

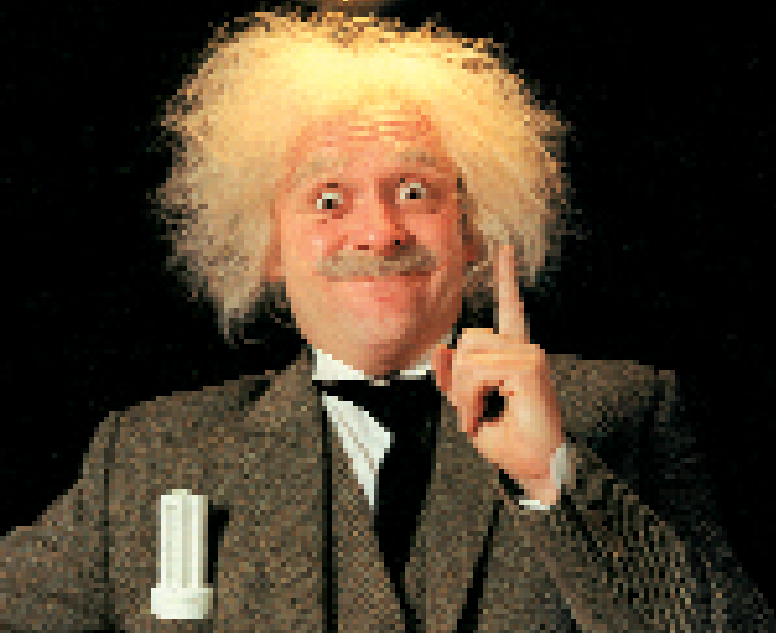
Oldham Arts

Development

Events Guide

Feb - Oct 2007

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For advance bookings

Call Ticketline on **0161 832 1111**

or click on www.ticketline.co.uk



Welcome

to Oldham Arts Development's 2007 events guide

We've a great line-up of festivals, comedy, music, dance, theatre and more happening from now until October 2007.

On the first Friday of each month we'll be bringing the best in comedy, dance, theatre & music to an intimate new venue - The Performance Space, Oldham Library & Lifelong Learning Centre.

Look out too for the return of Picking Up Sticks - the North West's only dedicated drumming and percussion festival - and a full weekend of gigs, workshops and performances in March.

While in May we hit the streets for Festival Oldham and a big Bank Holiday weekend of live entertainment and shows.

For more information

Call Oldham Arts Development on **0161 770 3070**

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Friday 2 February 8pm £10
The Performance Space

The Timperley superstar is back. You know he is, he really is.

Let the man with the papier-mache head invite you into his bizarre and anarchic little world.

Expect a masterclass in puppet breakdancing from Little Frank and tales of musical excess from the Oh Blimey Big Band.

Frank Sidebottom

"Comic surrealism at its most sublime." *Chortle*

Catch Frank Sidebottom's Proper Telly Show on Channel M

www.franksidebottom.co.uk



£6 8pm **Friday 2 March**
The Performance Space

An electrifying evening with the greatest genius of all time.

Thanks to the wonders of modern science, the man who put the mad in Professor appears in his own one-man comedy show.

Experience the Big Bang and learn from the legend himself how he solved the riddle of the Universe on the back of an envelope!

An Audience With Albert Einstein

"Hair-raising fun." *Venue Magazine*

www.audiencewitheinstein.co.uk



Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 March

Gallery Oldham

The only dedicated **FREE** percussion festival in the North West is back for another beat of the drum.

We've a packed weekend of events with live performances, workshops and clinics from the biggest names in music.

Picking Up Sticks International Percussion Festival

"Bringing together rhythmic styles from around the globe, Picking Up Sticks is a festival in the true sense."

Rhythm Magazine

www.visitoldham.co.uk

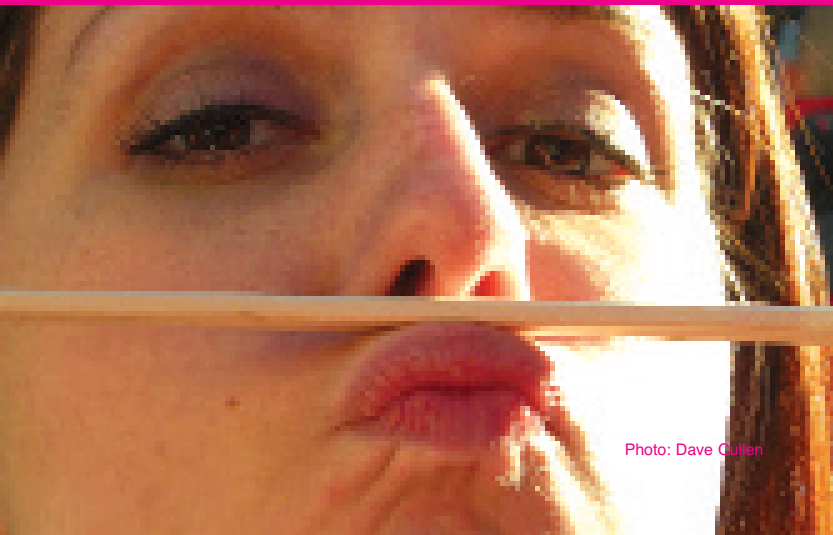


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Timetable of Events

Saturday 10 March noon to 9pm

A banging day of beats with Steve White, Alex Acuna, Trilok Gurtu, Cacophony and many more. Check out the big finale featuring the funky Players and the legendary Airtó Moeira.

Sunday 11 March noon to 6pm

Breaks and bongos with Shovell, Polar Bear, Shlomo, Macumba and Seb Roachford. The weekend finishes in style with a mass participation drumming ensemble outside Gallery Oldham.

Picking Up Sticks International Percussion Festival

Friday 6 April 8pm £7.50

The Performance Space

Contemporary dance from the UK's most innovative company.

In a new first Dance, Jokes and Dance Jokes combines minimalist movement with stand-up comedy. While The Short Still Show highlights how important not moving is to dance!

Plus, we've a fantastic performance from our very own community group Young Oldham Dance.

New Art Club

"Unique... they marry stand-up comedy with choreographic minimalism and a touch of philosophy." *The Times*

www.newartclub.org

£7.50 8pm **Friday 4 May**

The Performance Space

An award-winning new black comedy by Patrick McConnell.

A mysterious stranger has left Mike and Dave a briefcase of money and the police are knocking at their door. But as things start to hot up there's just one thing these outlandish young men want to know... does the off-licence deliver?

A Story For When We're Grandads

"Great entertainment & thought provoking." *Buxton Review*

www.randomproductions.org.uk



Saturday 26, Sunday 27 FREE EVENT & BH Monday 28 May

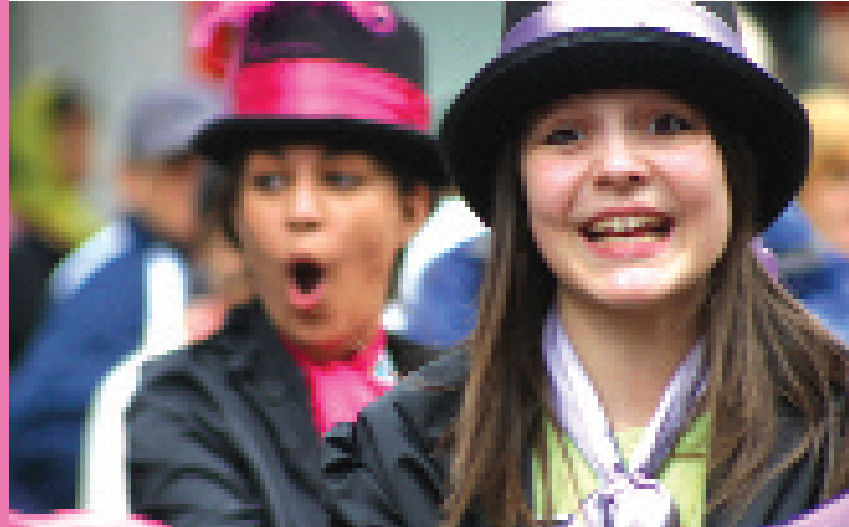
Oldham Town Centre

Get off the sofa and onto the streets for a big Bank Holiday weekend of top quality art and entertainment.

We've three jam-packed days of the very best in comedy, music, street theatre and performance in the great outdoors. It all happens in the heart of Oldham Town Centre so there's no need to miss a moment of the madness.

Festival Oldham 07

" It's not every Sunday that you can watch one of the coolest bands in the world do a live set outside Woolworths! "
Spinneyworld.com



Timetable of Events

Saturday 26 May noon to 4pm

Magical street entertainers from across the globe converge on Oldham Town Centre for a day of fun for all the family.

Sunday 27 May noon to 4pm

Look out for something extra special on the big stage as we bring the very best musicians and artists together for your enjoyment.

Bank Holiday Monday 28 May noon to 4pm

More madcap street theatre and comedy mayhem.

Click on www.visitoldham.co.uk for what's on close to the Festival.

Festival Oldham 07



Friday 1 June 8pm £12
The Performance Space

A formidable Spanish guitarist, Eduardo Niebla brings his trio to Oldham for an evening of passionate Mediterranean music.

One of the most emotive performers in the world today, Eduardo fuses Flamenco and jazz rhythms with Arabic, Indian, Latin and classical influences for a truly stunning live show.

The Eduardo Niebla Experience

"A world class virtuoso." Time Out

www.eduardoniebla.co.uk



£7.50 8pm **Friday 6 July**
The Performance Space

Gloriously camp comedy from the Queen of the drag scene.

A fabulous ball of glam and glitter, Jonathan's brand of stand-up mixes wicked put-downs with outrageous showbiz tall-tales.

Previously a finalist in the North West Comedian of the Year Award, Jonathan also hosted last year's Oldham Pride event.

Out Presents Jonathan Mayor

"Mesmerising to watch. Fantastic." XS Malarkey

www.comedycv.co.uk/jonathanmayor



Friday 3 August 8pm £7.50

The Performance Space

Lemn Sissay is a renowned poet, playwright and dramatist and one of the UK's most vibrant and engaging performers.

Currently the writer in residence at London's South Bank Centre, Lemn returns to his North West roots for a special double bill of words and music together with singer-songwriter John Bramwell.

Local Legends Lemn Sissay

" Hugely enjoyable, inventive, funny & touching. " The Guardian

www.lemnsissay.co.uk



John Harold Arnold Bramwell is the front man with the majestically morose Mancunian trio I Am Kloot.

A purveyor of twisted torch songs and heart-wrenching serenades of the highest order, he was also previously known as Johnny Dangerously in an earlier incarnation.

Mr Bramwell performs a rare solo set as part of a special double bill of words and music together with poet Lemn Sissay.

Local Legends John Bramwell

" Bramwell is as fine a wordsmith as Morrissey. " NME

www.iamkloot.com

Friday 7 September 8pm FREE
The Performance Space

Gallery 37 plus is a new national arts training initiative for young people aged 16-24 which focuses on a summer arts training programme with partnering organisations & professional artists.

This FREE event showcases the work produced during the Gallery 37 plus 2007 summer schools.



Gallery 37 plus Showcase



For more info call Julie Ashforth on 0161 770 3097

www.visitoldham.co.uk



£12.00 8pm **Friday 5 October**
The Performance Space

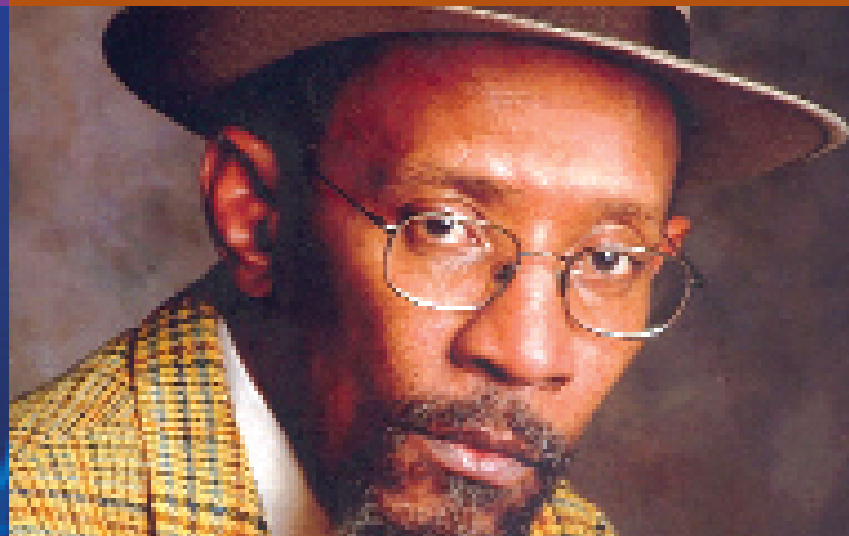
Known and revered as the world's first reggae poet, Linton Kwesi Johnson has toured the globe with his unique storytelling.

Don't miss this chance to catch the master wordsmith, musician and living legend in such intimate surroundings.

Linton Kwesi Johnson

*"Linton's rhymes speak for our times...
He's a poet that lets his words do the talking."* The Voice

www.lkjrecords.com





Every Monday 6pm to 9pm FREE
Gallery Oldham

Weekly workshops in Brazilian dance and drumming with the North West's most inspirational youth percussion group.

Come and experience the exciting world of street dance and carnival grooves with our expert tutors. No experience needed and all equipment is provided.

Meninos do Morumbi
Oldham

For more info call Oldham Arts Development on 0161 770 3070

www.meninos.org.uk

FREE 6pm to 8pm **Every Friday**
The Museum

Young Oldham Dance Company is now recruiting new members!

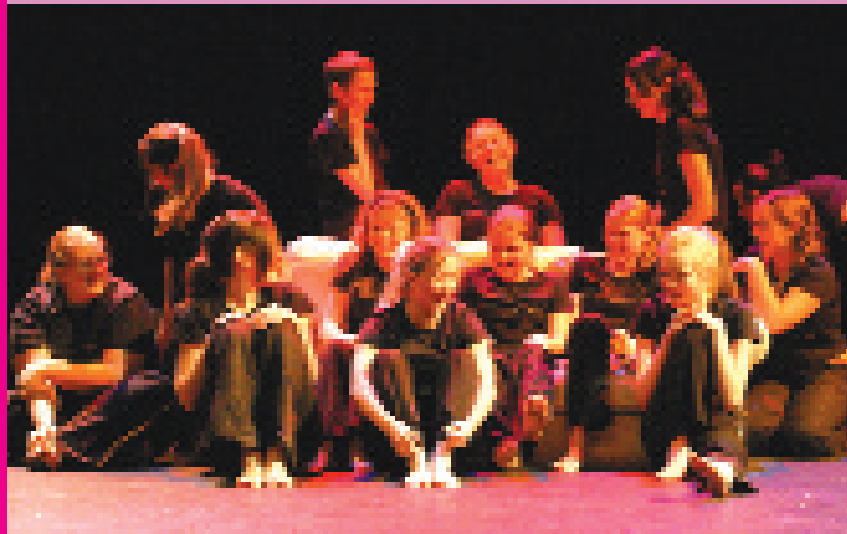
This leading youth dance group is open to anyone aged 13 to 19 years old. No experience is required, just bags of enthusiasm.

If you are interested in joining then call us for more details.

Young Oldham
Dance

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www.visitoldham.co.uk



Booking & Venue Details

The Performance Space, Oldham Library & Lifelong Learning Centre

All of our monthly Friday night events take place at The Performance Space, Oldham Library & Lifelong Learning Centre.

This new building is situated behind Gallery Oldham on Greaves Street in the Cultural Quarter. The venue is a 10 minute walk from Oldham Mumps railway station and Oldham bus station. The nearest car park is Southgate Street pay and display.

The 100 seat venue is fully accessible at all levels with two disabled car parking spaces on Greaves Street, next to the building.

To book tickets for shows at The Performance Space please call **Ticketline on 0161 832 1111** or log-on to www.ticketline.co.uk

Gallery Oldham and The Museum, Cultural Quarter

Both Gallery Oldham and The Museum buildings are also located within the Cultural Quarter for ease of access.



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