

# Creativity in the Landscape May to September 2025

**BIG FREE WEEKEND:** Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June  
**TICKETED EVENTS:** June to September

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Holmfirth Arts Festival is seeking  
**A PAGEANT MASTER/MISTRESS**

**with connections to Holmfirth and the Holme Valley**  
**FEE £1600 for approximately 8 days work at £200/day**  
**TIGHT DEADLINE PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY by**  
**Friday 11 April 2025**



To express an interest please email [director@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:director@holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk) stating:

- 1) Your connection to Holmfirth or the Holme Valley
- 2) Your prior experience/knowledge of working on similar community engaged performance projects
- 3) A suggestion of how you might bring the 7 townships' creativity together as a pageant

Holmfirth Arts Festival is seeking a socially engaged director/writer/composer to work as Pageant Master/Mistress on our latest heritage project - The Graveship of Holme Pageant.

**The Graveship of Holme Pageant** celebrates the heritage, culture and people of the Graveship of Holme - a historic administrative district within the Manor of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, England. The area is governed by a "grave" (an official similar to a constable) and the current Grave is Jimmy Dickinson of Longley Farm. The Graveship of Holme comprises 7 townships (hamlets) - Austonley, Fulstone, Cartworth, Wooldale, Upperthong, Holme and Hepworth. Communities of all ages and abilities in these 7 townships have been working with The Childrens' Art School and local artists to create visual imagery and showcase the creativity of their schools, choirs, writing, making and musical groups. Emergent themes/sections from each township include:

- 1) Austonley - tapestry, creative textiles, weaving
- 2) Fulstone - Songs, Singing, Birds
- 3) Upperthong - Luddites
- 4) Cartworth - Water and Wool
- 5) Holme - Victorian, Children in Work
- 6) Hepworth - My town, buildings
- 7) Wooldale - Music and musicianship - working with

**The role of the Pageant Master/Mistress** is to bring the creativity of the townships together, weaving the themes and creativity into a half hour pageant for live performance at the Big Festival Weekend at 4pm on Saturday 14 June, outdoors in Holmside Gardens, central Holmfirth to an audience of 200+. A simple thematic drama, visual and/or song based approach with limited dialogue will work best in this outdoor setting. All township participants will be invited to a rehearsal on Friday 13 June from 4pm-6pm.



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