

A woman is captured in a dynamic dance pose, wearing a vibrant yellow headwrap and a patterned dress. She is holding a long, flowing yellow scarf that extends across the frame. The background is a solid, bright green, with a dark, shadowed area on the left side. The overall composition is energetic and artistic.

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A celebration of the

2018 - '19

Arts in Bicester

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Welcome to *B-Live!*



B-Live is an exciting year long programme of arts events and creative activities brought to you by The Mill Arts Centre in partnership with Cherwell District Council, Oxfordshire Youth Arts Partnership (OYAP), Bicester Town Council, Bicester Library, Dancin' Oxford Festival and Oxford Playhouse. Over the course of the year we'll be using a number of non-traditional venues in and around the town to offer you the highest quality dance, theatre, circus, comedy, music and family shows, along with a selection of inspiring creative workshops and classes. There really is something for everyone in this packed programme.

I would encourage you to take a risk and try something new; who knows you might discover a hidden talent or develop a love for an art form that you never knew existed.

Most of all I hope you all enjoy what we have in store, and I look forward to welcoming you to an event soon.

Georgia

Arts Centre Director, The Mill Arts Centre.

Mayor's Note

I'm delighted to be able support the B-Live programme. Bicester is a thriving town with a vibrant community, and this programme will give you a chance to engage with events and activities that may not otherwise come to Bicester. It's also great to see so many local organisations, from the Library and Perch to Coles and OYAP, embracing the programme and helping the team at The Mill Arts Centre to deliver it.

I have no doubt the programme will be a huge success, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events.

CLlr Sean Gaul, Bicester Town Mayor



Wriggle Dance Theatre Present Into The Rainbow

BICESTER LIBRARY | SATURDAY 6TH & WEDNESDAY
10TH OCTOBER | 10.30AM & 2.00PM | £5.00

Have a peek inside the rainbow...what can you see?

Meet a playful fish in blue, feel cheeky in orange, create chaos in red and help us to bring a bit of yellow into one character's life so he can live happily ever after.

'Into the Rainbow' is a light-hearted look at the colourful characteristics that exist within us all. Expect dance, live music, watch & join in with this enchanting playful experience which will delight and tickle little ones & their grown-ups.

"A great show which kept us very entertained. My little girl loved it. Highly recommend"

"Amazing, really entertaining for both child and adult. Lovely to watch and be part of. Thank you"



Wriggle Dance Workshops

£3.00 PER CHILD |
12.30PM

Wriggle Dance Theatre is offering creative dance and movement workshops for 2 to 7 year olds and families, delivered by a member of Wriggle Dance Theatre. The workshop gives an opportunity for participants to explore in more depth themes and ideas around colour and their characteristics in relation to the show. During the workshop participants will explore different colours using props, games and improvisation to stimulate creative movement ideas, as well as learn some dance moves inspired by the show.



Frankie Vah

By Luke Wright

PERCH | **FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

7.30PM | £10.00

We all want something to believe in. It's 1987 and Frankie Vah gorges on love, radical politics, and skuzzy indie stardom. But can he keep it all down?

Following the multi-award-winning *What I Learned From Johnny Bevan*, Luke Wright's second verse play deals with love, loss, and belief, against a backdrop of skuzzy indie venues and 80s politics. Expect frenetic guitars, visceral verse, and a Morrissey-sized measure of heartache.

Written and performed in deft verse by Fringe First & Stage Award for Acting Excellence winner, Luke Wright



Luke Wright Workshop

BICESTER LIBRARY

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

3.30PM | £5.00

Join Luke for a poetry writing workshop, looking at rhyme, form and story-telling technique.

Introduced using a range of exciting and unusual examples. There will be opportunity for performance for those who want to, but the focus is on writing.

B-Heard

U18 Music Night

OYAP @ STUDIO 2 | **FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY**

7.30PM | £5.00 | TICKETS IN ADVANCE OR ON THE DOOR | AGES 12-18

Shake off your winter blues and celebrate the beginning of February with a night out with your friends at 'B-Heard' – our under 18s Music night.

Come along for a night jam-packed with great music from up and coming local bands. With a wide range of exciting live artists, there will be something for everyone. Get tapped into the new sounds of the local music scene and take this opportunity for a fantastic night out, away from adults, to get the good vibes going.



Zurich

OYAP @ STUDIO 2 | **SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY**

7.30PM | £10.00 | TICKETS IN ADVANCE OR ON THE DOOR

Zurich is an Alt-Rock band from Oxford who play Widescreen Post Punk Rock with a nod to the darker side of 80s Electronic Pop. Earning an impressive live reputation with comparisons to bands such as The National and The Killers, the band has gained regular airplay on BBC 6 Music, KRCW, KEXP and Absolute Radio.

They released their critically acclaimed debut EP 'Small Wars' in 2015. Recorded by award-winning producer Gary Stephenson, accompanied by two national tours and international shows in China and Hong Kong. 2018 saw the band releasing new material and extending their airplay to the U.S and Europe.



DANCE

Uchenna Dance present

The Head Wrap Diaries

COOPER SCHOOL STUDIO | **SATURDAY 2ND MARCH**
7.00PM | £10.00

Three fierce, clever and witty female characters take us through stories of community, heritage, womanhood, friendship, and most importantly, hair.

Set within a South London hair-salon called BE U Tiful, The Head Wrap Diaries gives you front row seats to watch, interact with and be immersed in a journey from childhood to the present day, told through a unique blend of House, Waacking and Vogue fused with African and Contemporary dance, accompanied by a specially commissioned soundtrack of Afro house, folk, electronic dance music, jazz and Ghana gospel. There will also be curtain raiser performances from The Remarkable Dance Company and B-Counted Dance.



Gonzo Moose present

Once Upon a Time

COOPER SCHOOL STUDIO | SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

2.00PM & 7.30PM | £10.00 ADULT | £5.00 CHILDREN (UNDER 18)

It was cold. It was dark. It was almost certainly snowing...

Brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm are about to publish the final volume of what will become the greatest collection of fairy tales ever published.

But on the eve of their greatest triumph, an old foe lets it be known that he intends to collect on an old debt. Now their sister Lotte has to travel deep into the Fairy Tale Kingdom and confront the evil Rumpelstiltskin in order to save her beloved older brothers.

Is our heroine in grave danger? Yes.

From what? Lot's of things.

Will she make it back alive? We can't tell you.

Having previously thrilled audiences with hit shows *The Thing That Came From Over There* and *What The Dickens*, Gonzo Moose are back with a comedy fairy tale adventure bursting with physical comedy, absurd jokes and magical illusion.



Jacksons Lane and
Lost in Translation Circus presents

The Hogwallops

WHITELANDS FARM SPORTS GROUND | **THURSDAY 30TH MAY 5PM** | **FRIDAY 31ST MAY 7PM**
SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 2.00PM AND 7.00PM | **SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2PM**
TICKETS £12.00 | £8.00 CHILDREN (UNDER 16) | FAMILY OF 4 £30.00

Centering around a family of misfits and inspired by Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' and Ettore Scola's film 'Brutti, Sporchi e Cattivi (Ugly, Dirty and Bad)', The Hogwallops offers a reflection on the love / hate of familial relationships. Highly skilled and creative aerial and floor acrobatics are combined with physical theatre, text and slapstick create an absurd, cartoonesque expression of daily life.

Swinging aerial washingline antics, animalistic dinner table juggling, beautiful zimmer-frame trapeze and spectacularly fun Korean cradle drama create a truly exciting, funny and slightly twisted world. With an original score reflecting themes from domestic comedy to lost love, *The Hogwallops* is a treat for the eyes and ears.





Oxford Playhouse in partnership with The Mill Arts Centre brings you Plays Out Tent

WHITELANDS FARM SPORTS GROUND | 6TH – 9TH JUNE

The Oxford Playhouse Tent is a travelling venue that is packed full of performances, craft activities and workshops to keep the whole family entertained! After a brilliant first outing, the Playhouse will be bringing the tent back in Summer 2019 and taking the best of our family productions and amazing participation work out to Bicester. The venue is open all day, so you can either pop in to see a show, take some time to get buried in a book or learn how to make something amazing! Please watch out for future announcements about our shows and participation activities.



B-Counted

OYAP @ STUDIO 2 | FREE TASTER SESSIONS **27TH NOVEMBER, 4TH DECEMBER & 11TH DECEMBER**
WEEKLY SESSIONS FROM TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 5.00PM - 6.45PM | £5.00 PER WEEK

'B-Counted' is a brand new, high energy Street Dance project for young people aged 11-16 years. If you are interested in developing Street Dance skills, learning new routines and creating a short performance, then this project is for you. Working with Em-J Morbey from Body Politic, this project will be packed with fun. Included in this project will also be two opportunities to see professional dance companies. The performance will be shown in both Bicester and at The Mill Arts Centre.

Bursaries and assisted places are available.

Please contact angharad.arnottphillips@themillartscentre.co.uk



B-Seen

LOCATION: OYAP @ STUDIO 2

Open to all ages 9+. No experience needed – come with your family, friends or come alone and meet new people. **23RD - 24TH FEBRUARY** 1.00PM - 4.00PM
£14.00 (this includes your ticket for Head Wrap Diaries). Assisted places are available. Please contact angharad.arnottphillips@themillartscentre.co.uk

Clothes are part of our daily routine, but are they part of who you are? How do they convey your identity? Do they evoke memories and a sense of self? How do different people relate to colour, pattern and fashion?

B-Seen is a project that will look at these questions through Drama and Visual Art workshops, going on to create mannequins and a backdrop for an exhibition



BICESTER  **VILLAGE**

The Remarkable Dance Company



Are you over 50, embrace life fully, love new challenges and fairly fit? Well, here at The Mill think we can offer you something really special, not unique perhaps, but you'll find nothing else like it in the county. Let us present the Remarkable Dance Company funded by the Arts Council to bring together a great bunch of people who would like to learn contemporary dance with professional choreographers.

As part of B-Live, The Remarkable Dance Company will be working with Uchenna Dance to create a curtain raiser for The Head Wrap Diaries in March.

If you'd be interested in joining, please contact
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REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD AT WHITELANDS SPORTS CENTRE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.

SUNDAY 9TH SEPT 2018
1 - 2:30PM OPEN TASTER

SUNDAY 16TH SEPT 2018
1 - 5PM

SUNDAY 21ST OCT 2018
1 - 5PM

SUNDAY 18TH NOV 2018
1 - 5PM

SUNDAY 20TH JAN 2019
1 - 5PM

SUNDAY 3RD FEB 2019
1 - 5PM

SUNDAY 24TH FEB 2019
1 - 5PM

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SALVATION ARMY BUILDING | **1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH** (EXCEPT 8TH JANUARY)
START DATE **4TH SEPTEMBER** | 10-12PM | £5.00 | ALL AGES WELCOME

The first Tuesday of each month we'll be running crafty sessions. Come along and enjoy some activities, meet like-minded people and perhaps even inspire a new hobby! This is the perfect session for those who want to experiment with different techniques, and is a drop in course where you can come as often as you like.

Tutor Lizzy McBain is a visual artist from Oxford, and is Artistic Director of UnderConstruction Theatre. She has ten years experience working as a community artist on projects with arts organisations, schools, and charities, working alongside adults and children of all ages. She will be bringing arts activities to this new older people arts club using a wide variety of mediums, from collage, to watercolours, drawing, and 3D modelling.



Little Creatives

Little Stories

BICESTER LIBRARY
2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
10.30AM-11.30AM | AGES 0-5

Sing along with a welcome song, snuggle down and listen to us spin tales and then stay and have fun with craft and play activities. Developed by a professional artist.



Little Explorers

SAVOIR FARE, GARTH PARK
16TH OCTOBER | 11TH DECEMBER | 19TH MARCH
14TH MAY | 10.15AM-11.15AM | AGES 0-5

Come and celebrate the changing of the seasons with our 'Little Explorers' sessions. Nestled in the centre of Garth Park at the Savoir Fare Cafe, we will go on four fabulous adventures to explore the park and its shifting landscape. We will finish in the cafe where there will be space for those wanting to get a cup of tea and meet other families.

Part of these sessions will be outside, so please dress accordingly.



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Bookings

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*Opening Times are
Monday – Saturday 9am - 5.30pm*

Tickets for all the events are also available from www.bicesterlive.co.uk or from The Mill Arts Centre Box Office on 01295 279002.

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Please advise the Box Office of any access requirements when booking so that we can readily provide assistance. We are working with all our venue partners to ensure all events are accessible. Tickets are available for carers in some cases.

Terms & Conditions

Payment is required when booking. We regret that tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded after purchase, except where an event is cancelled.

For full T&C's please look online at www.bicesterlive.co.uk

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Venues Map



- 1** Perch Coworking
OX26 6JU
- 2** Bicester Library
OX26 6JU
- 3** Coles Bookshop
OX26 6HY
- 4** OYAP @ Studio²
OX26 6BB

- 5** Cooper School
OX26 4RS
- 6** Whitelands Park Sports Ground
OX26 1AJ
- 7** Salvation Army
OX26 4FR

Through the B-Live project, we aim to provide the communities of Bicester with the opportunity to enjoy and take part in a range of high quality and varied events and activities. It will raise the profile of Bicester as a vibrant, cultural place to live and visit.

The project would not be possible without the generous support from our valued funders and partners.

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Live Events Diary

2018

Saturday 6th October
Into The Rainbow

Wednesday 10th October
Into The Rainbow

Friday 30th November
Frankie Vah

Friday 1st February
Youth Music Night

Saturday 2nd February
Zurich



2019

Saturday 2nd March
The HeadWrap Diaries

Saturday 27th April
Once Upon A Time

Thursday 30th May
to Sunday 2nd June
The Hogwallops

Thursday 6th
to Sunday 9th June
Playhouse Plays Out Tent



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