



KNOTTY

FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE
6-9 & 14-16 June 2024

HOME LIVE ART PRESENTS

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“I am over-the-moon to bring Knotty back to Hastings for its fourth edition! Every time Home Live Art produces this festival, it’s like the world around us gets a little wilder, and 2024 is no exception. Now is a vital moment where we need to connect with one another in new ways and the artists in this year’s programme are leading the charge. Their work not only sparks conversations that matter but also reminds us that we live in a world full of endless possibilities, where the future doesn’t just have to happen to us but is ours to shape. This could be our chance to shape it together – so I hope you will join us for the ride.”

Katy Baird

Artistic Director, Home Live Art

Home Live Art is an artist-led, queer-led organisation dedicated to developing new sites and audiences for culture in Hastings, the South East and beyond. We do this by supporting artists to present live work and collaborating with local communities to bring their creative projects to life.

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BLACK JOY! Up Close and Personal Programme

This year, alongside our core programme, we are excited to announce our collaboration with Claudine Eccleston, founder of Playing the Race Card, to co-curate a special series of events within Knotty celebrating Black culture, resistance and happiness .

This collaboration will complement the 'BLACK JOY! Up Close and Personal' exhibition at Hastings Museum and Art Gallery curated by Lorna Hamilton-Brown.



image: 'Ancestor One', 2022, digital image created by Anita J McKenzie



“I am really excited to have teamed up with Home Live Art to bring these incredibly talented artists to Hastings, injecting a fresh perspective into our town’s cultural offerings.”

Claudine Eccleston



photo: Geoff Pugh

Thursday 6 June - White Rock Theatre, Sussex Studio
7-11.30pm
Tickets (Sliding Scale): £20, £15, £10



SALTY: QUEER JOY EDITION

Our legendary queer performance party, is back!

Salty offers a space for LGBTQ+ folks and their allies to come together, have fun and enjoy some unforgettable queer performance.

Expect iconic dance routines, experimental vocals and defiant drag from an extraordinary line-up of queer artists.

photo: Harry Alexander by Rosie Powell



SALTY: QUEER JOY EDITION

Friday 7 June - Stables Theatre
7.30 - 8.30pm
Tickets: (Sliding Scale): £15/10

OUT
Ray Young

OUT is a duet - a conversation between two bodies, which bravely carves out a new kind of space, reclaiming Dancehall and celebrating queerness amongst the bittersweet scent of oranges.

Using music and movement OUT is inspired by ongoing global struggles for LGBTQIA+ rights and a defiant challenge to the status quo. Bravely embracing personal, political and cultural dissonance, this work smashes through our violent colonial histories to reimagine, reclaim and celebrate our delicious queer future.



OUT

photo: Glodi Miess

Sunday 9 June - Hastings Museum and Art Gallery
12 - 3pm
Free, reservation essential

BRING AND BRAG
Harold Offeh

Join artist Harold Offeh and local members of the Black community on a journey through memory, history and objects within and beyond Hastings Museum and Art Gallery.

This lively community event promises a unique opportunity to reshape museum narratives by delving into fascinating local stories behind everyday objects in relation to Black Joy. Plus, experience Harold's personal call and response to objects in the museum collection.



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BRING AND BRAG

Saturday 15 June
11am - 4pm
Free
Hastings Town Centre



I AM FROM REYKJAVIK Sonia Hughes

Part-protest, part-sculpture, part-ceremony.

Sonia Hughes will arrive in Hastings to see how it is here? To see if she could feel at ease and at home amongst us. She's wondering how to feel at home when this is not where you are from. How to allow her whole self to be present without compromise or apology. Is Hastings a welcoming or a hostile environment?

She arrives with all the things she needs to build herself a shelter. She'll build and take it down in a day. You can witness how Sonia and Hastings get on.

Someday we may all have to move. How will that go?

I AM FROM REYKJAVIK



photo: Solomon Hughes

Friday 7 June

11am-5pm

Roaming performance in Hastings Town Centre and St Leonards
Free

BENCHED SITTING

Tink Flaherty

Since 2018, Tink has been taking their bench out to public locations across the country and inviting strangers to sit with them, in a quest to find authentic forms of connection. And next stop for Tink is Hastings!

Come and join Tink on their bench, to have a natter and exchange whatever feels right on that day, at that time.

Benched Sittings are gathered and woven into Tink's constantly-developing performance 'Benched' which will be presented by Home Live Art at the Stables Theatre on Thursday July 25 2024 as part of Trans Pride Hastings.



photo: Christa Holka

BENCHED SITTING

Saturday 8 June - Hastings Town Centre
11am - 4pm
Free

CLIMATE NAN'S CARAVAN

Beccy Mccray with Becca Horn and Edie Gill Holder

Imagine a world where talking about climate change is like a nice natter with your nan...

Climate Nan is in your town!

Nan's fed up with politicians. She's touring her caravan along the length and breadth of Britain so she can hear your climate solutions, your good ideas, and your opinions, hopes and fears. Because no one knows your local area like you do.

Always happy to lend an ear and serve the T, Nan will help share your communities' climate stories and get YOUR voices heard by the politicians!

CLIMATE NAN'S CARAVAN



photo: Bradleigh Aston

Sunday 9 June - Mini Playhouse

11am -12pm

Tickets: £5

SWEET

A family-friendly drag and cabaret show, brimming with fun and fabulousness for anyone aged 5 and over.

We are excited to be bringing 'Sweet' to our hometown of Hastings after successful runs at Folkestone Pride and De La Warr Pavilion.

Enjoy a vibrant line-up of dance, drag, and music in a show that will keep both children and adults entertained and enthralled.

'Sweet' welcomes families of all shapes and sizes to experience the magic of cabaret with the finest LGBTQ+ and allied performers from across the UK, sprinkling a little extra fun into our lives.



photo: Paris Grande by Caitlin Lock

SWEET

Friday 14th June 9 - 10pm
Saturday 15th June 5:30 - 6.30pm & 9 - 10pm
Sunday 16th June 9 - 10pm

Afri-Co-Lab Community Company

“The Hero’s Journey is an epic tale full of surprises, twists and turns with a large dash of local seasoning! This is the point in the show description, where we tell you all about the story, to excite you to buy a ticket. But we can’t, because the story is yet to be written. We’re throwing caution to the wind and building this epic adventure over 14 weeks with local artists, community performers and professional creatives.

We are digging deep into who and what makes a hero, where this call to adventure will lead us and what we’ll discover along the way that will be the key to revealing the magic of Hastings!

THE HERO’S JOURNEY



Hastings Museum & Art Gallery
Tickets: (sliding scale): £15/£10/£5
Suitable for 12+

The Hastings Museum and Art Gallery is our stage and you'll experience this story on the move; outside, inside and around the building, whilst wearing headphones. Though like all good adventures we don't know where we will end up, but we have some amazing friends coming along for the ride. It's sure to be epic, joyous and heartfelt and much more. Are you game?!"

- Anna Maria Nabirye & Darragh O'Leary (Co-Directors)

Created & Performed by the Afri-Co-Lab Community Company



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE

SALTY: QUEER JOY EDITION

White Rock Theatre, Sussex Studio

7 - 11.30pm - (Sliding Scale): £20, £15, £10

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

OUT - Ray Young

Stables Theatre

7.30 - 8.30pm - £15/10

BENCHED SITTING - Tink Flaherty

Roaming performance

11am - 5pm - Free

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

CLIMATE NAN'S CARAVAN - Beccy Mccray

Hastings Town Centre

11am - 4pm - Free

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

BRING AND BRAG - Harold Offeh

Hastings Museum and Art Gallery

12 - 3pm

Free, reservation essential

SWEET

Mini Playhouse

11am - 12pm

Tickets: £5

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

THE HERO'S JOURNEY - Afri-Co-lab Collective

Hastings Museum and Art Gallery

9pm - Tickets (sliding scale): £15/£10/£5

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

I AM FROM REYKJAVIK

Sonia Hughes

11am - 4pm

Free - Hastings Town Centre

THE HERO'S JOURNEY

Afri-Co-lab Collective

Hastings Museum & Art Gallery

5.30pm & 9pm - £15/£10/£5

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

THE HERO'S JOURNEY - Afri-Co-lab Collective

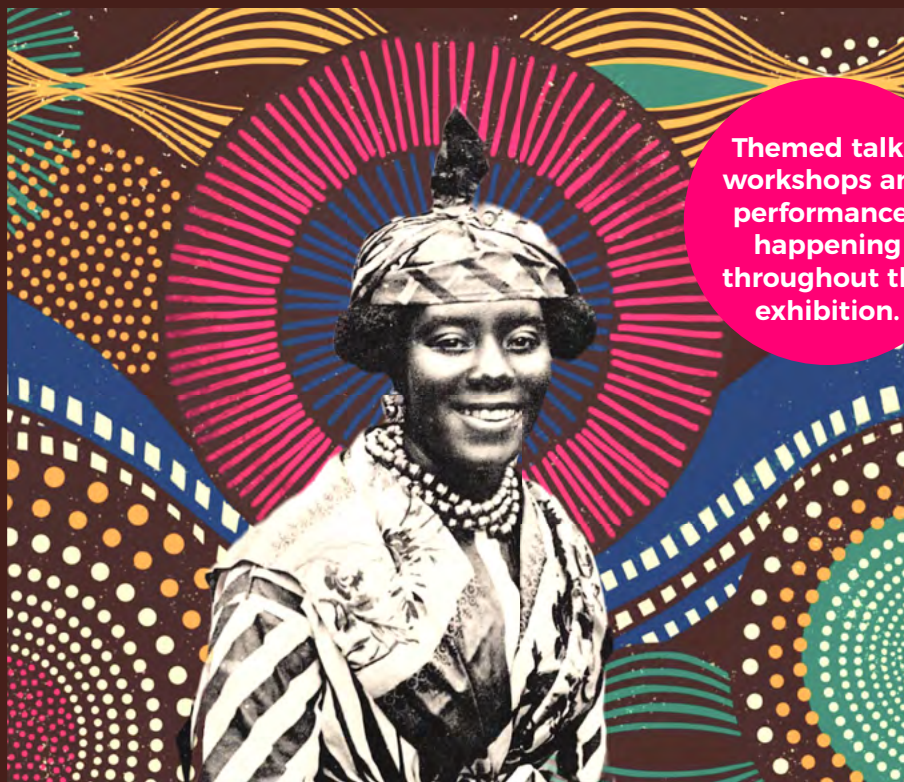
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery

9pm - Tickets: £15/£10/£5

BLACK JOY!

Up Close and Personal

An exhibition showcasing 46 Black artists
from the South East of England.



Themed talks,
workshops and
performances
happening
throughout the
exhibition.

Sat 4 May - Sun 25 August 2024
FREE ENTRY
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery
Bohemia Road, TN34 1ET



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THE HERO'S JOURNEY



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Full performance details, credits, ticket links and access information can be found on our website:

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