



## 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: ¡Viva! 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.



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## 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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