



the **spark**
festival

The BEST Children's Arts Festival IN THE WORLD

Leicester Mon 7 - Fri 11 February 2022

The Spark Festival - Programme for Schools

We all love making memories that last a lifetime. Often those memories come from an unforgettable day out or an extraordinary experience. For example a day at school where something captivating happened and you can't stop thinking or talking about it. Our magnificent Spark Festival has been creating those memorable moments and transforming children's lives through creativity since 2000. The programme supports education, enhances relationships and is a boost to confidence, happiness and wellbeing.

In February 2022 you and your pupils can get involved with the festival at your school or by going to a performance at a local venue.

Please get in touch to book your Spark Festival 2022 performance and find out more about the opportunities available.

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A trip to the theatre can change a child's life

0-5 years FDN KS1



Little Big Dance presents

Club Origami

Rip, fold and scrumple! DDance, fashion and live music meet the magic of origami to sweep us up on a spirited and inspiring adventure in a land made purely of paper and play.

Key themes / values: Key themes / values: Shapes, Japanese Culture, Touch & Imagination

To book: please contact liza@thesparkarts.co.uk

St Barnabas Library
Tue 8 & Wed 9 February
10.30am & 1.30pm

Pork Pie Library
Thur 10 & Fri 11 February
10.30am & 1.30pm

Age Suitability: 0 - 5 years

Duration: 40 mins
+ 10 mins stay and play

Cost: £60 per class

KS1 KS2 SEND



509 Arts and Mind the Gap present

Meal One

An enchanting musical fairy tale with augmented reality surprises. Meal One is a dynamic adaptation of the children's book by Ivor Cutler and Helen Oxenbury.

All performances are 'relaxed' and accessible, with captioning built into the production.

Key themes / values: Traditional Literature, Family, Digital Animation, Music

To book: contact Group Sales Team on 0116 242 3595 or email groupbookings@curvetheatre.co.uk

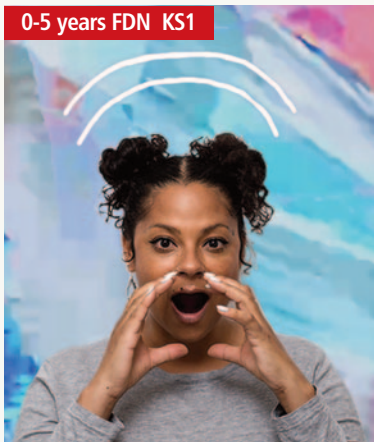
Curve Theatre
Tue 8 & Wed 9 February
10.30am, 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Age Suitability: 5 - 9 years

Duration: 60 mins

Cost: £14 - £10,
£2 off groups/schools 10+

0-5 years FDN KS1



Mellow Baku and The Spark Arts for Children with Attenborough Arts Centre and Warwick Arts Centre present

Mmm Ahh Whoosh

A gig for 0-5-year olds which will immerse you in a swirling world of colour and take you on a musical journey through afro-centric soulful folk, jazz and scat. Inspired by our first breaths, hums and gurgles, combining music and animation to celebrate the wondrous world of the language of children.

Key themes / values: Early Language, World Music, Listening, Expression

To book: please email arts-education@leicester.ac.uk

Attenborough Arts Centre
Mon 7 - Fri 11 February
11am & 1pm

Age Suitability: 0 - 5 years

Duration: 40 mins

Cost: £7 - One free teacher ticket for every 10 booked

FDN KS1 KS2



Makers of Imaginary World presents

The Undiscovered Island

This beautifully crafted and fabulous interactive installation will transport you to an underwater world where you will find story pods, giant corals and a relaxing coral garden. The installation incorporates sensing technology to create a truly engaging experience.

Relaxed and accessible.

Key themes / values: Storytelling, Digital Technology, Environmental Sustainability

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Attenborough Arts Centre
Mon 7 - Sun 13 February
dates available from 30 Jan
40 minute bookable slots
12pm - 5pm Mon to Sat
& 12pm - 4pm Sundays

Age Suitability: 4+ years

Duration: 40 mins

Cost: FREE
but must be booked in advance

For more information on The Spark Festival

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FDN KS1 SEND



Tangled Feet and Half Moon Theatre present

Butterflies

An uplifting tale of friendship, courage and facing your fears told using innovative staging, breath taking physicality, touching humour and an original musical score. Three friends embark on an exciting adventure to chase their butterflies away. They cross new seas to uncharted lands, on a journey filled with discovery. Created in response to young children's experience of anxiety.

Key themes / values: wellbeing, mindfulness, resilience

To book: contact gemma@thesparkarts.co.uk

Mon 7 - Fri 11 February
Only one performance available

Duration: 40 mins
Set Up Time: 1 hour
Performance Space: 8m x 3.5m
(Audience seated both sides)
Max Audience: 120

Cost: £425 per show,
£775 for 2 shows in one day*

KS1 KS2 SEND



Don Kipper presents

Don Kipper

A funky multi-award winning band who will take you on a musical adventure around Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean. Expect surprises and a radical fusion of rhythm, harmony and imagination at this special performance for your school hall. The band have won multiple-awards, produced three albums, performed at WOMAD festival, toured Europe and featured on BBC Introducing and the BBC World Service.

Key themes / values: diversity, rhythm, listening, collaboration

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Tue 8 - Fri 11 February
Only two performances available

Duration: 50 mins
Set Up Time: 1 hour
Performance Space: 4m x 3m
Max Audience: 180

Cost: £450 per show,
£800 for 2 shows in one day*

KS2 & KS3



Aakash Odedra Company and The Spark Arts for Children present

Little Murmur **SOLD OUT**

Based on the true story of one child's struggle with letters and words. Little Murmur is about facing challenges and overcoming the odds. An honest and funny tale about the trials and tribulations of seeing things differently. Jump into a world of dance, technology and illustration to see this heartfelt journey take flight.

Key themes / values: communicating ideas & emotions; disability awareness & inclusion; movement

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Mon 7 - Fri 11 February
SOLD OUT

Duration: 35 mins
Set Up Time: 1 hour
Performance Space: 5m x 5m
suitable for projection
Max Audience: 120

Cost: £425 per show,
£775 for 2 shows in one day*

FDN KS1 SEND



The Egg, Wales Millennium Centre and Oxford Playhouse present

Josephine

A vibrant, stylish performance about Josephine Baker, the girl from Missouri who became an icon. Humorous and emotional with toe tapping dance and irresistible rhythms. In December 2021 Josephine Baker became the first black woman to enter France's Pantheon mausoleum of revered historical figures.

Performances are supported with access to a comprehensive Digital Learning Portal.

Key themes / values: black women in history, identity, choices, witnesses

To book: contact gemma@thesparkarts.co.uk

Tue 8 - Thu 10 February
Only one day now available

Duration: 60 mins
Set Up Time: 1.5 hours
Performance Space: 5m x 5m
Max Audience: 120

Cost: £775 for 2 shows in one day*

Watch trailers for the shows at thesparkarts.co.uk/festival/at-your-school

* Discounts available for members of **The City Classroom**, contact us for details.

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FDN KS1



Catherine Wheels presents

White: The Film

White is a world of birdhouses, disco balls and prawn crackers. White is a place where everything is white. But one day colour arrives and everything changes. Don't miss this specially-made film of a much loved, highly visual show.

Key themes / values: imagination, colour, change, friendship

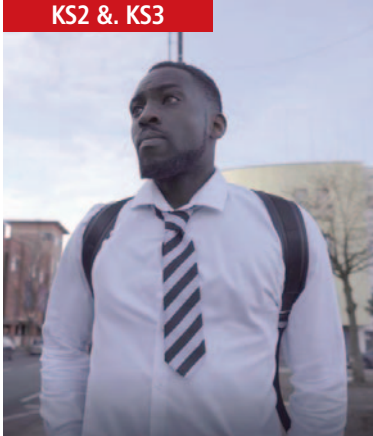
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Mon 7 - Fri 11 Feb
Digital on demand

Cost: £75 per year group, access for 1 week

Duration: 35 mins

KS2 & KS3



Chad Taylor presents

When I Hear Music: The Film

This story follows a pupil on their first day of secondary school and combines high energy dance, electronic and Hip Hop music as they navigate their way through the rules of the classroom and the wild of the playground. When I Hear Music explores how we look after ourselves and each other at a decisive moment of our lives.

Key themes / values: resilience, wellbeing, transition & change

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Mon 7 - Fri 11 Feb
Digital on demand

Cost: £75 per year group, access for 1 week

Duration: 10 mins film plus class resources

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The Spark Festival School Programme

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