

Visitor Information Centre

MANCHESTER

What's On Guide

- October 2025 -



Experiences, Events + Markets

- 1 - **MARKET: Makers Market** - Ancoats
- 1-8 - **TALK: Big Soul Living Room Chats** - Aviva Studios
- 3 - **CULTURE: Black Creative Trailblazers Showcase** - Aviva Studios
- 4 - **MUSIC: AMC Gospel Choir** - Aviva Studios
- 2 - **FOOD: Food Fest** - Freight Island
- 4 - **SPORT: Man City vs Arsenal WSL** - Academy Stadium
- 4 - **SPORT: Man Utd vs Chelsea WSL** - Leigh Sports Village
- 4 - **SPORT: Man Utd vs Sunderland** - Old Trafford
- 9 - **DRINK: Cocktail Club** - Freight Island
- 9 - **TOUR: Secrets of the University of Manchester with interior visits** - Jonathan Schofield Tours
- 11 - **MARKET: Makers Market** - First Street
- 11 - **CLUB: Bez's Over 30s Day Party** - Freight Island
- 12 - **MARKET: Makers Market** - Northern Quarter
- 12 - **TOUR: Suffragettes, Women & The City** - Jonathan Schofield Tours
- 16 - **QUIZ: Big Mad Andy's Peep Show Quiz** - Freight Island
- 17-18 - **DRINK: Oktoberfest** - Freight Island
- 18 - **MARKET: Makers Market** - Spinningfields
- 18 - **TOUR: Southern Cemetery Tour** - Jonathan Schofield Tours
- 18 - **SPORT: Man City vs Everton** - Etihad Stadium
- 21 - **ART: Artist Drop In** - Aviva Studios
- 21 - **TALK: Merlin Sheldrake: The Secret Life of Funghi** - LIVE! - Aviva Studios
- 24 - **SING: Factory House Choir** - Aviva Studios
- 25 - **HALLOWEEN: Raver Tots: Halloween Party** - Freight Island
- 25 - **SPORT: Man Utd vs Brighton & Hove Albion** - Old Trafford
- 26 - **HALLOWEEN: Saturday Spooktacular** - Freight Island
- 26 - **Manchester Literary Tour** - Jonathan Schofield Tours
- 25 - **MARKET: Makers Market** - Media City
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- 28-30 - **HALF TERM: October Half-term Family Drop Ins** - Aviva Studios
- 30 - **BOXING: Breaking Bars: A Celebration of Len Johnson** - Aviva Studios
- 31 - **HALLOWEEN: Halloween Library** - Central Library
- 31 - **HALLOWEEN: The Ghosts of Manchester** - Jonathan Schofield Tours

Key Events

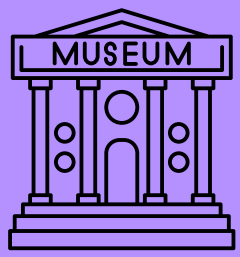
- 1-31 - **Black History Month** - Aviva Studios
- 2-12 - **Women In Comedy Festival** - Multiple venues, Northern Quarter
- 5 - **Vintage Home Show** - Victoria Baths
- 6-26 - **Manchester Literature Festival** - Multi-venue
- 12 - **Manchester Book Fair** - Gorton Monastery
- 16-19 - **Great Northern Contemporary Craft Fair** - Victoria Baths
- 17 - **Re-Opening of The Power Hall: The Andrew Law Gallery** - Science & Industry Museum
- 18 - **Inkblot Comic Festival** - Sugden Sports Centre
- 19 - **Manchester Fashion Week** - MCR Central
- 25 - **Over Here Zine Fest** - People's History Museum
- 25-31 - **Halloween Monster Trail** - City-wide

Theatre, Dance, & Classical

- 1-3 - **Moulin Rouge** - Palace
- 1-4 - **Death on the Nile** - Lowry
- 1-21 - **13 Going on 30: The Musical** - Opera House
- 1 - **Hamlet** - Waterside
- 1 - **James TW** - Halle St Peter's
- 4 - **The Halle's Guitar Superstars** - Bridgewater Hall
- 4 - **Venus 2.0** - HOME
- 5 - **An Audience with Nigel Planer** - Lowry
- 6 - **An Evening With Freddie Flintoff** - Opera House
- 6 - **An Evening with Erinna Bell** - HOME
- 6 - **RNCM Lunchtime Showcase** - RNCM
- 6 - **Tenebrae & Third Culture Collective** - Bridgewater Hall
- 7-8 - **Reckless Sleepers: Binary Opposition** - Lowry
- 7 - **The World of Hans Zimmer** - Co-op Live
- 7-11 - **The Shawshank Redemption** - HOME
- 8-11 - **Birmingham Royal Ballet: Black Sabbath** - Lowry
- 8-10 - **Far Gone** - Lowry
- 8 - **Imagine Lennon** - Stoller Hall
- 9-10 - **1884** - HOME
- 9 - **Batty!** - Waterside
- 9-19 - **Marina Abramovic: Balkan Erotic Epic** - Aviva Studios
- 10-31 - **Dancing at Lughnasa** - Royal Exchange
- 10-31 - **Young Frankenstein: The Musical** - Hope Mill Theatre
- 10 - **Mufutau Yusuf: Impasse** - Lowry
- 10-31 - **Circus: Gandeys Halloween Spooktacular** - Trafford Centre
- 11-18 - **Sunny Afternoon: The Kinks Musical** - Palace Theatre
- 11 - **Ibiza Proms** - Cathedral
- 12 - **Dead Ringers** - Lowry
- 12 - **London Concertante: Vivaldi's Four Seasons & The Lark Ascending** - Cathedral
- 12 - **Trigger Happy TV** - Aviva Studios
- 13 - **Led By Donkeys** - RNCM
- 13 - **RNCM Lunchtime Concert** - RNCM
- 14-18 - **Inside No.9** - Opera House
- 16-18 - **Black Power Desk** - Lowry
- 16-31 - **Going Out Out** - HOME
- 16 - **John Lydon Q&A** - Waterside
- 17-19 - **The Legends of Them** - HOME
- 19 - **Tamino** - New Century Hall
- 20 - **RNCM Lunchtime Concert** - RNCM
- 20-22 - **Myra's Story** - Lowry
- 21-31 - **Fiddler On The Roof** - Palace Theatre
- 22-26 - **Slava's Snow Show** - Opera House
- 26 - **Nick Offerman** - Aviva Studios
- 26 - **Nick Cope: I've Lost My Bobble Hat** - Waterside
- 27 - **RNCM Lunchtime Concert** - RNCM
- 29-30 - **Garth Marengi** - Lowry
- 27-31 - **Smeds and The Smoos** - Lowry
- 28-31 - **Alan Turing: Breaking the Code** -

Giant Halloween Monsters are returning to MCR buildings... Spot them on the loose between 25th - 31st Oct





Exhibitions

----- New -----

- 1-19 - **ANEW Way to Peel an Orange** - Castlefield Gallery
- 1-25 - **Concrete at War** - The Modernist
- 1-31 - **From Page to Stage: 20 Years of Manchester Literature Festival** - Central Library
- 1-31 - **Artefacts of Interaction** - HOME
- 7-8 - **Reckless Sleepers: Binary Opposition** - Lowry
- 10 - **Exhibition Preview: 'Marcos Kueh: Smooth Sailing** - ESEA
- 1-27 - **Colours Of a Carnival** - Kimpton Clocktower Hotel
- 23 26 - **LATENT SPACES_Step inside a computer model** - Seesaw Space

----- Ongoing -----

- 1-31 - **Santiago Yahuarcani: The Beginning of Knowledge** - Whitworth
- 1-31 - **Recoverist Curators** - Whitworth
- 1-31 - **An Inheritance** - Art Gallery
- 1-31 - **Quentin Blake and Me** - Lowry
- 1-31 - **I've Never Read Elizabeth Gaskell** - Elizabeth Gaskell's House
- 1-31 - **Heads XL Exhibition** - iNNSiDE
- 1-31 - **Artefacts of Interaction** - HOME
- 1-31 - **Punk Exhibition** - Central Library
- 1-31 - **The Secret Public: LGBTQ Pop 1955 - 1985** - John Rylands Library
- 1-31 - **Lowry 360: Celebrating 25th Anniversary** - Lowry
- 1-31 - **ACTING UP! 40 Years of HIV Activism in Greater Manchester** - Central Library
- 1-31 - **JMW Turner: In Light & Shade** - Whitworth
- 1-31 - **Operation Ouch! Brains, Bogies, and You** - Science & Industry Museum
- 1-31 - **Modern Life: The LS Lowry Collection** - Lowry
- 1-31 - **Rethinking the Grand Tour** - Art Gallery
- 1-31 - **At Home With The Pankhurst Family** - The Pankhurst Centre
- 1-31 - **Banner Exhibition** - People's History Museum
- 1-31 - **Lily Parr Display** - National Football Museum
- 1-31 - **From Pitch To Page: The Magic of Football Annuals** - National Football Museum



Comedy

- 1- **La Voix** - Aviva Studios
- 1-2 - **Eddie Izzard: Hamlet** - Lowry
- 2-12 - **Women in Comedy Festival ft. Dawn Bailey, Erika Ehler, Sabina, Chloe Reynolds, Sharon Latham, Jo Jarvie, Kate Cheka, Helen Bauer, Hannah Platt, Bethany Black, Caitlin Powell, and more** - Multiple Northern Quarter Venues
- 2 - **Stevie Martin** - Fairfield Social Club
- 2 - **Aoife Dunne** - Creatures
- 4-5 - **John Bishop** - Co-Op Live
- 5 - **Rory Scovel** - Fairfield Social Club
- 5 - **Joanne McNally** - Lowry
- 5 - **Kae Kurd** - Lowry
- 7 - **Pat Cahill** - 53Two
- 9 - **Nick Helm** - Lowry
- 9 - **Kieran Hodgson** - Fairfield Social
- 12 - **Dom Joly** - Aviva Studios
- 12 - **Josie Long** - Lowry
- 16 - **Mark Watson** - HOME
- 17 - **Emmanuel Sonubi** - Lowry
- 17 - **Rachel Galvo** - Fairfield Social
- 19 - **Tom Houghton** - Lowry
- 19 - **Magic Mod** - 53Two
- 24 - **Jason Manford** - Co-Op Live
- 26 - **Jack Dee** - Lowry
- 27 - **Jason Byrne** - Quays Theatre
- 29 - **This Paranormal Life** - New Century
- 29-30 - **Garth Marengi** - Lowry
- 31 - **Stephen Bailey** - Lowry



Music



- 1 - **Deacon Blue** - AO Arena
- 1 - **Peter Hammill** - RNCM
- 2 - **Feeder** - Academy
- 2 - **Billy Nomates** - Academy 2
- 2 - **Echobelly** - New Century
- 3 - **The Kooks** - Co-Op Live
- 3 - **Al Stewart** - Bridgewater Hall
- 4 - **Quantic** - Yes
- 4 - **Beta Band** - O2 Apollo
- 5 - **Mr Scruff** - Band on the Wall
- 5 - **Space Afrika** - Aviva Studios
- 6 - **John Grant** - New Century
- 6-7 - **Lola Young** - O2 Victoria
- 7-8 - **Lady Gaga** - Co-Op Live
- 7 - **Edwyn Collins** - Albert Hall
- 8 - **Katy Perry** - AO Arena
- 8 - **Chloe Slater** - Gorilla
- 9 - **Lady Leshurr** - Academy
- 9 - **Killswitch Engage** - Academy
- 10 - **The Wedding Present** - O2 Ritz
- 10 - **Cate Le Bon** - New Century
- 11 - **New Found Glory** - O2 Victoria
- 11 - **Roger Sanchez** - Depot Mayfield
- 12 - **Rose Gray** - Gorilla
- 12 - **Jade** - O2 Victoria Warehouse
- 13 - **Robert Forster** - Band on the Wall
- 14 - **The Songs of Joni Mitchell** - Stoller
- 14 - **Hotwax** - Gorilla
- 15 - **Nova Twins** - O2 Ritz
- 15 - **Shayne Ward** - Aviva Studios
- 16 - **Little Simz** - Co-Op Live
- 16 - **Cymande** - Albert Hall
- 16 - **Graham Nash** - Bridgewater Hall
- 17 - **We Are Scientists** - New Century
- 18 - **The Stranglers** - O2 Apollo
- 18 - **Idlewild** - New Century
- 19 - **Jalen Ngonda** - O2 Apollo
- 20 - **Beach Bunny** - Albert Hall
- 21 - **Rumer** - Bridgewater Hall
- 22 - **Amyl & The Sniffers** - O2 Victoria
- 23 - **Royston Club** - Academy
- 24 - **Confidence Man** - Depot Mayfield
- 25 - **Amazons** - Albert Hall
- 26 - **Gogol Bordello** - Albert Hall
- 27 - **Psychedelic Furs** - O2 Ritz
- 28 - **Tom Odell** - Co-Op Live
- 29 - **Aitch** - Depot Mayfield
- 30 - **HAIM** - Co-Op Live
- 31 - **King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard** - Aviva Studios

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