



335 Stretford Road,
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What's On May – August 2015

Manchester's venue for
children and families

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*Activities
for school
holidays
inside!*

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Welcome to z-arts

Z-arts is Manchester's venue for young people and families. Creativity is at the heart of everything we do, inspiring young people from Manchester and beyond to reach their potential. Young people begin their creative journey with us through our regular classes including Baby Play, Jitterbugs and Paint Pots and continue with our Big Imaginations Programme, Z-arts Young Performers (ZYP), dance classes, exhibitions and interactive performances.

This season we've got lots of creative activities lined up for the school holidays including the chance to work with visual artist Mandy Beck McKim and make your own puppets during May Half Term as well as arts and drama activities throughout Roald Dahl week in the Summer Holidays.

How to book

Visit Us: We're open: Mon-Fri: 9am-9pm Sat: 9am-5pm

By Phone: 0161 226 1912

Online: Open 24 hours at www.z-arts.org

By Email: info@z-arts.org

Family Ticket: 4 people of any age can get tickets for our events for just £25. Some exclusions apply.

M15 resident? Concession tickets available for all Hulme residents

How to get here

Z-arts, 335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA

We're a 20 minute walk from Oxford Road & Deansgate Train stations. There are regular bus services from the city centre. The 250, 256 and 163 pass just outside. The 86 stops nearby.

There is ample on-street parking in the area. Please call the Box Office or visit z-arts.org/getting-here for more information.



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100% Said that working with Z-arts has improved their confidence

100% parents agreed that their child now had new talents & interests as a result of attending Z-arts

75% agreed that taking part at Z-arts had improved their self-respect

Z-arts Golden Bird £240 / £20pcm

Thanks and recognition on the Giving Tree, represented by a fairy/bird and on our website. Bright Sparks family membership included (£6 tickets to all Big Imaginations shows and access to all our regular activities), four complimentary tickets to our Christmas show & opportunity to meet the artistic team, free use of the screening room once a year for a children's party, 10% discount in the café, VIP invites, mailed brochure each season and personalised letter and membership card.

Z-arts Silver Stone £120 / £10pcm

Thanks and recognition on the Giving Tree, represented by a foundation stone and on our website. Bright Sparks family membership included (£6 tickets to all Big Imaginations shows and access to all our regular activities), 10% discount in the café, VIP invites, mailed brochure each season and personalised letter and membership card.

Z-arts Bronze Leaf £40

Thanks and recognition on the Giving Tree. The leaves will be made up by our children's handprints. Donations will go towards helping us to fund families who currently can't afford to join.

473 local kids have been supported by Children in Need

Over **400** Bright Sparks members

70 holiday sessions run for all ages

More than **300** artists worked with us

"We and our child love Z-arts. The activities, the people and the place. Congratulations to all for the amazing work!"

"My daughter really looks forward to attending classes at Z-arts. We would be lost without it, the staff are great with the kids, the place has a positive bright energy and community spirit!"

"Love the staff, love the venue, love Hulme!!"

"Really helps a lot to develop self-confidence and boldness. My kid has improved a lot from this. She was very shy."



Saturday 23 May
The Journey Home

The Journey Home presented by Little Angel Theatre based on the book by Frann Preston-Gannon
 11.30am and 2.30pm. £6 / £8. Ages 2+Running Time: 40 Minutes

Join Polar Bear as he sets off in search of a new home when the ice starts melting. Travelling through storms, busy shipping lanes and across oceans, he picks up some exciting friends along the way.

Meet all the animals on their adventure to find a new home; what else will they encounter on their journey of discovery and The Journey Home. The acclaimed children's book, is brought to life through puppetry, lyrical music and transformative design in this new production by Little Angel Theatre.

“Wonderfully imaginative” - The Guardian



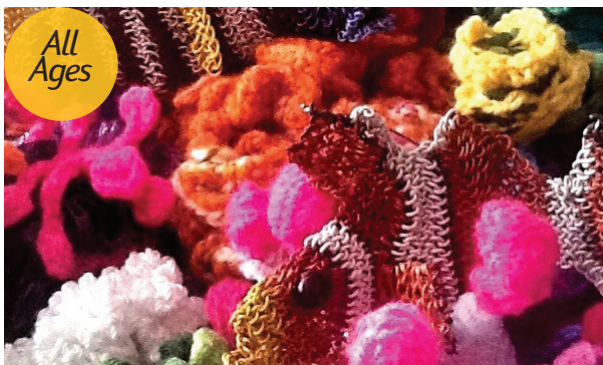
Sunday 28 June
Monkey!

Presented by PuppetCraft
 2.30pm, £6/£8. Ages 4+Running Time: 60 Minutes

The comic adventures of a fantastical superhero, inspired by the classic Chinese epic story.

A puppet show for the whole family. Stunning string puppets, antique shadow puppets and live music tell the story of the birth and comic escapades of MONKEY... the trickster who...hatched from an egg...can fly on a cloud...and can transform into anything...! Written specially for PuppetCraft by the wonderful poet Michael Rosen, Children's Laureate 2007–2009, of “Going on a Bear Hunt” fame. Programmed as part of Manchester Book Festival.

“A simple story, beautifully staged.” - TimeOut
“PuppetCraft gets to the parts other theatre can't reach... delivered through fine artistry and weaving a good yarn.” - Animations Magazine.



Mon 18 May – Sat 30 May

Wired, Wild & Alive by Mandy Beck-Mckim

Mon 18 – Fri 22, 4pm – 8pm, Sat 23 & Sat 30 May, 10am – 5pm, Monday 25th – Friday 29th May, 1pm – 8pm, All ages, Free

Wired, Wild and Alive is inspired by a love of nature. The Z-arts gallery will be full of amazing colourful creatures imagined by using a variety of knitting, crochet and embroidery techniques. Wired, Wild and Alive is a fantastic, strange and engaging theatrical and visual arts experience for children and families. Explore the interactive textile environments, with live art and discover the wonders of nature and how it can inspire whilst educating about environmental issues for creatures and their habitats.

Tues 26 May – Fri 29 May

Wired, Wild & Alive Workshops

10am – 12pm, Free for Bright Sparks members. Booking required.

Working with the exhibition artist Mandy, to explore the theatrical and visual art experience that is Wired, Wild and Alive. Learn how to make your own textile environments, create puppets and bring the creatures to life through drama, storytelling and puppetry. Only 15 places.



Bright Sparks Membership

Like what you see? Be more of a part of it by joining Bright Sparks! Bright Sparks is Z-arts membership scheme for all families, no matter what shape and size. For just £15 (free for registered unemployed, students and disabled) for your immediate family you can access all of our regular activities, reduced price tickets for our Big Imaginations programme, input into how we do things at Z-arts and keep in touch with all the fabulous things we have planned for 2015!

Z-arts is signed up to the Family Standards. This means:

- The whole building is wheelchair accessible. If you use a wheelchair or need your buggy with you in the theatre, we've got eight spaces, just call our box office and they'll be happy to help.
- The men and women's toilets have accessible toilets and baby changing facilities.
- Free drinking water.
- Healthy food / drink options always available.
- Breastfeeding friendly.

“Bright Sparks is the most innovative and best value arts scheme in Manchester, possibly the UK” - Rachel, parent & Bright Sparks Member



Wed 6 May
**The Mustard Tree
 Drama Showcase**

All
 Ages

Presented by Tandem Theatre
 5.30pm & 6.30pm. Tickets £1.
 A performance devised by participants of The Mustard Tree Drama Group led by Tandem Theatre, a charity who run accessible arts programmes in different community settings across Manchester.

Saturday 9th May
Frozen Sing-a-long

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Film Club special event
 1.30 – 3.30pm. £5 inclusive
 Join Tosin, Z-arts resident singing teacher, to tune up and sing-along to all your favourite songs in our main theatre, whilst watching the worldwide phenomenon Frozen. After the film get arty in our café space with Frozen themed children's activities.

Mon 11 & Tue 12 May
**Lorca En Le Jardin
 (Love in The Garden)**

15+

Presented by Théâtre Sans Frontières
 7.30pm - 9pm. £14
 Running Time: 90 minutes
 Performed in Spanish with English surtitles
 An evening of performance, poetry and music inspired by Spain's greatest writer of the 20th century, Federico García Lorca.

Fri 15 & Sat 16 May
BoXED

5+

Presented by The Circus House
 7pm. £6.60, Running time: 90 minutes
 A show that incorporates all the excitement of the circus with an intriguing story about the magic that can be found in everyday life, if only we look for it.



All
 Ages

22 – Sat 27 June
Fulcrum by IOU

Free exhibition, call 0161 226 1912 for opening times or visit www.z-arts.org,
 Fulcrum is a non-stop-motion animation film made before your eyes in the Z-arts Gallery. Using robotics, intricately carved miniatures and mysteriously complex technology: we join a woman on a train journey through northern moors and towns, as she imagines a world transformed. "Really mesmerising and haunting. Intriguing to watch – and then watch again!" Audience member.

Mon 13 – Sat 18 July
Flare Festival

14+

Various Times, Festival Passes £65/£50
 Z-arts All Nighters £12/£8
 The Flare International Festival of New Theatre brings together some of the best radical theatre makers from Europe and beyond. Expect hilarious, challenging, thought-provoking theatre. Expect the unexpected. flarefestival.com

Activities for Young People

Mondays

Baby Play

10.30am, (non walking babies).
The second Monday of every month Play is crucial for your child's social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth. It's your child's way of learning especially in the first years.

We understand that exploration is the heart of play and we want to help your baby develop by providing an interactive baby room with a different theme each month for you and your baby to discover together.

Paint Pots for Tots

10.30am - 11.30am
Each week we read a new story and get creative. Parents must stay with their children but can enjoy special offers from our cafe whilst helping their little ones.

Jitterbugs

10.30am - 11.30am
The third Monday of each month is all about getting moving. Bring your little ones down and boogie with Jitterbugs, our dance and movement class for toddlers.

Bright Stars

4pm - 5pm Drama skills workshops with Tasha.

Shine

1 June, 6 July
7.30pm - 10pm, £2/£1
Are you in a band and would like the opportunity to take to the stage? To get involved and showcase your band contact tozin@z-arts.org

Wednesdays

Mix It Up

4pm - 5pm Visual art class with resident artists Gill.

ZYP

5pm - 6pm
Z-arts Young Performers, developing performance skills for youth led projects.

Capoeira

5.30pm-6.45pm
Afro-Brazilian martial art born from the fight for freedom through dance, music & individual expression. Classes for both young people and adults available. Bright Sparks membership not required.

Thursdays

Street Dance

5pm - 6pm
Street Dance - learn the latest moves with our resident dancer Tasha.

Saturdays

Street Dance

10am - 10.45am, Free
- learn the latest moves with resident dancer Tasha.

Ballet

11am - 11.45am
Become the next Darcy Bussell.

Allsorts

11am - 1pm
Allsorts are an urban music collective based at Z-arts who write, record and perform their own music. Come and learn how to write, record and perform with like minded young people and professional musicians. Bright Sparks membership not required.

Film Club

1.30 - 3pm, 07/03/15, 28/03/15, 25/04/15, 23/05/15, 20/06/15,
Get the cinema experience without the price tag.
A new crowd pleasing film every fortnight.

Film Club Sing-a-long

3.30 - 5pm, 14/03/15, 11/04/15, 16/05/15, 06/06/15, 11/07/15
Come down for some great family fun and sing your heart out.

All of these activities are free for Bright Sparks members

Activities for Adults

Sweatt Riott

Mon 7.45 - 8.30, Tues 7.15 - 8.15, £5

Feel good easy to follow choreographed dance fitness class that's more than just burning the calories. Imagine Bedroom Dancing with your mates ... Big moves and an abs blast section for that extra burn!

Introduction to Screen-printing

Begins Wed 29 April, 6.30 - 8.30pm, Ages 16+, £152 for 6 weeks

This 6 session course is a great introduction to photo sensitive screen printing and allows you to get to grips with a basic understanding of the process.

Zumba

Tues & Thu, 6.15pm - 7.15pm, £5

A latin inspired dance fitness class suitable for all levels, it is a funky, fun, high energy fitness session that will help you lose weight, gain confidence and leave you feeling 100% energised!

There are limited places at all of our regular activities, so don't miss out & book yours!

Monday 27 – Friday 31 July

Creative Picnics

2-5

10am – 12pm. Only 15 places each day. Free for Bright Sparks members
Explore funky dance, drama and songs with Abi from Jitterbugs. Join in once or all week to get creative and have a picnic together in the park (Outdoor event at Hulme park, weather permitting. Parents must accompany children). Limited places available, book yours now.

Tue 26 – Fri 29 May

ZYP: Digital Tales

11+

1pm – 3pm. Free for Bright Sparks members. ZYP will be taking half term to explore all things Digital. Using the Grimm Tales performance as the stimulus, the young people will create imagery and film and learn ways to use video mapping in their summer performance. This is an exciting development week to explore how digital media can play its part in telling a great story.



Monday 20 - Friday 24 July Home: Hulme v Brooklyn

11+

10am – 3pm. Free for Bright Sparks members

Z-arts are very excited to announce that we will be working with Rush Philanthropic based in Brooklyn, NYC for a second time. For 2015 we will be exploring what “home” means to the young people of Manchester and New York. Working with artist Jana Kennedy who has held residencies here and at Rush we will use photography, film and fine art to tell our stories of “home”. Connecting digitally with young people of Brooklyn we will compare and contrast our research to create an online response to the subject of “home”. Limited places available, book yours now.

Mon 24 – Fri 28 August

Roald Dahl Week

6-16

Call 0161 226 1912 for more details or visit www.z-arts.org, £5 deposit required

“We have so much time and so little to do.” Is this what you think about the summer holidays? Then come and join Z-arts for Roald Dahl Week!

There will be special activities for the “Oomp-loompas” aged 6-10, 10am-4.30pm. You are in for a week of Phizz-whizzing creativity! Spend the marvellous mornings bringing Dahl’s characters to life in an exhibition and in the afternoons use movement, dance and drama to make your own glorumptious Dahl inspired performance for the end of the week. For ‘The Twits’ aged 11+ you will be devising a play in a week with Paul, our resident director and having a super-duper time doing it! **Date for your diary! Roald Dahl Fun Day @ Z-arts! Sunday 13th September 11am – 4pm!**

Art in the Park Explorers

6-10

10am – 12pm.
Only 15 places each day. Free for Bright Sparks members
This summer we will host five days of creative workshops themed on nature. Using the park across the road for inspiration, we will make wonderful things for you to keep. As we can never be sure of the weather even in summer, be prepared each day whether it is with wellies or sunglasses! (Outdoor event at Hulme Park weather permitting). Limited places available, book yours now.

You Can't Do That!

12-20

10am – 5pm. Free
You Can't Do That! is an exciting new project in which young performers can explore artistic figures throughout history using theatre and music. After a successful workshop last summer, the You Can't Do That! team are returning with new songs and script for a group of thirty 12-20 year olds for one week, sharing the results of their work on the final day – Friday at 3pm.



Volunteers

There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers at Z-arts – from lending a hand with our creative classes, stewarding our events or helping out in our cafe-bar. We're also looking for volunteer families to help us shape our family programme.

If you would like to apply to become a volunteer please email volunteer@z-arts.org

Education Programme

Our education programme delivers a variety of bespoke creative arts opportunities for young people of all ages, both inside and outside of school.

Why not be a Bright Sparks School? Join Summerville, Holy Name, St Brigids, Gorsehill and Martenscroft Nursery, celebrating culture and enriching the curriculum all year round, with our new schools membership. If your school or your group would like to find out more please contact paul.adams@z-arts.org

Z-arts Café

Why not join us for a bite to eat in the Z-arts café? Open daily, offering a range of freshly made modern British food, hot and cold drinks, cakes and sandwiches as well as a dedicated children's menu.

Room Hires

Z-arts offer a wide variety of versatile spaces for hire at competitive rates including a newly refurbished recording studio. Visit www.z-arts.org/hires for more information or email holly@z-arts.org Room bookings are also available on the day from as little as £1.

Birthday Parties

Want a children's party with a difference? Why not hire the cinema room for a sing-a-long party? Or come and see one of our children's theatre shows with discounted tickets and a private party afterwards. Catering and arts activities are also available. Chat to Holly on 0161 226 1912 to find out more.



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