



WATFORD
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1st – 3rd OCTOBER 2021

A performance festival with something
for all ages and tastes.

**Drama • Music • Comedy
and much, much more...**

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Welcome

Friday 1st to

Watford Fringe was set up by the Pump House Theatre and Arts Trust, Watford's hub for emerging talent, as an opportunity to show the amazing talent and venues we have in Watford.

Now in its fifth year with over 50 performance events across 8 venues, it has something for everybody including music, comedy, drama, poetry, magic, dance, Outside Morris Dancing (Saturday at the Pump House) & much more.

We would like to thank our partners for their support for the festival including Warner Bros. Studios Leavesdon, Watford Borough Council, Watford & West Herts Chamber of Commerce and the Arts Council.

**STREAMING
ONLINE** 

Some events will be streamed online to provide additional access to those who cannot attend in person. Look for the symbol in the listings.

CHANGE

The new normal is, information changes all the time! Watford Fringe will include more events than are in this brochure. Event details can change so please check our website for the latest information and to get tickets.

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Audacious Mr Astley - The Centre for Circus Culture

A circus man brings the inventor of circuses back to life. Ringmaster Chris Barltrop's meticulously-researched one-man play puts 'father of the modern circus' Philip Astley on stage to tell first-hand the story of the art-form he founded with his wife in 1768. Five stars at the Edinburgh Fringe; A hit at the 2020 Watford Fringe!



Pump House Colne River Room - Sat 2 @4pm (45mins) £10/£8



Chemistry - Different Theatre

"What if we've lost something really fundamental?" Chemistry is set in a future world without touch. Children are conceived through IVF, overseen by robot Fosterers. Prospective parents must meet to approve their genetic matching. In one such meeting, the sophisticated Bea and first-timer Jay try to navigate the process and their strong reactions to each other. Chemistry plays out intensely and claustrophobically in real time.



Pump House Theatre - Fri 1 @7pm (50mins) £12/£10

Clean! The Musical - Different Theatre

Winner of the Outstanding Theatre Award at Brighton Fringe 2021, Clean! is a rousing musical about the women of laundry hill, Brighton since 1870. Exploring themes of hardship, suffrage and sexuality, it celebrates women's resilience and sisterhood across 150 years of history.

"This should be in the West End" - Fringe Review.

"A triumph in every sense" ***** - Latest Brighton

Watford Palace Theatre - Sat 2 @3.30pm (135mins) £15/£13

King Lear - Jo Emery Productions

A modern, abridged adaptation of Shakespeare's rarely performed "KING LEAR" in an online streamed production. Set in the Corporate world, Lear is the CEO dividing up his Property Development business empire between his three daughters. The onset of dementia has made his behaviour erratic and dangerous...



Fringe Virtual Online - Fri 1 & Sat 2 & Sun 3 @7.45pm (150mins) £7



Theatre

Little Boxes - Alphamum Productions

Little Boxes is a one woman-show following actor Joann Condon (Little Britain) as she explores the boxes she has found herself in. The hopes and dreams of a child, the frustrations of an acting career, the tensions of being a parent, the grief in losing loved ones, the fear of being herself.

"Hilarious, moving, sad and uplifting" *Spy in the Stalls*. 5*



Pump House Theatre - Sat 2 @4.30pm (50mins) £9/£7

A Matter of Time - Anjali Singh

Why does time so often feel so oppressive? And did it always have to be this way? Part history lesson, part cabaret show and part heart-rending personal quest, 'A Matter of Time' is an attempt to come to terms with a world in which the clock is always ticking.

**** "Special... Singh is a versatile performer, with a voice to be heard. Do not miss it." *Broadway Baby*.



Watford Museum - Sat 2 & Sun 3 @7.30pm (60mins) £10/£8

Meg and Joe are Trying to Connect - The Devil Wears Dada

Meg and Joe are Trying to Connect is a hilarious yet heartfelt show about all things loneliness! Meg and Joe fuse together comedy, clowning, audience interaction and autobiography to create a frank but funny discussion about loneliness!

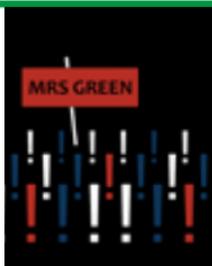


Pump House Charles Room - Sat 2 & Sun 3 @7.30pm (55mins) £8.50/£6.50 [Relaxed Performance]

MRS GREEN - TEATRO MULTILINGUE

Half play, half documentary, Mrs Green is a unique multilingual journey of comedy and reflection into Brexit and its impact on our personal lives. In three languages intertwined (English, français, italiano) but you don't need to know or speak all of them to follow the story and understand!

London. Mrs Green finds a suitcase in the flat she used to rent to Isabella. But whose is it....



Pump House Colne River Room - Sun 3 @3.30pm (50mins) £12/£7



Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd October

One Man Poe - Threedumb Theatre

A marathon of the macabre. Using Edgar Allan Poe's original text from the 1840s, one actor faithfully brings his dark and twisted words to life, live on stage. Featuring back-to-back retellings of four of the most terrifying tales in gothic literature, this special London Horror Festival 'preview performance' promises a thrilling night at the theatre.



Watford Palace Theatre - Fri 1 & Sat 2 @7.30pm (150mins) £15/£13

Palace Scratch Night - Watford Palace Theatre

Watford Palace Theatre are reopening their doors to present the "Palace Scratch Night" showcasing a host of emerging new pieces developed by local artists and companies. The programme will feature inspiring performances of new work in development on the Watford Palace Theatre stage, alongside live music and entertainment. It will be an evening you won't want to miss!



**Watford Palace Theatre - Thu 30 @8pm (90mins)
Pay what you can (suggested £5)**

SKANK - Future Artists

Kate could be a successful writer, if she could just concentrate. Instead, she needs to recycle this bean can, shag sexy Gary and stop obsessing about her inevitable untimely death. Clementine Bogg-Hargroves "delivers a tour-de-force performance" (Number9) in this witty, dark and often filthy one-woman show. It'll make you laugh, and then it'll make you cry.



Pump House Theatre - Sun 3 @4.30pm (55mins) £10/£8

@theDISCO - CLUNK

Let's get CLUNK @theDISCO. Let's dance together in defiance of the structures that tell us 'No!' Let's go to a space where everything is allowed, any conversation, any dance move, any sound, any feeling. Let's find a moment of freedom to release. Let's have fun.



**Pump House Colne River Room - Sat 2 & Sun 3
@5.15pm (60mins) £12/£8**

Music

Tree Confessions - This Is Not A Theatre Company

Trees talk! In a landmark study, a scientist learned everything about how trees communicate. Or did she? One tree tells the story of what really happened, reminding us that human beings and plants live in one interconnected ecosystem. Presenting the world's first play told entirely from the point of view of a tree.



Fringe Virtual Online - Sat 2 & Sun 3 @7pm (35mins) £5/£1



Annette Gregory and Friends: Jazz and Me - Annette Gregory

Annette Gregory is a Jazz singer blessed with incredible vocal tones. In this tour she will be reflecting on her musical journey, in jazz, and introducing her own work created during the lockdown, sharing her musical heritage of Reggae and Soul music, with a jazz feel. This will be dedicated to Annette's Mother...



Pump House Colne River Room - Sat 2 @7pm (60mins) £14/£12

Chamber Music Groups - Audentior Symphony Orchestra

Audentior Symphony Orchestra is Watford's newest and most ambitious orchestra. At the Watford Fringe in 2019 they put on two chamber music gigs in the D20 board game café, and this year they're back for more. Join them for an intimate performance, from classical favourites to music from the screen.



Amanartis - Sat 2 @3pm (50mins) £10/£8

Pump House Charles Room - Sun 3 @3pm (50mins) £10/£8

Connections - The Gathering of Drums - The New Start Brand

The Gathering of Drums will take you on a journey throughout the world through drums, percussion and spoken word. The ideas of connections is to bring cultures and religions together by creating unique mythical beats, a journey to remember.



Watford Museum - Sat 2 @1.30pm (45mins) £3/£2

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd October

A Dylan A Day - Jonathan Brick

Bob Dylan turned 80 in May 2021. Jonny Brick is a songwriter who attempts to weave Dylan's life and work into an hour of song.

Expect factoids, deep cuts and some hits in celebration of the rock'n'roll Nobel Laureate.



Watford Museum - Fri 1 @7.30pm (55mins) £5/£1



Paprika - Paprika

Paprika is the UK's leading Balkan band whose line-up consists of two accordions, guitar and percussion with regular guest members on violin and bass. This electrifying group fuses together Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and Classical music in a whirlwind performance of frenzied virtuosity, fiery melodies and foot-tapping rhythms. Enjoy a host of surprises and fast-paced entertainment.



Pump House Colne River Room - Sun 3 @8.15pm (90mins) £14/£10



The Regulators - The Regulators

The Regulators bring you the best in old school trojan reggae ska and rocksteady, from artists like Desmond Dekker, Jimmy Cliff, Prince Buster, Justin Hinds, The Pioneers, Toots and the Maytals and a whole lot more!



The Horns Watford - Sat 2 @9pm (210mins) £3

Songs with Andrea - Andrea Richardson

Returning to the Watford Fringe for another year, Andrea is an experienced singer and actress from West London. If you have been lucky enough to see her as lead vocalist with her band, Jazz Mondays, you will know she is a performer who owns the stage! WatFringe is delighted to welcome her back.



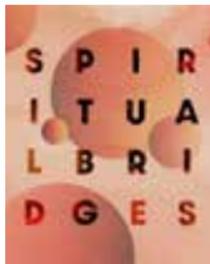
Pump House Colne River Room - Sun 3 @2pm (60mins) £3



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Spiritual Bridges - Ragatip

Ragatip is proud to present the very first performance of their debut album "Spiritual Bridges". Gorgeous music merging Western sounds and Indian voices that will definitely make you feel uplifted. It bridges cultures and brings people together at a time when we need it most.



Pump House Theatre - Sat 2 & Sun 3 @8pm (60mins) £15



STRICTLY A CAPPELLA - Strictly A Cappella

Fabulous mixed a cappella group of 30+ singers with a repertoire of exciting pop classics from Queen to Rag n Bone Man. Their unique sound and joyful energy will have you dancing in your seats. Expect to leave the show on a high!



Pump House Theatre - Sun 3 @2pm (60mins) £9/£7

Watford Folk Club - Watford Folk Club

Watford Folk Club present a superb evening of folk music, that is not to be missed! Featuring Pete Nutkins, The Moorcrofters, Petrichor, Tom Lavin, The Stout Bros, and Julian Mount who will perform both traditional and contemporary folk songs and the best from our local singer/songwriter scene.



Pump House Colne River Room - Fri 1 @8.15pm (180mins) £8



Rebelling For Life - Extinction Rebellion

Using images from Extinction Rebellion events and Rebel music, authors Sue Hampton and Leslie Tate will talk about the personal impact of civil disobedience, arrest and trial. The session will showcase XR's creative culture, including songs, artworks, sample publications and short readings from Sue and Leslie's own writing about climate & rebellion, explaining how they adapted real life events into fiction.



Pump House Charles Room - Sat 2 @5.30pm (60mins) £7.50/£5



Crimson Reflection - Double Twist Dance

Crimson Reflection is a contemporary and lyrical ballet based on the Changeling myth from Irish folklore. The tale begins with Ariel, a young girl from the village, who is kidnapped by the Fae Queen of the nearby Lost Woods, and Leira, an imposter created from Ariel's reflection in a mirror, who is left in her place. Now the two of them must reconcile their differences...



Pump House Theatre - Sat 2 & Sun 3 @6.15pm (60mins) £10/£8

Croxley Dance Academy - Croxley Dance Academy

Join Croxley Dance Academy as they showcase the talents of their students through a range of performances.



Pump House Colne River Room - Sun 3 @1pm (30mins) £5/£3 

Mansi Dabral Kathak Dance Academy - Mansi Dabral Kathak Dance Academy

A rhythmic journey of Indian Classical dance Kathak, exploring movements, space, emotions immersing into rich music and lyrical compositions. Two hours of kathak dance production in different formats of solo, duet and group choreography, and a finale performance by their guru, Mansi Dabral.



Pump House Theatre - Sun 3 @11am (120mins) £8 

Teddy Bears' Picnic - Let's All Dance

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise... ..! Combining classical ballet, physical theatre, gorgeous visuals and crystal-clear story telling, this fresh, innovative dance company pitches another production perfectly to engage and enthrall all children, especially 0-8 year olds and those with special needs. Bring along your own teddy!



Pump House Theatre - Sat 2 @11am & @12.30pm (30mins) £8/£6

Comedy

90s Boy: Blair, the Lovegun and Me - Phil Green

A work-in-progress stand up comedy show from Max Turner Prize 2021 & South East New Comedian 2019 finalist Phil Green. Ever been let down by someone you idolized or surprised by people you thought didn't care? Phil takes us through a life dealing with ADHD, oddball parents and seeking solace in terrible 90s pop songs.



Watford Museum - Fri 1 @8.45pm (45mins) £7/£5

Going Straight to Gay... Or something in-between - Henriette Laursen

Imagine being in a new relationship. You're in love. Everything is bliss. Everything about the person is fantastic. Ahh... Love. Then their little quirks, once amusing, become a bit of an annoyance. You suddenly find you have to embrace everything about this person that is now straight up pissing you off. Difficult!



Watford Palace Theatre - Fri 1 @8.15pm (60mins) £8/£6

Life from low angle - Take 2 - Neil Ben

Neil Ben returns to WatFringe with his comedy-show "Life from Low Angle" - take 2. It's the story of how a quirky looking boy managed to achieve his dream to direct television for the BBC, even though doctors told him he wouldn't be able to do much of anything. Neil is a BBC trained, BAFTA nominated, award winning producer and director. He's also mildly amusing and not very tall.



The Tudor Arms - Sat 2 @8pm (55mins) £5/£4

Nevermind The Newsfeed - Alison Kent

It started out as a live magazine, then the world went bonkers and so the new revamped edition is just silly fun. A mix of comedy, music, quizzes and games. With actual prizes. What games? Netflix or Notflix? What Am I thinking? Etch A Sketch Pictionary? Who knows! Come along and have something to tell people about if nothing else.



d20 Board Game Cafe - Sat 2 @8pm (60mins) £6/£4

Bex's Chainsaw Moussaka - Rebekka Turner

There'll be no storytelling, no deep meanings about relationships, no moral messages near the end... but there might just be quickfire jokes, dark wordplay, oddball characters, off-the-wall impressions and, if you're lucky, some meaty layers between those aubergines. Come with Rebekka on an unexpected whimsical journey as she tries to better fit in!



Watford Museum - Sat 2 @6pm (50mins) £6/£3

Illegal Immigrant - Sanjeev Kumar

Join Sanjeev on an exhilarating journey from a small village in India to the hustle-bustle of the UK. How the simplicity of life in a village is contrasted with an Alexa waking you up in the morning and how speaking English in India is different from proper English. Politically correct swear words to describing the food choices, everything can be a nightmare for an immigrant.



Pump House Colne River Room - Fri 1 @7pm (45mins) £10/£7

PiratesProv! - PiratesProv

An improvised pirate adventure! Join PiratesProv as we set sail... well...anywhere! Anything is possible when it's all improvised. Give us your suggestions and we will take you on a swashbuckling adventure unlike any other! Dressing up encouraged - everyone looks good as a pirate!



Pump House Charles Room - Sat 2 @11am (45mins) £8/£5

Magic to Die For - Paul Regan Magic

Magician and member of the world famous Magic Circle, Paul Regan brings his anarchic humour and love of board games to the stage. Whether you're an avid gaming geek or only ever gather round the table for a yearly family argument over the monopoly board, this is a show full of fun, wonder, and plenty of magic. Suitable for all ages. Some assembly required!



Pump House Colne River Room - Sat 2 @2.30pm & Sun 3 @6.45pm (60mins) £9/£6

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Amanartis

Wellspring Centre

Watford Museum

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- **d20 Board Game Cafe**, 87 Queens Road, WD17 2QN
- **The Horns**, 1 Hempstead Road, WD17 3RL
- **The Tudor Arms**, Bushey Mill Lane, WD24 7TQ
- **Watford Museum**, 194 High Street, WD17 2DT
- **Watford Palace Theatre**, 20 Clarendon Road, WD17 1JZ
- **Watford Pump House**, Local Board Road, WD17 2JP
- **Wellspring Centre**, 1 Wellspring Way, WD17 2AH