



# REFRACT

**Refract:18 Guide**

Thu 19 – Sat 28 July 18

Ten days of experiential performance, music and events that challenge you to see things differently

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Welcome to Refract:18 – a second year of performance, music and events, jilted from convention, for audiences of all ages, carefully curated by Waterside and Creative Industries Trafford. Expect the unexpected, from newts taking over the world to miniature theatre in a magical canvas dome. A pop-up cabaret club, mini music festival for kids and arts and craft meets silent disco!

With music from cult British band Tankus the Henge, an immersive gig from multi-instrumentalist Minute Taker and Manchester's finest Reggae pop outfit Jeramiah Ferrari plus The Magic Numbers headlining the closing party.



PanGottic presents  
**Long Shot**  
 Thu 19 Jul | 19:00

Join us for a catapultastic evening of clowning, contraptions, comedy and courage, as one man's belief in the near impossible is put to the test. Part non-verbal circus performance, part behind the scenes 'making of', *Long Shot* will have you on the edge of your seat. Or hiding behind it. Either way, it's going to be a blast.

**TICKETS:** £10 / £8

**AGE:** 7+ | 55 mins

In the Robert Bolt Theatre



## Messy Play: Refracted

Fri 20 Jul

11:00 (toddlers: 12 months – 3 years)

13:30 (babies: 3 – 12 months)

A special art-based messy play for Refract:18.

**TICKETS:** £5 / £4 Family Club members

50 mins

In the Workshop

## Awakening

Fri 20 Jul & Sat 21 July | 16:00 & 19:00

Fresh from Breakin' Convention '18, Manchester's own Chad Taylor presents the intricacy of Hip Hop to explore how substance abuse plays tricks on the mind.

## Getting from A to B

Fri 20 Jul | 11:30 & 16:30

Sat 21 Jul | 11:30 & 14:00

An entertaining adventure around the library with Hawk Dance Theatre, looking at choices and decisions we face in life; the highs, the lows, and everything in-between!

Both are commissioned by Dance Manchester and supported by Waterside Arts, Trafford Libraries, Sustained Theatre up North, One Dance UK and by National Lottery funding through Arts Council England.

**TICKETS:** Free event

On the Plaza and in Sale Library next to Waterside

Midnight Mango presents

## Tankus the Henge

Fri 20 Jul | 20:00 doors

Combining wild showmanship and musical dexterity their sound incorporates rock, funk, blues, ska, roots and gypsy rhythms and their songs tell stories of wonder and woe.

'With copious helpings of R&B blues, funk, disco, Django, a dose of Dexy's, a drop of Ray Davies and a pinch of Madness... it's an exciting melange of sound.' Simon Wells, *The Guardian*

**TICKETS:** £10 adv / £12 OTD

**AGE:** 16+

Standing event in the Robert Bolt Theatre



## Mother's Ruin

Fri 20 Jul | 20:00

This outrageous and fiercely entertaining night of cabaret mayhem is hosted by Jonathan Mayor. A top bill of subversive Queer artists including Cheddar Gorgeous, Debs Gatenby, Thick Richard, L Smith and Joseph Morgan Schofield present everything from comedy, dance, drag and poetry, to the unpredictable!

**TICKETS:** £12 (with gin & tonic)\* / £10 (ticket only)

**AGE:** 16+ | 2 hours including interval  
(\*Ticket holders aged 18+ ID required)

In the Chambers



**Minute Taker**  
Sat 21 Jul | 20:00

Alternative singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Ben McGarvey creates haunting piano songs with multi-layered ethereal vocals, distorted electronic beats and otherworldly synthscapes in an immersive show.

**TICKETS:** £10  
*In the Chambers*



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**Refract Art Club**

Sat 21 Jul | 10:00 – 12:00

Have fun with optical illusions. Cut out and colour a collection of optical illusions and create your own on paper.

**TICKETS:** £2.50 / £1 Family Club members  
**AGE:** 4+ | Drop in session

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**War with the Newts**

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Teatro Pomodoro presents

**Cabaret from the Shadows**

Sat 21 Jul | 21:30

A pop up cabaret club for one night only! Political, comic, sexy and strange, *Cabaret from the Shadows* is a kaleidoscope of dark comedy, satire and live music, pulling you through a crazy hall of mirrors. Tonight, no subject is taboo.

**TICKETS:** £12  
**AGE:** 16+ | 60 mins  
*Cabaret in the Robert Bolt Theatre*



Mumblecrust Theatre presents  
**The Tale of  
 the Cockatrice**  
 Sun 22 Jul | 13:30 & 15:30

“Deep in the vaults of an ancient priory, a hideous creature awakens. The deadly Cockatrice is born”.  
 Breath-taking puppetry and spine-tingling live music combine in this dark and winding fable for monster-lovers young and old.

‘A genuine work of art’ *The Voice* ★★★★★

**TICKETS:** £9 | £7  
**AGE:** 5 – 12 | 60 mins  
*In the Chambers*

Artful Playground presents  
**Minifest**  
 Sun 22 Jul | 13:00 & 14:30

Bring your Mini ones and get some festival vibes – no wellies required! The brilliant Artful Playground Band will treat you to a wide variety of musical styles ranging from Rock and Roll, to Gypsy Jazz, to Rap!

**TICKETS:** Free event  
 30 mins  
*On the Plaza*



Knaive Theatre presents  
**War with the Newts**  
 Sat 21 & Sun 22 Jul | 18:30

*Produced in association with the Royal Exchange Theatre, Square Chapel Arts Centre & Waterside.*

Based on an original 1930s novel, set in the hull of a fishing vessel, the plot follows the unfurling of events after the discovery of an intelligent race of newts who are shipped around the globe as cheap substitutes for human labour.

*An Edinburgh Fringe Preview.*

**TICKETS:** £12 / £10  
**AGE:** 12+ | 70 mins  
*This piece is site-specific, the venue will be in Trafford and announced online ahead of the show.*



Tmesis Theatre presents

## Happy Hour

Mon 23 Jul | 19:30

The workers on Level 3 are racing against the clock to reach their quota of Smiley Faces, but are they really happy enough? A poignant, fast paced comedy exploring our 21st century obsession with happiness and success. Can we learn to be happy? The 'happiness industry' would have us think so...

*'Expertly choreographed... Laugh out loud comedy'* The Stage

**TICKETS:** £14 | £12

**AGE:** 12+ | 65 mins

*In the Robert Bolt Theatre*

SUPERFAN presents  
**Stuntman**  
Tue 24 Jul | 20:00

A new performance about movie violence and masculinity. This is an intensely physical, funny, and tender duet by two men who wrestle with their relationship to violence – both onscreen and off. Stories of real-life experiences of violence are interwoven with exaggerated, high-octane stunt fights, movement, and (fake) blood.

*Directed by the award-winning Ellie Dubois.  
Created by Ellie Dubois, Pete Lannon and David Banks.*

**TICKETS:** £14 | £12

**AGE:** 14+ | 55 mins

*Contains strong language, violence, reference to suicide & adult themes*

*In the Chambers*



## Curious Craft

Wed 25 Jul | 10:00 – 13:00

An outdoor arts activity for your little Refractioners!  
*Booking recommended on this free event due to limited capacity.*

**TICKETS:** Free event (including all materials)

**AGE:** 4+  
*On the Plaza*

Mimika Theatre presents

## Small Worlds

Wed 25 Jul | 10:15, 11:45, 13:15, 14:45

Extraordinary theatre inside a magical canvas dome.  
 Meet five characters - a bug, a goose, a fox cub, a cat and a six year old girl - and watch their wordless stories unfold.  
 Unforgettable visual theatre, using puppetry, miniature landscapes and original animated film and music.

*'A magical story unfolded through film, visual theatre and puppetry... had both the children and adults totally engaged and mesmerised'* Asia Network

**TICKETS:** £7 | £6

**AGE:** 5 – 11 | 60 mins  
*In the Mimika tent*





## Refract Their Imaginations: Slime Time!

Thu 26 Jul | 11:00 & 14:00

The latest gloopy craze has come to Refract! This slippery slime-making session is perfect for you to indulge your big and little ones' favourite past-time!

**TICKETS:** £4 / £3 Family Club members

**AGE:** 4+

*In the Chambers*

## Overdrawn at Waterside

Thu 26 Jul | 19:00 – late

An interactive art event with established artists, illustrators and designers from Manchester. Expect pound portraits, calligraphy, local artists drawing live, humorous prompts and much more! Grab a pen...we're getting creative together!

**TICKETS:** Free

*In the Chambers*

Something for the Weekend presents

## Showstopper! The Improvised Musical

Thu 26 Jul | 19:30

Direct from the West End, a brand new musical comedy is created from scratch at each performance as audience suggestions are transformed on the spot into all-singing, all-dancing productions with hilarious results.

*'So polished it defies belief'* Daily Telegraph ★★★★★

*'achingly funny... worth seeing again and again'*

Time Out Critics' Choice ★★★★★

**TICKETS:** £18 | £15

**AGE:** 12+ | 90 minutes plus interval

*In The Robert Bolt Theatre*





## Make, Do & Bop

From Our Kids Social

**Fri 27 Jul | 10:30 & 13:30**

A two channel silent disco will have all your favourite summer time hits to set the mood with all the latest kids' pop for them to bop along to. Plus there is creative arts and crafts to whisk your imaginations away to the sea-side, let your family innovation flow and your community relationships grow!

**TICKETS:** £6 (inc. adults)  
**AGE:** 4 – 10 but younger and older siblings welcome | 90 mins  
*Standing event in the Robert Bolt Theatre*

Gag Reflex Management presents

## Rob Kemp: The Elvis Dead

**Fri 27 Jul | 20:00**

The multi-award-winning EdFringe cult hit is back! Rev up the Delta and come on a trip to a cabin in Tennessee, to witness the classic horror movie *Evil Dead 2* reinterpreted through the songs of Elvis Presley.

*'Twisted genius'* Sunday Times ★★★★★

**TICKETS:** £12  
**AGE:** 14+ | 60 mins  
*In the Chambers*



Rock Artist Management presents

## Jeramiah Ferrari

**Fri 27 Jul | Doors 20:00**

Manchester's most exciting genre weaving group Jeramiah Ferrari have forged a superb reputation for live sets, fusing styles of reggae, rock, ska and Pop to make a truly memorable and essential new sound.

*'A unique force and a live sensation that never disappoints'*  
*The Mancunion*

**TICKETS:** £10 adv / £12 OTD  
**AGE:** 16+  
*Standing event in the Robert Bolt Theatre*

Tessa Bide presents

## Perfect

Sat 28 Jul | 11:30 & 14:30

A young boy waits for the birth of his new baby sister... He can't wait to run and jump with a new playmate. The touching story of a boy meeting his disabled sister for the first time, with puppetry, live music, animation and physical theatre from the award-winning Tessa Bide.

**TICKETS:** £9 | £7  
**AGE:** 5 – 9 | 50 mins  
*In the Chambers*



Strange Train Theatre Company presents

## The Magnificent Menagerie of Mrs Strange

Sat 28 Jul | 12:00 – 14:00

*Developed in partnership with the National Trust, Creative Industries Trafford and Waterside*

Join us for a visual delight when *The Magnificent Menagerie of Mrs Strange* comes to Sale town centre. Meet a fantastic puppet menagerie alongside musicians and circus performers in this exciting procession of tropical beasts!

**TICKETS:** Free event  
**AGE:** Suitable for all ages  
*Around Sale town centre finishing outside Waterside*



## Refract:18 Closing Party Featuring The Magic Numbers

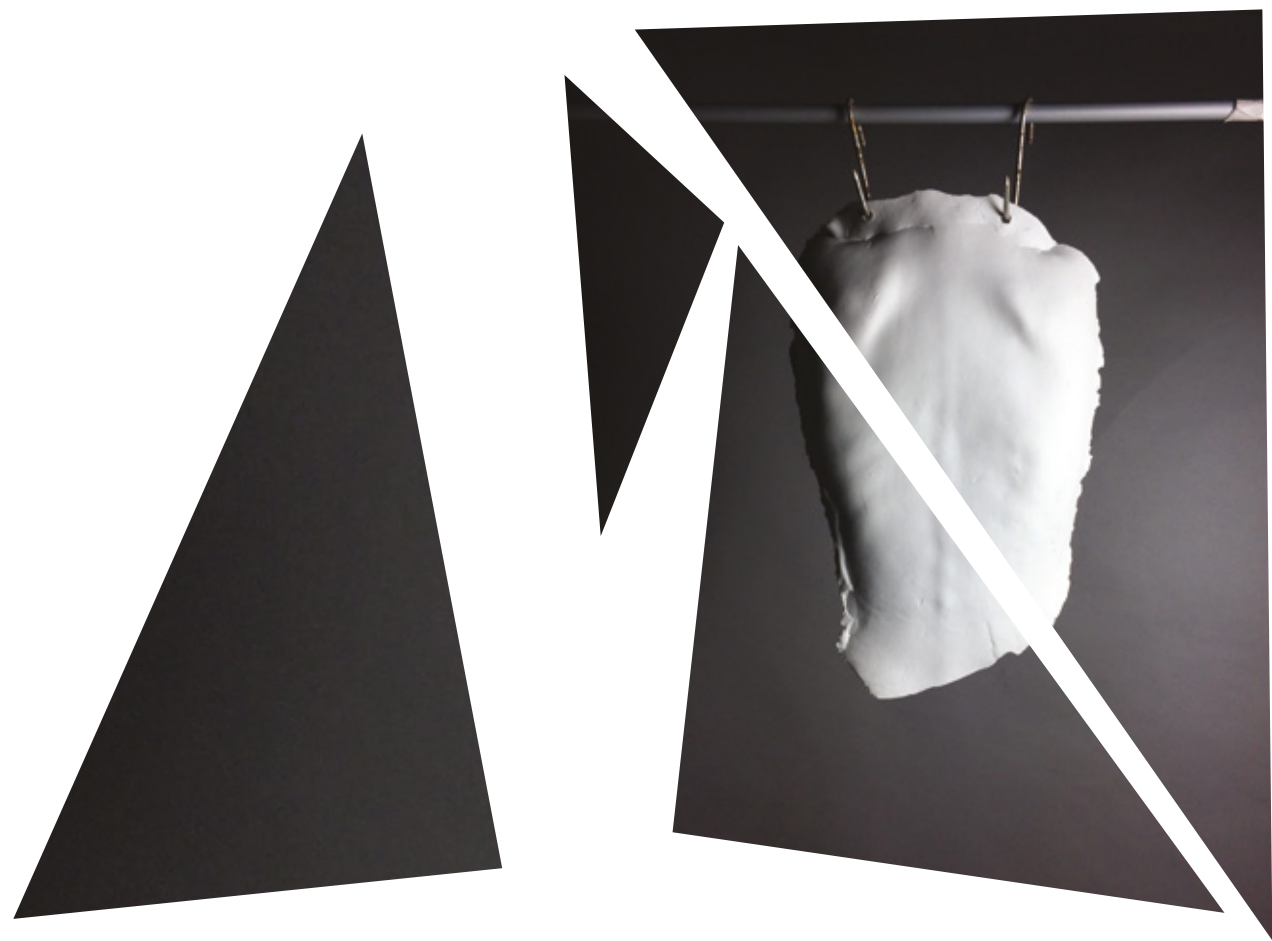
Sat 28 Jul | Doors 20:00

Known for their unique harmonies, melodic hooks, song-writing craftsmanship and timeless sound, The Magic Numbers have become one of the nation's best-loved bands, and have toured the world with the likes of Brian Wilson, Neil Young & Crazy Horse, The Flaming Lips, Sonic Youth, The Who, Morrissey, U2 and Bright Eyes.

Don't miss this opportunity to see 'the happiest band in music' (NME), as they headline Refract:18's closing party.

**TICKETS:** £18  
*A standing event in the Robert Bolt Theatre*





Visual Arts Throughout Refract

## **re:cast**

**Fri 15 Jun - Sat 4 August**

A series of art installations have been specially commissioned for Refract:18.

A new exhibition from Katie Nelson and Grace Igoe features new and recent ceramic work posing questions on social and political issues in the Lauriston Gallery.

Two sound and augmented reality art installations, currently being commissioned, will also be installed at Waterside during Refract.

**FREE ENTRY**

*Lauriston Gallery and other spaces at Waterside*

## Become a Refract buddy!

Join the REFRACTION CLUB for a host of discounted tickets, drink offers and unique opportunities throughout Refract:18. Find out more at [refract.org.uk/refraction](http://refract.org.uk/refraction)

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**Full line up and booking:**  
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