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AUGUST

ELLESMERE PORT

TOPSY TURVY

WHITBY PARK

EXTRAVAGANZA

2023

WELCOME TO TOPSY TURVY!

We are delighted to be presenting a weekend of **FREE / Pay What You Like** exciting performances and special events, especially for children, young people and local families from companies across the UK.

Taking place in our main theatre, the amphitheatre and our other outdoor spaces, you can expect to see acrobatics, beat-boxing, family-friendly gigs, dance, puppetry and an amazing, aerial performance on a giant swing!

We will also be exhibiting artwork '**Chaos Wonderland**' from our local school's project '**If Children Ruled the World**' where artist, **Jake Ryan**, has been encouraging children to '*re-write the rule book*'.

The Great, Big, Little Parade will be a celebratory and totally wacky parade of all the 'little things' that we hold near and dear, by children aged 7-11 from our Drama Droplets group. This is one of **Cheshire West and Chester** micro-commissions from the **Reflections Programme** – celebrating our outdoor green spaces.

We are super excited to be soft-launching the **Ellesmere Port Collective** new radio stream with a live DJ-set broadcast from Theatre Porto, establishing a regular space for music making for young people.

Grab a FREE pass now! #PayWhatYouLike
www.TheatrePorto.org/TopsyTurvy
#TopsyTurvy2023



As a registered charity, we rely on the generosity of our funders, individual supporters, trusts and foundations to help us to reach the widest possible number of children, young people and families.

Your support helps keep much of our work **FREE** and our ticket prices affordable.

Theatre Porto is a recognised national leader in children and young people's theatre and is part of **Arts Council England's National Portfolio**. We are also supported by **Cheshire West and Chester Council**.

If you are interested in supporting our work and would like to find out more please email caz@TheatrePorto.org

We are proud to be an **Artsmark Partner**, meet **Family Arts Standards** and are a **Local Living Wage employer**.

Heartfelt thanks to our funders and to all our partners and supporters. Thank you to our volunteers, school partners and all our brilliant freelance team.



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FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

AMPHITHEATRE

1PM & 3PM JAMES TAYLOR

Unique loopy live show that weaves rap, beatbox, guitar, flute & harmonica into improvised music inspired by the audience

AMPHITHEATRE

INDOOR THEATRE

2.30PM CAN WE ROAR? (DOMMY B)*

Come and experience a hilarious set of Dommy B's favourite stories and poems, classic and new, about battling magic monsters, making imaginary friends and forming the best school band ever

INDOOR THEATRE

1PM & 2.15PM

TAPE THAT (HANDS DOWN CIRCUS)

Join this charming circus show for acrobatics, juggling, physical theatre and a suitcase full of duct tape

2.30PM

ULTIMATE BUBBLES (PARIS BUBBLES)

A lively and exciting show which enthral and captivates with exciting stunts, amazing magic and spectacular bubble displays

4PM

RELAXED BUBBLES SHOW (PARIS BUBBLES)

A SEND friendly version of the bubbles show

1PM DAVID GIBB FAMILY JUKEBOX (LITTLE SEEDS MUSIC)*

Join David and his magical musical Jukebox as he takes you on a trip through his hilarious and often surreal imagination

2.30PM

FAMILY CATWALK EXTRAVAGANZA (GHETTO FABULOUS)*

Bring your Glamour, Glitz and Grace and come together in a fabulous celebration of self-expression!

Please note all shows inside the main theatre need to be pre-booked due to capacity limitations - you can grab FREE / Pay What You Like Tickets by visiting - www.TheatrePorto.org/topsyturvy - or ask a staff member

IN THE PARK

11.45AM [WALKABOUT]

THE GREAT, BIG, LITTLE PARADE

Follow our celebratory and totally wacky parade around the park of all the 'little things' that we hold near and dear
Performed by Theatre Porto's Drama Droplets

12.30PM & 2PM & 3.30PM [WALKABOUT] BEE CART (PIF PAF THEATRE)

Bee Guides Bombus and Borage have left the Hive - with a mobile world of interaction and surreal information

IN THE PARK

11.30AM & 12.30PM & 2PM & 4PM [ON THE GRASS]

THE SWINGS (ALL OR NOTHING)*

Part performance and part installation, The Swings is both an aerial dance duet and an open invitation for the public to swing high and free

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SUNFLOWERS (TUCKSHOP DANCE THEATRE)

Watch our Sunflowers grow (aerial dance performance)

12.45PM & 3.30PM [WALKABOUT]

BUBBLES WALKABOUT SHOW

Expect lots of bubble fun from the Paris Bubbles crew

12 NOON, 1.30PM, 3PM [WALKABOUT]

QUEEN BEATRICE (ALTERED SCALE THEATRE)

Join our Queen and her worker bees as she meets and greets the crowds

12 NOON & 2PM [WALKABOUT]

CUP OF TEA WALKABOUT (TIT FOR TAT)*

Rick & Kev believe that the secret to the ultimate cuppa is in bringing your first sip as close to your last gasp as possible

3.30PM [ON THE GRASS]

THE MOST DANGEROUS CUP OF TEA SHOW (TIT FOR TAT)*

Switch on the kettle (preferably with a mallet), and prepare yourself for the most explosive, death-defying brew in the world

11.30AM - 4PM [ON THE GRASS]

THE DIVINATION TENT

Visit our mysterious tent and take a look into the future - use crystal balls, tarot cards and tea leaves to make your marvellous magical predictions

TERRACE

2PM - 6PM

ELLESMERE PORT COLLECTIVE - DJ SETS

Ellesmere Port Collective new radio stream launch - establishing a regular space for music making for young people

TERRACE

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

THEATRE PORTO CHAOS WONDERLAND

Artwork installation from our local school's project 'If Children Ruled the World' ran by artist, Jake Ryan

11.30AM > 4PM THEATRE PORTO [PATHWAY] SPELLING IT OUT : THE RIBBON ARCH

Words are magic. Words are colourful. Words are beautiful. Come and cast a spell and add it to our rainbow

11.30AM > 4PM CAFÉ WORKSHOP CLARE OWENS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Create art inspired by The Topsy Turvy Weekend
All ages welcome / drop-in / no booking required

11.30AM > 4PM THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY GRAB A FREE BITE

Come and meet the People's Pantry from Ellesmere Port and enjoy food from around the world

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