

REFRACT



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

**Thu 18 –
Sat 27 July**

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#refract19

Back with a bang for its third edition this July, is the opportunity to experience things differently at Waterside during **Refract:19**. Expect the unexpected as Trafford's award-winning arts destination is re-imagined both inside and out, to host everything from firm favourites and familiar faces, to new talent, Edinburgh previews and a few surprises along the way.

From Japanese rope to award-winning comedy; from slime making in libraries to performances in a theatrical tent; from cabaret clubs and jazz joints to spectacular outdoor dance; Refract:19 really does pack in ten days of cultural delight for audiences of all ages.

We look forward to welcoming you to Refract:19.

Darren Adams Producer | **Ross Carey** Associate Producer



Lumo Company presents

WireDo

Thu 18 Jul | 19:00

With her body, a tightwire and a physical composition that draws on the Japanese rope art of Shibari, Hanna Moisala's *WireDo*, tells a mesmerizing story of stepping out to the unknown.

With its three-dimensional view, *WireDo* explores the inner balance of human behaviour with the question "what happens to the body when it chooses to surrender and be manipulated?"

Daring tightwire stunts combined with Moisala's captivating presence and skilled rope manipulation offer an unprecedented spectacle.

TICKETS: £12 / £10

AGE: 14+ | 45 mins

In the Robert Bolt Theatre

Re:lect Exhibition Launch

Thu 18 Jul | 18:00 – 19:00

Join us as we launch *Re:lect*, an interactive experience created and curated by Chloe Knights and Ella Boston.

See page 24 for more information
In the Lauriston Gallery



Minute Taker: Wolf Hours

Thu 18 Jul | 20:30

Venture into a surreal nocturnal world with this brand new audiovisual show by acclaimed alternative singer-songwriter Minute Taker aka Manchester-based Ben McGarvey in collaboration with a range of filmmakers.

Presented as a series of dream sequences, *Wolf Hours* explores the psyches of several gay men at different points in time over the past century.

With influences including Kate Bush, Tori Amos and David Bowie, Minute Taker creates a live soundtrack of haunting melodies, electronic beats and otherworldly synths.

Developed in association with Waterside Arts, Arts Council England and Superbia (by Manchester Pride).

TICKETS: £15
In the Chambers

REFRACT
AFTER HOURS

Joshua Ward

Thu 18 Jul | 22:00

New for Refract:19, the 'Sup Stage will showcase an after-hours programme of emerging artists.

Joshua Ward is a musician, composer and producer working primarily with electronics, exploring notions of the real and the unreal. He has a particular interest in collaboration, having composed music for dance, film, theatre and performative installation projects. As part of this performance ensemble, Josh will be joined by Justin Turnbull on keys.

TICKETS: FREE
'Sup Stage



Waterside Arts presents

Tony Law + Sophie Willan + Alun Cochrane

Fri 19 Jul | 20:00

Bringing you the very best in alternative comedy, this triple-headliner comedy night features Tony Law, Sophie Willan and Alun Cochrane, with MC Jonathan Mayor.

Tony Law is a mind-changing, comedy-art, laugh-affirming experience you'll never forget.

Sophie Willan is a sharp, eccentric and provocative, multi-award winning comedian who has fast become one of the most exciting rising stars in British Comedy.

Alun Cochrane is a tall, gangly Northerner who delivers his own brand of no-nonsense humour.

Jonathan Mayor (MC) is one of the finest comperes in the country and capable of settling even the rowdiest crowds with savage wit and a high octane stage presence.

TICKETS: £15
AGE: 16+
Refract:19 Cabaret Club



Minute Taker: Wolf Hours

Fri 19 Jul | 20:30

Another chance to see Ben McGarvey perform his new show. Full details on page 4.
In the Chambers

Family Art Club: Refract Special

Sat 20 Jul | 10:00 – 12:00

To mark the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 moon landings join us for a special Family Art Club.

Make a small 3D moon and reflective base using a ball, paper pulp, foil, reflective card and more.

TICKETS: £2.50 | £1 Family Club Members

AGE: Age 4+ | Drop in session



Kapow Dance presents

Adrift

Sat 20 Jul | 12:00 & 14:00

A raft in the middle of the ocean. Two women on board, lost in the high seas. A complex network of storms serves as a metaphor for courage and an intense struggle for survival.

The two women share testimonies, coexist on the raft, and learn to live together in this small, unpredictable landscape.

An intimate and sensitive show, with a timely environmental concern and an exciting uncertainty.

TICKETS: FREE | 25 mins

On Waterside Plaza (Please note this is an outdoor show)

RBM Comedy presents

Frisky & Mannish: Poplab (Preview)

Sat 20 Jul | 19:00

Frisky & Mannish are officially Pop PhDs, fully qualified to conduct scientific analyses of the molecular intersections between every pop song ever. For the first time, you are invited into their PopLab to peek down the microscope at all their latest research projects.

TICKETS: £12

AGE: 16+ | 60 mins

Refract:19 Cabaret Club

Artful Playground presents

Minifest

Sun 21 Jul | 11:00

A fun musical experience for children (and adults)! With original songs and familiar favourites to stimulate young imaginations, played by the brilliant Artful Playground Band, you are treated to a wide variety of musical styles ranging from Rock and Roll, to Gypsy Jazz, to Rap!

TICKETS: £5 / £3 Family Club Members

AGE: All ages | 45 mins

In the Robert Bolt Theatre



Art with Heart presents

Golden Years Caravan

Sun 21 Jul | 11:30 – 17:30

Retirement; that golden time in life when you travel the world, play bowls, join the WI and legitimately use the phrase 'not in my day'. Art with Heart invite you for a brew inside the Golden Years Caravan to experience a series of artworks created by retirees, which share stories of what it's really like growing older in Greater Manchester.

TICKETS: Free | Drop-in

On Waterside Plaza



Art with Heart



Claire Gaydon presents

See-Through

Sun 21 Jul | 19:00

See-Through examines identity, validation and the cost of sharing in the digital age.

All you need is a camera, an internet connection and something to say.

Part documentary, part live performance, part parody, *See-Through* is an edited, unedited, live, pre-recorded, reality show that invites you to see behind the camera.

TICKETS: £10

DOUBLE BILL: See-Through & Catching Comets £14 for both

AGE: 16+ | 60 mins

In the Chambers

Ransack Theatre presents

Catching Comets

Sun 21 July | 20:30

MAKING WAVES

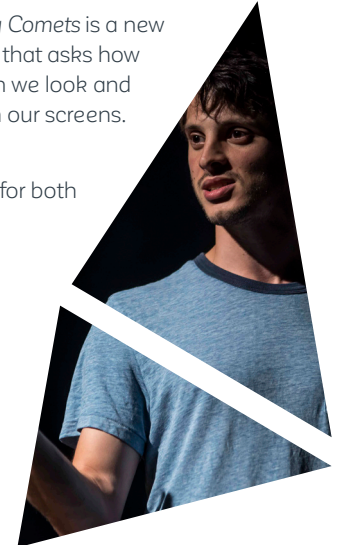
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A disaster movie about falling in love. *Catching Comets* is a new show by multi award-winning Ransack Theatre that asks how we're supposed to be big, brave and strong when we look and sound nothing like the heroes we grew up with on our screens.

TICKETS: £10 / £8

DOUBLE BILL: Catching Comets & See-Through & £14 for both

In the Chambers | 65 mins



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AFTER HOURS

Charlie Dewhurst

Sun 21 July | 22:00

New for Refract:19, the 'Sup Stage will showcase an after-hours programme of emerging artists.

Macclesfield singer-songwriter, Charlie Dewhurst, made his Refract debut in 2018 supporting *Jeremiah Ferrari* at the age of just 16.

TICKETS: FREE

'Sup Stage



Ransack Theatre presents
Catching Comets **MAKING WAVES**
 Mon 22 Jul | 19:00

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TICKETS: £10 / £8
DOUBLE BILL: Catching Comets & Beach Body Ready £14 for both
In the Chambers | 65 mins

The Roaring Girls present
Beach Body Ready **MAKING WAVES**
 Mon 22 Jul | 20:30

The time has come. It's the season of cutting carbs, hitting it hard at the gym and shaving everything from the chin down. We've been shamed, dehumanised and humiliated for how we look, and we've had enough. Join The Roaring Girls for a defiantly feel good show which sticks two fingers up to everything the media said you should look like.

TICKETS: £10 / £8
DOUBLE BILL: Beach Body Ready & Catching Comets & £14 for both
In the Chambers

Making Waves Discussion
 Mon 22 Jul | 21:30

A chance to discuss the themes raised in *Catching Comets* and *Beach Body Ready* with Ransack Theatre and The Roaring Girls.

TICKETS: Free to ticket holders
In the Chambers



Lewis Doherty presents

BOAR

Tue 23 Jul | 19:00

Welcome to the Kingdom of Skadi. A place of adventure, a distant land where pirates, bounty hunters, and thieves do battle in a world on the brink of destruction.

Armed with just himself and a chair, Lewis Doherty (creator of WOLF) presents BOAR. A one man fantasy adventure tale. Prepare for arrows to roll and heads to fly in this action packed hour of swords, sorcery, and swill!

Presented in association with *The North Wall* and *Nottingham Playhouse*.

TICKETS: £10 / £8
AGE: 14+ | 60 mins
In the Chambers



A double headline show with **Professor Elemental + Gypsies Of Bohemia**

Tue 23 Jul | Doors 19:00

Chap hop's leading exponent' (*The Wall Street Journal*) the loveably bonkers **Professor Elemental** offers a unique neo-Victorian blend of 'Breathtaking freestyle rap' (*The Guardian*), hip hop and comedy.

Manchester's first jazz manouche non-purists, **Gypsies of Bohemia** are an acoustic group who perform modern pop favourites like you've never heard them before. Drawing inspiration from the legendary gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt, the band capture all the Parisienne charm and sophistication of the Hot Club de France whilst putting their own unique spin on hits by Britney Spears, Blondie, Girls Aloud and even Iron Maiden.

Foot stomping rhythms, exhilarating arrangements and virtuosic lead guitar lines combine to produce a sound that is authentic, unique and highly entertaining.

TICKETS: £10
 A standing event
 Refract:19 Jazz Club

REFRACT
ON TOUR

The Herd Theatre presents

SLIME

Altrincham Library

Wed 24 Jul | 10:30, 13:00 & 15:00

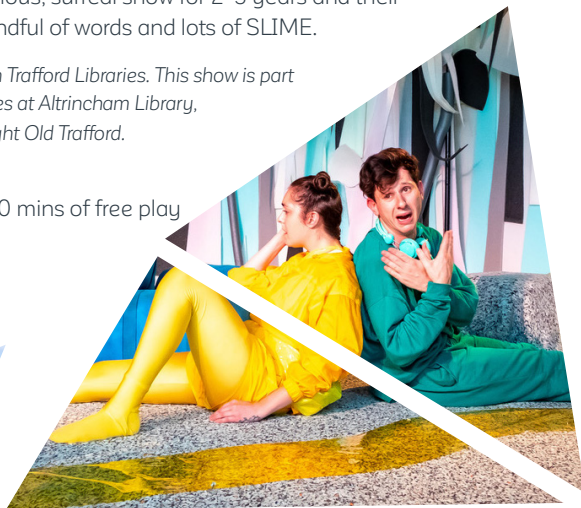
Slug and Caterpillar are starving and the only leaf left in the garden is just out of reach. Slug thinks they should work together. Get the leaf, eat the leaf, play a game, be friends. Caterpillar has other ideas. Slugs are gross, they're covered in slime and they have terrible taste in music.

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Presented in partnership with Trafford Libraries. This show is part of a library tour, including dates at Altrincham Library, Sale Waterside Arts and Lighthouse Old Trafford.

TICKETS: £5

AGE: 2 - 5 years | 45 mins + 20 mins of free play



Fully Booked Theatre presents

Space Rebel Princess

Wed 24 Jul | 11:30 & 14:00

A fearless young princess raised for royalty but not for rocketry, dreams of becoming an astronaut.

From here to the stars! Outsmarting the confines of her palace upbringing, and with the help of the audience, the princess must break free of the fear that holds her back and boldly go where no princess has gone before!

TICKETS: £5 / £3 Family Club Members

AGE: 5 - 9 | 30 mins

In the Robert Bolt Theatre

Cosmic Castles Craft Workshop

Wed 24 Jul | 12:00 & 13:00

To coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing and our special *Space Rebel Princess* performance, join us for a special Refract Craft workshop and make your very own Cosmic Castle.

TICKETS: £3 / £1 Family Club Members

'Sup Bar & Coffee House



Pamela DeMenthe: Sticky Digits

Wed 24 Jul | 19:00

Ever wanted to know how to break into the world of erotic fiction?

Now you can learn from the best. Self-published erotic fiction authoress, Pamela DeMenthe is throbbing her way around the nation to share the secrets of her literary success and present her hotly anticipated novel, *Sticky Digits*.

TICKETS: £12

DOUBLE BILL: Pamela DeMenthe & Kill a Witch or Die Trying (p16) £14 for both

AGE: 18+

In the Chambers

Meraki Collective presents
Kill a Witch or Die Trying **MAKING WAVES**
 Wed 24 July | 20:30

From the days of burning at the stake to slaying the successful woman on twitter, women are being demonised for speaking up and standing out.

Kill a Witch or Die Trying is the new visually captivating, belly laugh inducing dance theatre work by Meraki Collective. Journey through the ways that women are made monsters and celebrate with us the formidable power of Woman.

TICKETS: £10 / £8

DOUBLE BILL: Kill a Witch or Die Trying & Pamela DeMenthe (p15) £14 for both

AGE: 16+ | 50 mins
In the Chambers



Lindblad
 Wed 24 Jul | 22:00

New for Refract:19, the 'Sup Stage will showcase an after-hours programme of emerging artists.

Lindblad is a London-based musician, composer, producer and director from West Lancashire. A classical pianist by training, his self-produced work offers a contemporary take on soul - blending aching, operatic vocals with brooding jazz and organic dance music.

A must-see live performance, Lindblad promises exciting costumes, visuals and performance value.

TICKETS: FREE
'Sup Stage

REFRACT
 AFTER HOURS

Mimika Theatre presents
Landscapes
 Thu 25 Jul | 10:15, 11:45, 13:15, 14:45

Sit inside Mimika's beautiful hand made tent and experience an intimate, magical and quite unique theatre presentation. Using no words, Mimika combine over 30 ingeniously crafted puppet creatures with an original musical score and stunning visual effects to capture the atmosphere, rhythms, sounds and movements of the desert, rainforest, under the sea and Antarctica.

TICKETS: £7 / £6 / £4.50 Family Club Members

AGE: 4 - 11 years | 45 mins no interval
 Meet the puppets after the show
In the Mimika tent



Nathaniel Hall and Dibby Theatre present
First Time **MAKING WAVES**
 Thu 25 Jul | 19:00

Another chance to see the hit sell-out show before it takes the world by storm!

Can you remember your first time?

Nathaniel can't seem to forget his. To be fair, he has had it playing on repeat for the last 15 years. Now the party is over, the balloons have all burst and he's left living his best queer life: brunching on pills and Googling kangaroo vaginas, ancient condoms and human cesspits on a weekday morning... or is he? HIV+ queer artist and activist, Nathaniel Hall presents a funny and frank one-man show about attempting to stay positive in a negative world. Join him as he blows the lid on the secret he's been keeping all these years.

TICKETS: £10 / £8

DOUBLE BILL: First Time & Fulfilment (p18) £14 for both
AGE: 14+ | 65 mins

In the Chambers



A double headline show
Annabel Allum + Karima Francis
 Thu 25 Jul | Doors 19:45

Loaded with pulsating hooks and enigmatic tenacious vocals, **Annabel Allum** oozes charisma and showcases an adept ability to marry folk-style storytelling with snarling fuzzy indie.

Singer-songwriter **Karima Francis** was originally a drummer also providing backing vocals for alternative/indie band Litterbug. Now a guitar player and singer of enormous range and power, she has been likened by some to a young Joan Armatrading, but with a unique style of her own. This is coupled with a small number of lyrical and powerful self-written songs.

TICKETS: £10 Advance / £13 On the door
 In the Robert Bolt Theatre / A standing gig



SharkLegs present
Fulfilment **MAKING WAVES**
 Thu 25 Jul | 20:30

Robox is your personal fulfilment device. The one-click wonder, the ultimate convenience.

You dream it, he delivers it. Instant fulfilment. But fulfilment isn't for everyone. The show is created live every night from your desires as award-winning company SharkLegs uncover the price people pay for next-day delivery.

TICKETS: £10 / £8
DOUBLE BILL: Fulfilment & First Time (p17) £14 for both
AGE: 14+ | 60 mins
 In the Chambers

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 ON TOUR

The Herd Theatre presents
SLIME
Limelight, Old Trafford
 Fri 26 Jul | 10:30, 13:00 & 15:00

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TICKETS: £5
AGE: 2 - 5 years | 45 mins + 20 mins of free play



Our Kids Social present
Silent DisGlo
 Fri 26 Jul | 13:00

Our Kids Social is back at Waterside and this time they are getting UV Glo-tastic!

Enjoy the legendary OKS Silent DisGlo experience, with a magical neon dance floor wonderland under the UV lights and a special blend of neon arts and crafts, plus all your favourite tunes and styles of dancing.

TICKETS: £6.50 / £5 Family Club Members
AGE: 4+ | 90 mins
 In the Robert Bolt Theatre

Grace Petrie

Fri 26 Jul | 19:00

Grace Petrie's unique takes on life, love and politics, and the warmth and wit with which they are delivered, have won over an army of loyal fans across the alternative, folk, political and comedy scenes.

She's toured with Billy Bragg and Frank Turner, supported comedians Robin Ince and Josie Long, and collaborated with Leon Rosselson and Peggy Seeger.

TICKETS: £15
In the Chambers



Altergaze

Fri 26 Jul | Doors 20:30

Influenced by such acts as Cocteau Twins, The Cure, Beach House and MBV, Altergaze is the new project of singer-songwriter, Karima Francis. In this duo with her fellow dreampop enthusiast, Philip, she presents a programme of soulful music inspired by the albums *Garlands* (Cocteau Twins) and *Disintegration* (The Cure). Currently working on their first EP release, they have already played many venues in and around London and are appearing at this year's Isle of Wight Festival.

TICKETS: £5
In the Robert Bolt Theatre / A standing gig

The Herd Theatre presents

SLIME

at Waterside

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TICKETS: £5
AGE: 2 – 5 years | 45 mins + 20 mins of free play
In the Chambers



FaxFiction

Sat 27 Jul | Doors 18:30

Old technology – we all used it, and it's still there: cassette tapes, floppy discs, videos, 35mm slides, overhead projectors, Ansaphones, games consoles, View-Masters, faxes, Dictaphones, reel to reel, Ceefax...

How did we function with these ancient machines, these relics of the future?

In *FaxFiction*, six writers – Sarah-Clare Conlon, David Gaffney, Rosie Garland, Valerie O'Riordan, Fat Roland and Nicholas Royle – have created six brand-new short stories focusing on these old technologies, and they will perform their pieces using gathered artefacts as part of this show, made uniquely for Refract:19.

TICKETS: £8 / £6
In the Chambers

Mama Racho

Sat 27 Jul | 21:00

Formed in early 2018, Mama Racho are an enigmatic sextet. Originating from the city's squat party scene, their rise has been quick, including a headline MCR Live Free Vibes weekend at Band on the Wall and a monthly residency on Reform Radio. Known for their energetic live shows, their sound blends cumbia rhythms with psychedelic rock and electronica.

TICKETS: FREE



Re:reflect Exhibition

Fri 19 Jul – Sat 28 Sep

Re:reflect is an interactive experience created and curated by Chloe Knights and Ella Boston. Together Chloe and Ella will create a 'please do touch' experience which provides an escapism for audiences, focusing on being present and connected to the senses and to others.

In the Lauriston Gallery
Please note the exhibition will be closed between, and including, Sun 4 Aug until Sun 18 Aug.



Motionhouse present

Captive

Sat 27 Jul | 16:00

20:30 (Refract:19 Closing Event)

Following on from the hugely successful shows *Underground* and *Cascade*, Motionhouse bring *Captive* to Refract:19.

Four dancers perform this exciting blend of dance, acrobatics and aerial work inside a large cage. Disorientated and shaken, the performers use their skill and instinct to survive in this emotionally charged and athletic piece.

Inspired by Rainer Maria Rilke's poem *The Panther*, this extraordinary outdoor show explores notions of captivity.

A spectacular sunset performance to close Refract:19 at 20:30

TICKETS: FREE

AGE: All ages | 30 mins

On Waterside Plaza / Please note this is an outdoor show.

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Re:fect 18:00 – 19:00
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Wolf Hours

Joshua Ward 22:00

DAY TWO

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Sophie Willan +
Alun Cochrane 20:00

Minute Taker: 20:30
Wolf Hours

DAY THREE

Sat 20 Jul

Family Art 10:00 – 12:00
Club: Refract Special

Adrift 12:00 & 14:00

Frisky & Mannish: 19:00
Poplab

DAY FOUR

Sun 21 Jul

MiniFest 11:00

Golden Years 11:30 – 17:30
Caravan

See-Through 19:00

Catching Comets 20:30

Charlie Dewhurst 22:00

DAY FIVE

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Making Waves 21:30
Post Show Discussion

DAY SIX

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Elemental +
Gypsies Of Bohemia

DAY SEVEN

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Space Rebel 11:30 & 14:00
Princess

Cosmic 12:00 & 13:00
Castles Craft Workshop

Pamela DeMenthe: 19:00
Sticky Digits

Kill a Witch
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DAY EIGHT

Thu 25 Jul

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13:15, 14:45

First Time 19:00

Fulfilment 20:30

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+ Karima Francis

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Grace Petrie 19:00

Altergagge Doors 20:30

DAY TEN

Sat 27 Jul

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at Waterside

Captive 16:00

FaxFiction Doors 18:30

Captive
Closing Event 20:30

Mama Racho 21:00

Re:fect Exhibition Fri 19 Jul - Sat 28 Sep



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