSELL

*'London's musical melting pot at its very best'*

THE GUARDIAN



## Family Atlantica

Join us for our opening night party! Experience a massive blast of Afro-Latin grooves from this acclaimed band who took Womad Festival by storm and whose fans include Gilles Peterson. Expect Cuban rumba, Venezuelan tambor, Ghanaian highlife, Ethiopian blues and more. A diverse group of heavyweight musicians from both sides of the Atlantic includes multi-instrumentalist and veteran of The Heliocentrics Jack Yglesias, and his Venezuelan wife Luzmira Zerpa with a magical voice acclaimed by Manu Chao. Expect to dance...

## INSTALLATION

Friday 17 June  
6pm - 7pm  
Holme Styes reservoir and woods  
FREE  
Meet at the stile at Holme Styes reservoir, near Greave Road



## Art in the Woods launch

A chance to meet some of the artists behind this year's Art in the Woods sculpture trail. Join curators Sarah Branson and Jamie Frost for a glass of fizz and enjoy the artworks in the wonderful setting of Holme Styes. Then cast your vote! For full project description see page 6.



## CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

Saturday 18 June  
11am-12.30pm  
Holmfirth Library  
Tickets: pay what you feel

## Holmfirth Writers' Group: Word Circus

It's amazing what you can do with words. You can write them big, you can write them small. You can colour them in, screw them up and throw them around. You can make them up, speak them, shout them, sing them or keep them to yourself. Join our Word Circus and make your own vegetable circus character – plus there's the chance to get involved in a short performance.

*Suitable for 4-10 year olds – children must be accompanied by an adult.*



**MUSIC**

Saturday 18 June  
1pm - 2pm  
Holmeside Gardens  
FREE

**Pop-up Samba**

New Music Holmfirth's free event is for anyone who would like to join Saturday afternoon's Creature Carnival but hasn't been able to take part in the costume making workshops. So if you fancy banging a drum for Holmfirth, come along and join in! This free, fun workshop will create a samba band from scratch in an hour to take part in the 3pm Creature Carnival. Everyone is welcome and instruments will be provided - no experience necessary.

**PARADE**

Saturday 18 June  
3pm  
Holmfirth Town Centre  
(from Hollowgate to Sands)  
FREE

**Creature Carnival**

Celebrate the Festival's opening weekend with an exotic and vibrant parade through the centre of Holmfirth. Handmade Parade and Holmfirth artists have collaborated with the local community to create a colourful spectacle of unforgettable sights and sounds, set against the stunning landscape of the Holme Valley. The parade will start in Hollowgate and progress to the park at Sands, where the party continues.

To take part in the parade, please join us at the FREE workshops at Hope Bank Works on **Sunday 5 June, 2pm - 5pm; Friday 10 June, 4pm - 6.30pm; Sunday 12 June, 2pm - 5pm or Thursday 16 June, 4pm - 6.30pm.** If you would like to know more, please e-mail [parade@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:parade@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk). Don't miss this extraordinary walk on the wild side...



**COMEDY**

Saturday 18 June  
7.30pm  
Picturedrome  
Tickets: £16, £12  
concessions

*'He has got an amazing  
tale to tell'*

★★★★

THE GUARDIAN

*'Interesting, engaging  
and funny'*

★★★★★

THE MIRROR

*'Essential viewing'*

★★★★

THE INDEPENDENT

## Mark Steel: 'Who Do I Think I Am?'



Join Mark Steel in his latest stand up show - sold out at the 2015 Edinburgh Fringe - a surprising and enthralling story told with aplomb, as he journeys to his family roots. "It never really bothered me that I'd never met my mum. It never occurred to me

I needed to meet her to 'find out who I was', as it didn't seem likely I'd discover I was someone different to who I thought I was. Could it turn out I was three stone lighter than I thought, or I spoke Italian or supported Arsenal or had a fear of Liquorice Allsorts? But after the birth of my own son, I realised it's quite an event to have a child, and she may well remember giving birth to me, and maybe even the adoption." A regular on BBC One's *Have I Got News For You* and Radio 4's *Newsquiz*, Mark Steel's weekly column for *The Independent* won him Columnist of the Year at the 2015 Press Awards. Expect a well-crafted, poignant and funny evening.

*Suitable for audiences aged 14+*

**JAZZ**

Saturday 18 June  
10pm - 11pm  
Picturedrome  
Tickets: £8, £6  
concessions

*'Beguiling and thrilling ...  
a wonderful and uplifting  
evening of inventive and  
infectious music-making'*  
WAKEFIELD JAZZ

**Manjula**

Manjula (meaning melodious) brings together rhythms and melodies from other cultures to create a stunning mix of sounds from around the globe. This up-and-coming Leeds-based band celebrates all that is great about global music, incorporating Portuguese, African, Latin jazz and Indian influences and combining them with the rhythmic attack of jazz improvisation. Lead vocalist Vanessa Rani has created a guitar, bass and percussion ensemble which takes your mind on a journey to faraway places and leaves you feeling uplifted and enthralled.





### WORKSHOP

Sunday 19 June

2pm - 5pm

Meet outside Holy Trinity Church, Holmfirth

All tickets: £5

## New Ways of Seeing: Take Your Camera for a Walk

Explore some of Holmfirth's nooks and crannies, the river, field paths and moor edge with Holmfirth photographer Andy Leader. Tune into the changing landscape, light and atmosphere as we walk and Andy explains his approach to photography, offering some simple techniques to let our eyes absorb the environment and inspire some creative clicking!

*Distance four miles over three hours – please wear suitable footwear, bring waterproof clothing, a snack and drink.*

### TALK AND WALK

Sunday 19 June

5pm - 7pm

Upstairs at Up Country  
(finishes at Helen J Bray Studio)

Tickets: £12, £8  
concessions



## The Fenella Story

Join us Upstairs at Up Country to find out more about one of Holmfirth's more unusual former residents – Fenella the tiger. There will be opportunities to see original film footage of Fenella at play; hear stories from Rosamund

Hiles, daughter of Kassie Overend, whose family owned Fenella; view previously unseen photographs and take part in a short guided walk around key landmarks in Fenella's life. Afterwards we'll return to Helen J Bray's Studio for soft drinks and have time to look at photographs of Fenella.

*The event is limited to 25. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult, and dogs are not allowed. The walk will include a steep ascent (and descent) of Goose Green - a cobbled back street of Holmfirth.*

### FILM & TALK

Sunday 19 June

8pm - 9pm

Upstairs at Up Country

All tickets: £5



## Recorded Delivery

See Ed Cotterill's commissioned film about the Recorded Delivery project, and join award-winning writer, artist and Huddersfield postman Kevin Boniface reading his monologues about the people and places he encounters on his rounds. For full description see page 6.





### WORKSHOP

Monday 20 June  
4pm - 6pm  
Barnaby's Nursery,  
Mearhouse Farm  
Tickets: £7, £5 - family  
ticket for up to 4 people  
for £20

## Into the Woods

An outdoor adventure for the whole family. Join us as we walk to private woodland for a twilight session making outdoor art inspired by our environment. Led by local artists and a Forest School leader. Experience the magic of a campfire as we make hot chocolate and toast marshmallows. Meet at Barnaby's Nursery, Mearhouse Farm, Sheffield Road, Holmfirth HD9 7HA 4pm prompt where our adventure begins. Please book tickets in advance and wear appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather conditions.

*We are sorry but the terrain is not suitable for pushchairs. Similar family event led by the same artists but different location on Thursday 23 June - see p21 for details*

### WORKSHOP

Monday 20 June  
6.30pm - 8pm  
Upstairs at Up Country  
Tickets: pay what you feel



## Holmfirth Writers' Group: Carnival of Words

The word carnival hints at celebration, feasting, masquerade and side show, with perhaps a sprinkling of mystique and mistaken identity on the side. Come and join members of Holmfirth Writers' Group and explore what the notion of carnival means to you in this guided workshop for new and established writers. Share what you write or keep it to yourself! Suitable for age 16 and upwards.

### EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Monday 20 June  
8pm - 9.30pm  
Helen J Bray Studio  
FREE  
but limited spaces -  
please book a ticket

## Fenella in Photographs : launch

Join us for a glass of wine and to celebrate the opening of this exhibition of family photographs of Fenella the tiger and her life in Holmfirth.





TUESDAY 21 & WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

## WORKSHOP

Tuesday 21 June  
5pm - 7pm  
Upstairs at the Tap House  
FREE



## Let's make a circus: 1

Join New Music Holmfirth and Barry Russell to create a John Cage Circus for the Holme Valley. Using texts, poetry, visual art and instruments from found and recycled objects from the Valley, a new musical work is created for performance on Saturday 25 June (see p26). If you enjoyed the anarchic fun of our 2014 bicycle performance, Eine Brise, then please come along and get involved in this exciting project. No previous musical experience is needed and the age range is open. All you need is a spirit of adventure!

## MUSIC

Tuesday 21 June  
8pm  
Hepworth Church  
Tickets: £17.50, £12  
concessions

*'A triumphant performance'*  
THE OBSERVER

*'An exceptional ensemble  
... a unanimous sense  
of musical breath and a  
meticulous attention to  
detail'*

MUSICAL OPINION

*'A beautiful blend of sound ...  
highly engaging'*  
THE TIMES

## Sacconi Quartet

**DOVE, J: String Quartet "Out of Time"**

**MOZART: String Quartet in D major K.499  
'Hoffmeister'**

**BEETHOVEN: String Quartet No.14 in C sharp  
minor, Op.131**

Join us in the atmospheric setting of Hepworth Church to hear one of the UK's leading string quartets in a programme opening with Jonathan Dove's spirited 'Out of Time'. The award-winning Sacconi Quartet complete the programme with a performance of Beethoven's epic late string quartet no.14, rated by the composer as his most perfect single work. Expect a performance of creativity, energy and integrity of interpretation - a real musical treat.

## FILM/MUSIC

Wednesday 22 June  
6pm - 7pm  
Holy Trinity Church,  
Holmfirth  
Tickets: £6, £3  
concessions



## Tales from Nabb



Enjoy a short film, panel discussion and some of the songs which came out of this successful project with Ian McMillan, Luke Carver Goss,

members of Holme Valley Sharing Memories and Year 6 children from Holmfirth JI&N school, who explored and created myths and legends of Holmfirth – from the strange goings on at Nabb School 80 years ago to working in the textile mills and finding curious characters buried beneath the floorboards!

**MUSIC/COMEDY**

Wednesday 22 June

8pm

Holy Trinity Church,  
HolmfirthTickets: £17.50, £10  
concessions

*'The verbal gymnastics of a north country Spike Milligan coupled with the comic timing of Eric Morecambe'*

FROM FESTIVAL ON  
IAN MCMILLAN

*'Tony Husband is even funnier than me'*

GRIFF RHYS JONES



## Ian McMillan, Luke Carver Goss and Tony Husband: Tiger Tales

The story of Fenella the Tiger soaks through Holmfirth like beautiful stripy soup and, through their *Tiger Tales* song-cycle, writer and comedian Ian McMillan and musician Luke Carver Goss attempt to unravel the mystery of Fenella by separating truth from fiction and myth from verifiable fact. The songs gently pull the legends apart and release the stories like birds to see if they fly. After all, she was only a tiger who lived opposite a school, was led up the street on a string and never did anybody any harm, wasn't she? Or was she? Maybe there's more to this story than meets the ear! Join Ian and Luke for a night of songs, accompanied by community musicians led by Simon Wood, live cartooning from several times *Cartoonist of the Year* Tony Husband and plenty of opportunities to join in.

**WORKSHOP**

Thursday 23 June

4pm - 6pm

New Mill Community  
Garden, Sude Hill (parking  
by New Mill Church)Tickets: £7, £5 - family  
ticket for up to 4 people  
for £20**Into The Garden**

An outdoor treat for the whole family. Join us in the Community Garden for an evening of campfire cooking and creative garden art. Explore the trail around the garden and plant a seed to take home. Please book tickets in advance.

*The top of the garden is flattish but the rest of the garden is accessed via uneven tracks.*

*Marshals will direct you where to park and go.*

*Similar family event led by the same artists but different location on Monday 20 June - see p16 for details*

**FILM/THEATRE**

Thursday 23 June

8pm - 9pm

Picturedrome

Tickets: £8, £6  
concessions**Chicken Shop Shakespeare**

Enjoy an alternative take on the bard in a nod to his 400th anniversary. Members of Chicken Shop Shakespeare talk about their work in Leeds and how they bring Shakespeare to life in unexpected situations, environments and for new audiences. Watch their award-winning short films, join the debate and expect a few surprises...



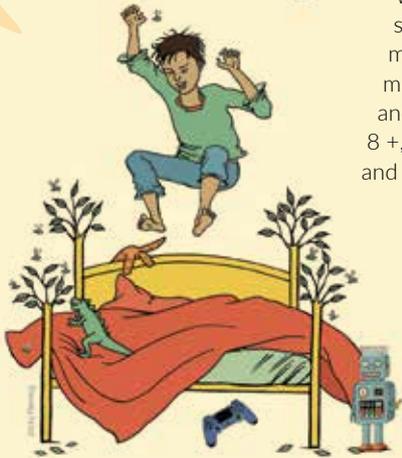
FRIDAY 24 JUNE

## CHILDREN'S THEATRE **tutti frutti: WiLd!**

Friday 24 June  
4pm & 6.15pm  
Upper Hall,  
Holmfirth Civic Hall  
Tickets: £6, £4  
concessions



**WiLd!**  
by  
Evan Placey



This is the story of a boy with a big imagination, a boy who feels lonely, a boy who loves the outdoors, a boy they call WiLd! Award-winning writer Evan Placey has teamed up with tutti frutti and CANDAL at Nottingham University to create a fantastic one-person show that unravels the story of a wayward yet fragile and misunderstood boy who lives within his untamed imagination. A brilliant, clever, cheeky new play celebrating all things 'wild' with a fabulous soundtrack and live music – perfect for misunderstood boys and girls aged 8+, their teachers and families.



## COMEDY/THEATRE

Friday 24 June  
8pm - 9pm  
Holmfirth Civic Hall  
Tickets: £12.50, £6.50  
concessions

*'An absolute gem of a comedy show about teenage cycling, sullied dreams and migrating from the north. Every line of his script is wired for laughter'*

★★★★★  
THE GUARDIAN

*'An impeccably woven piece of one-man storytelling ... brilliantly funny'*

★★★★★  
THE TIMES

## Kieran Hodgson: Lance

In 2003, cyclist Lance Armstrong won his 5th Tour de France title, and a young boy from Holmfirth called Kieran believed in him. Now that same boy, comedian Kieran Hodgson, sets out on a tour of his own with a heartfelt and hilarious story of growing up, reliving his bicycle years, migrating from rural Yorkshire to the south of England and the ultimate humiliation and demise of his childhood hero.

Lance was nominated for Best Show at the Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Awards in 2015 and had a sell-out five-week run in London's West End. Kieran recently starred in BBC2's *We Are Doomed! The Dad's Army Story*, and featured in BBC2's *Count Arthur Strong* and the movie *Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa*.

**DANCE**

Saturday 25 June

11am - 12pm (talkshop),  
2.30pm (performances)  
Sid's Café, Holmeside  
Gardens and Victoria Park  
FREE

*This work has been co-commissioned by Yorkshire Dance Amplified, The Civic Barnsley & Yorkshire Festival with a commitment to working and developing audiences for outdoor work in Yorkshire and the North of England. Supported using public funding by Arts Council England.*



## Them Two Dance: Random Acts of Kindness

Them Two Dance embark on a journey astride their tandem bicycle to encourage the people of Yorkshire to perform more Random Acts of Kindness. In this series of interactive pop-up duets, they ask you to be kind, to be generous and to help them out if they get a puncture! Talkshop: Join Them Two Dance for a chat and cup of tea at 11am at Sid's Café. Tell them about the random acts of kindness you'd like to see in your community and they will do their best to make them happen. Pop-up performances: look out for the tandem bicycle around Holmeside Gardens and also in Victoria Park from 2.30pm for a chance to experience the #RandomTandem.



## PARK LIFE: CIRCUS WORKSHOP

Saturday 25 June  
1pm - 4.30pm  
with performances  
at 1pm and 3pm  
Victoria Park  
FREE

*'Engaging and so much fun - thank you! We had a great time and want to do more!'*

AUDIENCE MEMBERS



## Upswing: Show and Have A Go!



Upswing make their presence felt with their own unique blend of aerial skills, presenting diverse and high energy acts that will challenge everything you think you know about circus! Professional performers demonstrate aerial pieces and then children can have a go in two open workshops. A superb and empowering way to inspire participation while bringing the beauty of aerial circus to all.

## WORKSHOP

Saturday 25 June  
1.30pm - 4.30pm  
Holy Trinity Church,  
Holmfirth  
FREE

## Let's Make a Circus: 2

Join New Music Holmfirth and local composer, Barry Russell, to create a John Cage Circus for the Holme Valley. Objects gathered and created in the last session will be randomly pieced together to create a 60 minute music event later in the evening. If you enjoyed the anarchic fun of our 2014 bicycle performance, Eine Brise, then come along and get involved in this exciting project. No previous musical experience is needed and the age range is open. All you need is a spirit of adventure!

**WORKSHOPS**

Saturday 25 June

8pm

Holy Trinity Church,  
Holmfirth

Tickets: pay what you feel



## New Music Holmfirth: A Cage Circus

Inspired by renowned American composer John Cage's idea of a music circus, New Music Holmfirth, directed by Barry Russell, has been working with participants to create a Holmfirth Circus. Part performance, part sound sculpture and 100% amazing experience, don't miss this unique event - the last major music circus in Kirklees was with Cage himself some 25 years ago.

## PARK LIFE: ACROBATICS

Sunday 26 June

1pm and 3.30pm

Victoria Park

FREE



## Stefano di Renzo: Hold On

A show where gravity, counterweight and centrifugal force are tested to new limits. Witness a one-man wordless performance of delightful virtuosity where buckets whirl around, cups and balls fly through the air and planks become catapults.

**PARK LIFE: DANCE**

Sunday 26 June

12.30pm and 3pm

Victoria Park  
FREE

*'Beautifully revealing...  
unforgettably good'*

★★★★★

THE GUARDIAN

*'Knockout dancing in  
a potent look at male  
behaviour'* ★★★★★

THE LIST MAGAZINE



## Company Chameleon: Of Man and Beast

*Of Man and Beast* provides a powerful and sensitive look at male dynamics and behaviour, where bravado is high and aggression is rife. You have to be tough, funny and fast if you want to be part of this gang. Tightly packed and fast-paced, the performance showcases *Company Chameleon's* unique physical style and stunning athletic ability. Don't miss the chance to see this stand-out piece of dance theatre from one of the UK's home-grown professional dance companies.

Show and Have a Go, Hold On *and* Of Man and Beast are presented in association with Yorkshire Festival and Without Walls Associate Touring Network



**WORKSHOP AND WALK**

Sunday 26 June

3pm – 5pm

Meet at Choppards

Mission

Tickets: £6, £4

concessions

To include tea and cakes

**Art in the Woods:  
Meet the Makers**

Join some of the Art in the Woods artists for afternoon tea and to learn more about their ideas. If you're inspired, why not have a go at making something yourself at our mini workshop stations? Then enjoy an afternoon stroll through splendid woodland, discovering over 30 artworks along the trail, soaking up the landscape and the company.



**MUSIC**

Sunday 26 June

8pm

Holy Trinity Church,

Holmfirth

Tickets: £15, £7.50

concessions

*'Phenomenal artistry...  
brimming with style and  
panache'*

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

*'Startling...cheeky,  
but enchanting'*

THE SCOTSMAN

**O Duo**

Making a welcome return to Holmfirth, virtuoso percussionists O Duo whizz around the stage as you've never seen before. With a marimba, vibraphone, glockenspiel, drum kit, African and Brazilian drums and a multitude of handheld percussion, the pair perform music by many different composers and styles including Bach, Phillip Glass, Chopin and Desmond. Join us as we end the Festival with a bang!



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## Get involved with the Festival

If you would like to get involved with the festival as a volunteer, we would love to hear from you! There are opportunities to join the friendly festival team, who help year round, or to volunteer to work on specific events.

Whatever your availability and interests, we can offer you a rewarding and fun experience. Email [info@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk) to find out how you can get involved, or speak to one of our volunteers during the festival.

## A big thank you!

Many, many people give their time and talent to make this festival happen and we are indebted to every single one of them. Apologies in advance to anyone we may have accidentally missed off this list:

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## Venues & Access Information

Holmfirth has some narrow streets, steps and cobbles in places and it can be difficult for people with limited mobility to get around. If you have any particular needs please email [info@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk) and we will do our best to help.

### Barnaby's Nursery

Mearhouse Farm, Sheffield Road,  
Holmfirth HD9 7HA  
*Not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs*

### Choppards Mission

Choppards Bank Road,  
Holmfirth HD9 2DA  
*Several steps up to the door with handrail*

### Helen J Bray Studio

16-22 Dunford Road, Holmfirth HD9 2DP  
*Fully accessible – limited parking outside/  
2 minutes walk from town centre parking*

### Holmeside Gardens

Holmfirth HD9 4AA  
*Fully accessible – parking nearby*

### Holme Styes reservoir and woods

Access via Greave Road, Hade Edge  
HD9 2DF  
*Terrain not suitable for wheelchairs*

### Holmfirth Civic Hall

Huddersfield Rd, Holmfirth HD9 3AS  
*Fully accessible. Lift to upper floors*

### Holmfirth Library

47 Huddersfield Rd, Holmfirth HD9 3JH  
*Fully accessible. Lift to upper floors*

### Holy Trinity Church (Hepworth)

Dean Bridge Lane, Hepworth  
HD9 1TR  
*Fully accessible*

### Holy Trinity Church (Holmfirth)

Towngate, Holmfirth HD9 1HA  
*Two steps from the pavement into the church  
courtyard. Ramp provided for wheelchair  
access to church*

### New Mill Community Garden

Christ Church, Sude Hill, New Mill  
HD9 7BL  
*In the field beyond top graveyard*

### Picturedrome

Market Walk, Holmfirth HD9 7DA  
*Fully accessible*

### Sands Recreation Ground

Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth HT9 3TS  
*Fully accessible*

### Sid's Cafe

4A Town Gate, Holmfirth HD9 1AA  
*One step up at front entrance, two steps  
from pavement to courtyard*

### Tap House

3a Victoria Square, Holmfirth HD9 2DN  
*Stairs to upstairs workshop space (no lift)*

### Up Country

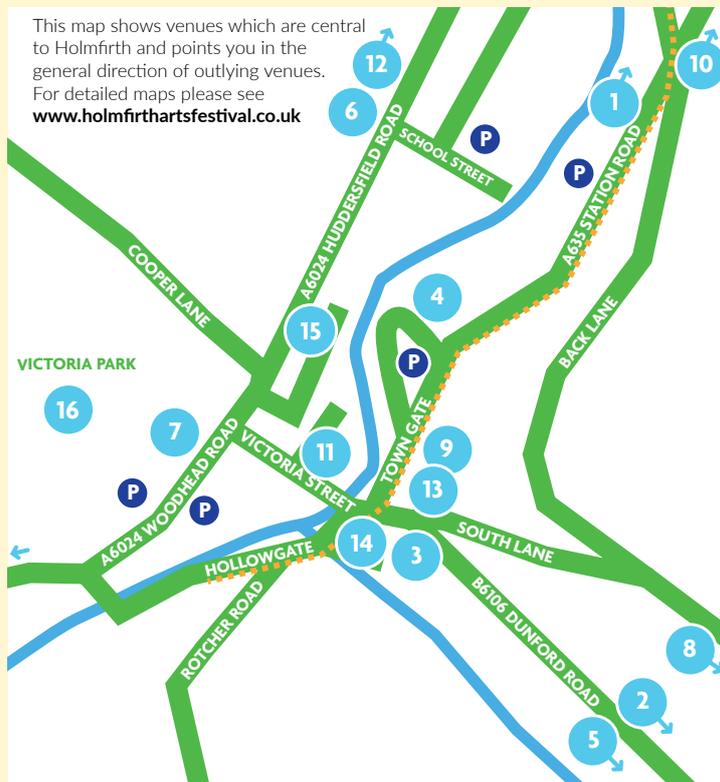
58 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth HD9 3AZ  
*Stairs to upstairs workshop space (no lift)*

### Victoria Park

Behind Holmfirth Library,  
47 Huddersfield Rd HD9 3JH  
*Steep access – drive up Cooper Lane for a  
level entrance*

## Map

This map shows venues which are central to Holmfirth and points you in the general direction of outlying venues. For detailed maps please see [www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk)



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- Carnival route

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and try the Festival beer, Follow the Swallow, brewed by The Nook.

## How to book tickets

Many of our events last year were sold out so please book your tickets in advance as we cannot guarantee that tickets will be available on the door. There are three easy ways to book:

### In person

At the Tourist Information Office based in Holmfirth Library.

### By telephone

Ring Kirklees booking line on 01484 223200.

### Online at

[www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk/book-tickets](http://www.holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk/book-tickets)

## Concessions

Concessions are available to the following people, with proof of status:

- Under 16s
- People in receipt of a means-tested benefit or Personal Independence Payments
- Students

## Early bird offers



£2 off per ticket for events booked by 31 May where you see this symbol



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