



THE MANCHESTER CULTURAL CALENDAR — 2012

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JAN

Samantha Donnelly: Contour States and Lost is Found. Cornerhouse. Group exhibition.
Dance Moves 2012. The Lowry. A season of dance performances until June.
The 'Sixty Two Group' of textile artists. Gallery of Costume at Platt Hall.
RNCM Chamber Music Festival. Royal Northern College of Music.
Debussy Festival. Bridgewater Hall. This six-month tribute to the composer launches on 20 January with the BBC Philharmonic performing the *Nocturnes*.
LAST CHANCE TO SEE: Ford Madox Brown: Pre-Raphaelite Pioneer. Manchester Art Gallery.
LAST CHANCE TO SEE: Adolphe Valette. The Lowry.

FEB

Once upon a Wartime. Imperial War Museum North. Children's stories of war.
Cotton: Global Threads. Whitworth Art Gallery. Exhibition unravelling the story of cotton.
Idris Khan: The Devil's Wall. Whitworth Art Gallery.
Mark Leckey and In Translation: Women, Migration and 'Britishness'. Manchester Art Gallery.
A Flash of Light: The Dance Photography of Chris Nash. The Lowry.
Henry V and The Winter's Tale. The Lowry. Propeller Theatre Company.
Chen Man. Chinese Arts Centre. The first UK solo exhibition of this artist who fuses fashion and photography.
FESTIVAL: Manchester Histories Festival. Manchester Town Hall and venues around the city.
FESTIVAL: Exposures Film Festival. Cornerhouse.

MAR

The House of Annie Lennox. The Lowry. Exhibition about the Scottish singer's life and work.
Alan Turing and Life's Enigma. The Manchester Museum. The father of computing's work on morphogenesis.
Roger Ballen Photographs 1969-2009. Manchester Art Gallery.
She Stoops to Conquer and The Comedy of Errors. Cornerhouse. National Theatre Live screenings.
Wonderful Town. The Lowry, The Hallé, The Royal Exchange Theatre and The Lowry join forces for a new production of the Leonard Bernstein musical.
The Daughter in Law. The Library Theatre Company at The Lowry.
FESTIVAL: ¡Vival! Spanish Language Film Festival. Cornerhouse.

APR

Commonwealth Games 10th Anniversary Exhibition. MOSI.
Subversion. Cornerhouse. Contemporary art from the Arab world.
Miss Julie. Royal Exchange Theatre. Maxine Peake leads the cast for this Strindberg classic.
Screenfields. Spinningfields. Outdoor film screenings begin, running through August.
FESTIVAL: St. George's Festival.
LAST CHANCE TO SEE: Under that Cloud. Manchester Art Gallery. Jewellery exhibition.

MAY

Manchester Lines. Library Theatre Company's site-specific work about travel in Manchester.
FESTIVAL: FutureEverything. Digital art, social technologies and future art. Across the city.
FESTIVAL: Eurocultured Street Festival.
FESTIVAL: Turn Dance Festival. Contact.
FESTIVAL: Sounds From the Other City. Across Salford.
FESTIVAL: Un-Convention.
FESTIVAL: Museums at Night. Nocturnal celebration of art and culture.

JUN

We Face Forward: Art from West Africa Today. Part of the Cultural Olympiad, contemporary West African art at Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester Art Gallery, The Gallery of Costume and other venues.
10@10. Imperial War Museum North. Exhibition marking the museum's 10th anniversary.
Manchester Day Parade.
FESTIVAL: Manchester Children's Book Festival.
FESTIVAL: Dot to Dot. Indie rock music festival.
LAST CHANCE TO SEE: Picturing Politics – exploring the political poster in Britain. People's History Museum.

JUL

Temperance exhibition. People's History Museum. A look at this fascinating period in history.
Braids. MOSI. Exhibition in the textiles gallery about the historic craft.
A Midsummer Night's Dream. Royal Exchange Theatre. Filter Theatre perform Shakespeare's romance.
FESTIVAL: Urban Moves. Outdoor dance performances around the city.
FESTIVAL: 24:7 Theatre Festival.
FESTIVAL: Manchester Jazz Festival.
FESTIVAL: Contacting the World. Contact. Young people's theatre festival.
Castlefield Gallery exhibitions re-launch under the annual theme The World in Transition.

AUG

FESTIVAL: Manchester Pride.
FESTIVAL: Abandon Normal Devices. Across Manchester. Festival of new cinema and digital culture.
FESTIVAL: Transport Festival. MOSI.

SEP

LAST CHANCE TO SEE: Once upon a Wartime. Imperial War Museum North.

OCT

David Shrigley. Cornerhouse. A solo exhibition from the cult multimedia artist.
Frontline Medicine. Imperial War Museum North. The brave people who risk their lives to save others.
The First Cut. Manchester Art Gallery. Contemporary artists who work with paper in revolutionary ways.
Jane and Louise Wilson: Chernobyl and Hockney and Hogarth: A Rake's Progress exhibitions. Whitworth Art Gallery.
Breed: The British and Their Dogs. The Manchester Museum.
Buy Art Fair and The Manchester Contemporary. Spinningfields.
Great Northern Contemporary Craft Fair. Spinningfields.
FESTIVAL: Manchester Weekender. 48 hours of cutting-edge cultural events across Manchester, hand-picked by Creative Tourist.
FESTIVAL: Manchester Literature Festival.
FESTIVAL: Manchester Food & Drink Festival.
FESTIVAL: Manchester Comedy Festival.
FESTIVAL: Manchester Science Festival.
FESTIVAL: Grimm Up North Film Festival.

NOV

Manchester Christmas Markets. Voted one of the world's best, traditional European markets bring a festive flavour to the city centre.
OPENING: Ancient Worlds. Manchester Museum unveils a dramatic re-imagining of its Archaeology and Ancient Egypt Galleries.

DEC

Spinningfields Ice Rink. Ice skating and wintry pop-up fun at Spinningfields.

AND FINALLY...

The National Football Museum will open in Manchester in 2012.

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