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Front cover : All in a Wondrous Night
By Goofus Theatre

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Every membership helps us to create unforgettable experiences, nurture artists and open the doors to our community.

Tiered options for membership start from just £5 per month and have a range of perks from private hire discounts to free brews every time you visit.

For more information about our membership scheme, email :

info@horseandbamboo.org

Or head to the dedicated membership page on our website.



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Venue Information



Our venue is wheelchair + pushchair friendly.



Free road parking is available in front + behind the venue.

Key



Craft activity - We open an hour before family shows for craft activities



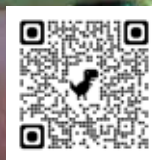
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The production is supported by the Big Imaginations Network

Sensory Play for Babies and Children

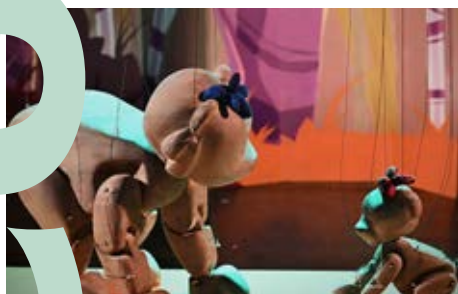
Every Thursday Morning
10am - 12pm | 0 to 4 years



String Theatre and RiRi's Dance Academy are back at Horse + Bamboo bringing brand new shows.

'The Bear That Wasn't' showcases magical marionette puppetry with an original soundtrack that will enthral children & adults alike. 'The Magic Stick' brings RiRi's signature Indian dance back to Horse + Bamboo's stage, telling a story of kindness with colourful characters and stage magic!

Make sure you arrive early to all of our family shows and join in with the free family crafts, running for one hour before each performance start time.



The Bear that Wasn't

STRING THEATRE

Sun 6 Sept

SHOW 3PM | CRAFT 2PM | £9 / £7*

A curious young cub is accidentally swept into a bustling robot-run factory after being mistaken for a new worker. Struggling to keep up with the mechanical routines, the cub's playful instincts begin to disrupt the system.

This highly visual story is brought to life through hand carved wooden marionettes, hand-painted sets and original music.

Full of humour and striking imagery, the piece explores identity, the resilience of nature, and what happens when imagination meets a world of rules. Inspired by the children's book of the same name by Frank Tashlin.

Duration : 45 minutes | Age : 4 + years



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The Magic Stick

RI RI'S DANCE ACADEMY

Fri 30 Oct

SHOW 3PM | CRAFT 2PM | £9 / £7*

When eight year old Diya receives a mysterious Magic Stick, she discovers she can see kindness come alive! Guided by the glowing energy of her Talking Karam (good deeds) Tree, she journeys through the Utsav (Kindness) Festival, meeting colourful characters and learning how every choice creates its own ripple of light.

Blending Indian dance, music, storytelling, and stage magic, The Magic Stick is a heart-warming family show celebrating compassion, selflessness and generosity - and inviting everyone to reflect on one simple thought: how kind have you been today?

Duration : 45 minutes | Age : 6 - 12 years



The Dinosaurs Are Back!

DOMMY B

Sun 29 Nov

SHOW 3PM | CRAFT 2PM | £9 / £7*

A one man adventure with poetry, rap, dance... and lots of dinosaurs! Join Proto, the smallest and quietest dino, as he meets some wildly different prehistoric personalities.

When a group of three troublesome allosaurus decide to stir things up, is there any way everyone can be friends? Award-winning rhythmic rhymers Dommy B (Glastonbury Festival Poet in Residence, BBC 'Rhyme Rocket') takes you on a wild ride, telling you about his delightful dino pals.

This performance will be followed by a Dino Disco!

Duration : 60 minutes | Age : 5 + years



All in a Wondrous Night

GOOFUS THEATRE

Sat 12 & Sun 13 Dec

SHOW 11AM | CRAFT 10AM

SHOW 3PM | CRAFT 2PM | £9 / £7*

A curious mouse about in the house could lead to all sorts of strange, magical and fantastical adventures.

Is a nose a key? A nose that opens doors and allows us to see?

What a marvellous place the world would be, our red nose world would set us free!

Goofus Theatre present this non-verbal marvellous, magnificent, mousey tale with puppetry, play and heart.



Duration : 45 minutes | Age : 2 - 6 years

Penguin

LONG NOSE PUPPETS

Sat 20 Feb

SHOW 11AM & 3PM | CRAFT 10AM & 2PM

£9 / £7*

Ben is delighted when he rips open his present: inside is a penguin. "Hello Penguin!" says Ben. Penguin is a show full of surprises, with lively songs by Tom Gray of 'Gomez' that will have everyone joining in!

'Take an hour to restore your faith in all that is good about being alive.' - The Argus

Duration : 45 minutes | Age : 2 - 8 years



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Every half term, Horse + Bamboo hosts a range of free activities for children alongside our family film & theatre programme.

Come down and join in with a themed craft or spend the day trying out a new board game. No booking required - if you are a community group and want to reserve a long table on one of these days, get in touch.



Crafternoon

HORSE + BAMBOO

Wed 28 Oct
Wed 17 Feb

DROP IN SESSION 11AM - 2PM | FREE

Looking for a way to entertain the children over the school holidays? Our crafternoons are the perfect way to pass the time. Come down any time and join in the fun. Suitable for a wide range of ages and completely free. Every half term has a different theme with crafts to match, of course!

For all the family



Edgeside Park Pumpkin Trail

ANNUAL EVENT

Sun 1 Nov
4:30PM - 6:30PM | FREE

Edgeside Park Pumpkin Trail happens every year, the day after Halloween. Bring down your carved pumpkins to Edgeside Park and create a community Pumpkin Trail the day after Halloween!

Add your incredible pumpkins to the trail and enjoy this magical, torchlit experience as you wander through the pumpkins on display, and play on the giant shadow screens.

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Family Board Games

CARDS OR DIE

Tues 27 Oct
Tues 16 Feb

DROP IN SESSION 11AM - 3PM | FREE

Come and check out the enormous array of board games in our cafe, hosted by 'Cards or Die'. There are so many to choose from and they'll even help teach you how to play games you may not know. No need to book - just turn up.



Shorts for Wee Ones (U)

Wed 28 Oct

CRAFT 11AM - 2PM | FILM 2PM | £5

This collection of seven short films for young viewers is sure to delight and amuse. Dundee Contemporary Arts gathered a variety of stories and styles from around the world - this year featuring films from Belgium, The Netherlands, Czech Republic, Canada, Uruguay and Switzerland.

Featuring curious capybaras, chef mushrooms, colourful cells, woodland animals, an affectionate (and very hungry) crocodile, a voiceless cockerel, and a little girl who best communicates through drawings.

The films in this programme focus on friendship and accepting difference, as well as promoting cooperation and understanding.

These magical tales will delight children age 3+ and are a colourful introduction to the cinema experience as well as moving image literacy.

A touring programme from Discovery Film Festival - Dundee Contemporary Arts' festival for young audiences.

Director : Various | 2023/24 | 47 mins
Ages: 3+ years



How the Grinch Stole Christmas (U)

Sun 20 Dec

CRAFT 11AM - 2PM | FILM 2PM | £5

The perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit - come along to our screening of How the Grinch Stole Christmas and festive craft session.

The bitter and reclusive Grinch hatches a mean-spirited plan to ruin Christmas for the people of Whoville, in this fantastical family comedy.

Bring your friends Bring your friends and family along for this Christmas classic packed with festive cheer!

Director : Ron Howard | 2000 | 1hr 45min



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EVENT CALENDAR

Sept

Sun 6	Family Theatre : The Bear That Wasn't	3pm	£9 / £7	4 - 7 yrs
Thurs 10	Film Club : Iron Ladies (12a) + Car Boot Knitted Puppet Show	6.30pm	£6	(12A)
Tues 22	NT Live : The Misanthrope (PG)	7pm	£12 / £10	(PG)
Fri 25	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages

Oct

Thurs 8	Film Club : Derek Vs. Derek (15)	7pm	£6	(15)
Fri 16	From Anjee's Garden Workshop : Balms & Bakes	7pm	£40	16+
Fri 23	Live Music : skotty3billion presents Horse + Bamboozled	7pm	Free	18+
Sat 24 - Sun 25	Rossendale Art Trail	10am - 4pm	Free	All Ages
Sat 24	Live Music : Later@ presents Gather@ Exhibition + FREEQUENCY3	2pm - 3.30pm	Free	All Ages
Sun 25	Silas_adler presents Sonic Immersion	11am - 2pm	Free	16+
Tues 27	Family Board Games Day	11am - 3pm	Free	All Ages
Wed 28	Crafternoon + Family Film : Shorts for Wee Ones (U)	Craft@11 Film@2	£5	(U)
Fri 30	Family Theatre : The Magic Stick	3pm	£9 / £7	6 - 12 yrs
Fri 30	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages

Nov

Sun 1	Workshop : Paper Puppetry & Cardboard Creations	10am - 4pm	Free	11 - 18 yrs
Sun 1	Edgeside Pumpkin Trail at Edgeside Park	4.30pm - 6.30pm	Free	All Ages
Thurs 5	NT Live : Golden Boy (15)	7pm	£12 / £10	(15)
Thurs 12	Arts Award : Stop Motion Animation (Start of 6 week workshop)	4pm - 5pm	£25	9 - 11 yrs
Thurs 12	Arts Award : Lantern Making (Start of 6 week workshop)	5.30pm - 6.30pm	£25	11 - 14 yrs
Sat 14	Live Music : Rachel Davis & Darren McMullen	8pm	£14/£12	16+

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Fri 20	From Anjee's Garden Workshop : Festive Willow Weaving	7pm	£30	16+
Fri 27	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages
Sat 28	Live Music : Surge Records presents Launch ft. Kayleigh Hall, Octane + Guests	7pm	£11.50 £8.50	16+
Sun 29	Family Theatre : The Dinosaurs are Back!	7pm	£9/£7	5+ yrs

Dec

Thurs 3	Film Club : Angus - Weaver of Grass	7pm	£6	16+
Fri 4 & Sat 5	From Anjee's Garden Workshop : Festive Wreath Making	Fri 7pm Sat 2pm	£40	16+
Sun 6	Live Music : Cacophany Arkestra - Crow & the Oak Tree	7pm	£12/£10	16+
Sat 12 - Sun 13	Family Theatre : All In A Wondrous Night	11am & 3pm	£9/£7	2 - 6 yrs
Thurs 17	Baby Boo : Special Session	10am	£5	0 - 4 yrs
Thurs 17	Live Music : Baked a la Ska	7pm	£21/£19	16+

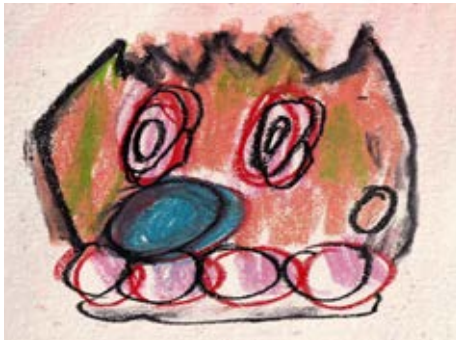
Fri 18	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages
Sun 20	Crafternoon + Family Film : The Grinch That Stole Christmas (PG)	Craft@11 Film@2	£5	(PG)

Jan

Thurs 14	NT Live : Hay Fever (12A)	7pm	£12/£10	(12A)
Fri 29	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages

Feb

Thurs 4	Film Club : Title TBA	7pm	£6	TBC
Sat 6	Live Music : Peterloo Concert Recording	7pm	£8/£6	16+
Tues 16	Family Board Games Day	11am - 3pm	Free	All Ages
Wed 17	Crafternoon + Family Film	Craft@11 Film@2	£5	TBC
Thurs 18	Baby Boo : Special Session	10am	£5	0 - 4 yrs
Thurs 18	NT Live : The Motive and The Cue (15)	7pm	£12 / £10	(15)
Sat 20	Family Theatre : Penguin	11am & 3pm	£9/£7	2 - 8 yrs
Fri 26	Rossendale Board Games Night	6pm	Free	All Ages
Sat 27	Theatre : Helios / Selene	TBC	£16/£14	16+



**skotty3billion presents:
Horse + Bamboozled**
ROSSENDALE ART TRAIL

Fri 23 Oct

BAR FROM 6PM, MUSIC 8PM | FREE

skotty3billion AKA SKOTT 3REE is touching down alongside a curated all star cast at Horse + Bamboo. With a unique vocal art performance showcasing northern underground lyricists and storytellers, against a wide range of production from SKOTT 3REE and fellow artist, Benwa.

Featuring performances from KHI- P, Ducklin Curls, Conduit, SKOTT 3REE and special guests.



**Later@ presents:
FREEQUENCY3 &
Gather@ Exhibition**
ROSSENDALE ART TRAIL

Sat 24 Oct

ART TRAIL 10AM – 4PM

FREEQUENCY3 : 20 MIN SETS @ 2PM
& 3.30PM | FREE

Later@ presents a special photography exhibition documenting the first gather@ festival. Curated by Jamie Soule, the exhibition features photos by Jamie Soule, Derren Lee Poole and James Ferguson.

FREEQUENCY3 is a producer, songwriter and freestyle rapper whose music has received support from BBC 1Xtra. She has been selected for Brighter Sound's ELEVATE, a year-long artist development programme supported by Liam Gallagher.



**Rachel Davis and
Darren McMullen**
FOLK MUSIC

Sat 14 Nov

BAR FROM 7PM, MUSIC 8PM | £14 / £12*

Experience an unforgettable evening of East Coast tradition with Cape Breton's own Rachel Davis & Darren McMullen.

Best known as members of the award-winning roots group Còig, Rachel & Darren's music is a thrilling fusion of driving rhythms, haunting melodies and masterful instrumentation. With a dynamic mix of vocals, fiddles, guitar, banjo, mandolin, viola, bouzouki and whistles, they breathe new life into age-old tunes while crafting original songs that feel instantly timeless.



Baked A La Ska
GOOD TIME BIG BAND

Thurs 17 Dec

BAR FROM 7PM, MUSIC 8PM | £21 / £19*

Back for a fourth year running this December, Baked a la Ska are fast becoming a Christmas staple for Waterfoot.

Join us to get the festive season started off right with this Manchester band's madcap dancehall skanking and ska Christmas covers.

"Upbeat anthems and dancehall skanking...wouldn't you just love to see this lot live?" - The Sunday Times

"Utterly bonkers but irresistible." - Manchester Evening News



**Kayleigh Hall, Octane &
Special Guests**
SURGE RECORDS LAUNCH

Sat 28 Nov

BAR FROM 6PM, MUSIC 7PM | £11.50 (OTD)/£8.50 (EARLY)

Celebrate the launch of this unique label for writers of music, lyrics, poetry and prose. Featuring local singer songwriter, Kayleigh Hall and international session musician, Phil Baker (Uriah Heep Legends). Surge Records owners, Anton (producer of Electronic Dance Music) and John (DJ and author) will premier their new material and remixes.

Special guests include ethereal troubadour, Captain of the Lost Waves, and performance poet, Gordon Zola.



**Cacophany Arkestra presents :
Crow and the Oak Tree**
WAKES CARNIVAL BAND

Sun 6 Dec

BAR FROM 7PM, MUSIC 8PM | £12 / £10*

Waterfoot Wakes' parade band, Cacophany Arkestra, present Crow and the Oak Tree.

Cacophany's brand new street theatre inspired musical performance explores how Corvines preserve and sustain their environment by caching acorns.

Expect an unforgettable evening of Cacophany's usual mix of calypso, soca and jazz.



Peterloo in Rock – Live Recording

REFORMERS OF PETERLOO

Sat 6 Feb

BAR FROM 5PM, SHOW 6PM | £8 / £6*

Following their sold out show in 2026, the Reformers of Peterloo are back, this time recording live from Horse + Bamboo.

Experience the powerful fusion of progressive folk rock with classic rock, indie and blues as The Reformers of Peterloo showcase Peterloo in Rock. The show begins in the immediate aftermath of the 1819 massacre, guiding the audience through pivotal reforms of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and culminating in the present day.

The Reformers of Peterloo consist of a group of experienced musicians working collectively to spread the word about the injustice and atrocity of the Peterloo Massacre in 1819 and the struggle for fairness that continues today. The message will be spread through a rock opera/musical.

Please note : This is a one-off reduced ticket price for the show, as it will be recorded for a live album. So, if a string breaks or a song goes wrong, you get to hear it twice. That also means we need you to be as loud as possible. Every cheer, shout, and clap is going on the record, so don't be shy!



Wright and Grainger's Helios/Selene

THEATRE DOUBLE BILL

Sat 27 Feb

BAR FROM 6PM, SHOW 7PM | £16 / £14*

HELIOS / SELENE - an exceptional storytelling double bill.

Stories from Greek Mythology, told as if they were happening today by internationally award-winning 'masters of storytelling' (FourthWall) Wright&Grainger.

******* "A much needed reminder of the irresistible power of stories to unite us" – The List**

A story about the son of the god of the sun, HELIOS transplants the Ancient Greek tale into a modern-day myth wound round the winding roads of rural England - and into the everyday living of a towering city.

SELENE is a story about the light sides of us, the dark sides of us, and the things we grow up in the orbit of. And about the stuff inside us, all the wild stuff inside us.

"...joyous, funny, heartfelt and deeply life-affirming" – TheatreTravels

HELIOS / SELENE are presented as a double bill. Your ticket is for both productions with an interval between the two shows.



Paper Puppetry and Cardboard Creations

CREATIVE FUTURES

Sun 1 Nov

10AM - 4PM | FREE

Join puppeteer Thomas Byrne for a day long introduction to the wonderfully weird world of puppetry!

The one-day workshop will allow participants to learn more about puppetry as an artform before providing them with training on how to begin to manipulate puppets. Using simple, easy to access materials such as newspaper and brown paper, Tom will teach and showcase the core principles of puppetry movement, manipulation and direction. Once participants have got to grips with the basics, they will explore how puppets can be created from cardboard and spend the afternoon letting their creativity run wild bringing bizarre cardboard creations to life!

All materials provided. For ages 11-18.

This project is supported by Pride in Place Funding in partnership with Rossendale Borough Council and Our Towns Plan.



Arts Award : Animation (9 - 11 yrs) & Lantern Making (11 - 15 yrs)

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**Thursday 12 Nov - 17 Dec
(6 week workshop)**

STOP MOTION ANIMATION 4PM - 5PM
LANTERN MAKING 5.30PM - 6.30PM
£25 FOR ALL 6 WEEKS

Does your child love drawing, cartoons and animated films? If so, they will love this After School 6 week workshop! Or ever fancied making your own illuminated lantern?

Well, luckily for you, H+B's resident artists, Andy & Sarah, are on hand to help you make such dreams a reality!

'Arts Award Discover' workshop means your child will receive an accredited certificate at the end for their participation.



National Theatre Live

HAY FEVER

BY NOËL COWARD DIRECTED BY EMILY BURNS

A production from



GAVIN KALIN PRODUCTIONS

Horse + Bamboo's Film Night runs on a Thursday evening once a month, alongside regular NT Live screenings. Check out the full listings on our website.

If you're a community group in Rossendale with a film that particularly resonates with you - whether it's a documentary that brings awareness on a particular issue or a cult classic you'd like to run a fundraiser alongside - get in touch with us!



National Theatre Live : Golden Boy (15)

Thurs 5 Nov

BAR FROM 6PM | FILM 7PM | £12 / £10*

Josh O'Connor (The Crown; Challengers) leads the cast in this searing revival of Clifford Odets' knockout American classic.

1930s New York, at the height of the Depression. Joe Bonaparte is a gifted young violinist with a future in music, until a chance at fame and fortune lures him into the brutal world of professional boxing. He must confront what he's willing to sacrifice, who he's willing to become and how to find his place in a world that demands he chooses a side.

Brought to life with a string quartet and filmed live from the Almeida Theatre. Olivier Award-winner Sam Yates (Vanya) directs this propulsive drama exploring ambition, identity and the high price of success.

Content warnings: This production may include flashing lights, which may impact customers with photosensitive epilepsy.

Director: : James Dawson | 2026 | 1hr 28min



Horse + Bamboo's Angus : Weaver of Grass

Thurs 3 Dec

BAR FROM 6PM | FILM 7PM | £6

Join Horse + Bamboo for a special screening of the production, 'Angus : Weaver of Grass', created in 2011. Commissioned by Creative Scotland and developed by Horse + Bamboo with Joyce Laing.

The production was filmed at Horse + Bamboo as part of the 2012 tour, and will be screened alongside an exhibition of behind the scenes photos, production shots and tour notes captured by the company during this period.

Props from the original production including woven grass costume by Joanne B Kaar and masks by Bob Frith, will be on display in the V&A East Storehouse from November 2026.

This event marks the first delve back into Horse + Bamboo's eclectic puppetry and mask archive, as the company looks to its 50th year in 2028.

Artistic Director : Bob Frith | Director : Alison Duddle | Musical Score : Loz Kaye | Gaelic Vocals : MK Deans | 2011 | 1hr 15min

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Events & Party Hire

Looking for a location for your Party? We have exclusive use packages for the downstairs of our venue.

We are set up to host bands or DJs, can work with a variety of local caterers and have flexible bar options, so you really can host the party you've always dreamed of!

Suitable for up to 100 guests.

For more information, please email:
info@horseandbamboo.org

Book your tickets online at:

horseandbamboo.org

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Volunteering at H+B

We are always looking for lively, enthusiastic individuals to join our team of volunteers here at Horse + Bamboo. Our volunteers can help with a variety of activities including craft workshops, cafe or on the Box Office.

For more information please email:
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Book your tickets

Our shows and events are very popular. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment as we cannot guarantee there will be 'walk up' tickets available for every event.



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