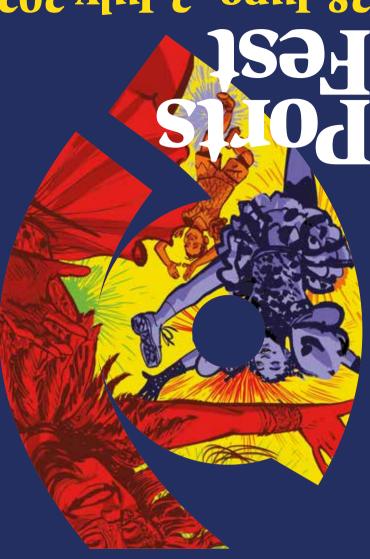
# 28 June –2 July 2023





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## Festival Highlights



## **An Evening with Brian Bilston**

28 JUNE 19:00-21:30 Groundlings Theatre, 42 Kent St, PO1 3BS

Age Guidance +11 £15/13 Concessions

Brian Bilston has been described as the Banksy of poetry and Twitter's unofficial Poet Laureate. With over 400,000 followers on social media, he has become truly beloved by the online community. As part of his brand-new show Brian will perform poetry from his latest collection - Days Like These: An Alternative Guide to the Year in 366 poems. He will also read some best-loved pieces from: You Took the Last Bus Home; the Costa-shortlisted novel, Diary of a Somebody; and Alexa, what is there to know about love. A rare chance to see this literary enigma live and at the top of his game.



## **The Crow House**

1 JULY 13:00 & 15:00

**Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth PO1 3TZ** 

Free entry.

A derelict house. The middle of a street. In a battle of wills and skills, three diverse characters appear and try to gain a room inside

In a choreographed frenzy of acrobatics, silks trapeze, hat juggling, and slap stick they transform the battered house into a home. There's only one problem... A furiously territorial bird who has taken up residence in the chimney.

This eclectic mix of circus, puppetry, music and audience participation is a wonderful, silent-movie-inspired show from Circo Rum Ba Ba. Not to be missed.

#### **Portsmouth Kevs:**

## An Evening with Harry the Piano

19:00-19:20 (pre-concert talk) 19:30-21:15

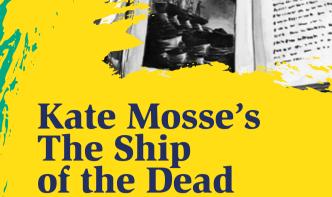
New Theatre Royal, 20-24 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth, PO1 2DD

£18/£15 concessions

An evening of music and improvisation with the extraordinarily talented Harry the Piano, whose breathtaking creativity has earned him the reputation as one of the most gifted improvising pianists in the world. Spontaneously reinventing Michael Jackson in the style of Mozart, recreate a night at the Groucho club through the TV themes of its actor members, and improvise a medley

of audience requests ranging from James Bond to Shostakovich via West Side Story.

And don't forget you can learn all about the World of Concert Pianos in our pre-concert talk



**Motion Comic World Premiere** 

SH9, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Victory Gate, HM Naval Base, PO1 3LJ

Tickets £8 (to include drink on entry)

Exclusive to Ports Fest and personally narrated by Kate Mosse OBE! Don't miss this world premiere of the motion comic adaptation of The Ship of the Dead. This classic ghost story has been reimagined by a local team of internationally celebrated creatives, including acclaimed author, Greg Mosse (The Coming Darkness), comic book legend Andy Lanning (Marvel, DC) and Emmy-nominated Producer, Lou Doye (David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants). The team will share insights into how they created an adaptation fit to terrify a new generation. ARTS COUNCIL

## **Ignite The Phoenix**

28 JUNE - 2 JULY

Various Locations - See Festival Diary and Website

Free Ticket Required

During Ports Fest 432-Nomads will be taking you on a journey. An eclectic collective of local artists from all walks of life (Pompey born and bred to the one's here taking a new step, migrants, refugees, asylum seekers brought together with support from local schools), they come together to bring you, vibrant and expressive art, music, dance, poetry and more. Showcasing the talent within Portsmouth city. To believe in ourselves we must believe in others. Supported using public funding by

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So glad to be back with another summer programme.

This year the Ignite theme gathers even more momentum, offering a multitude of experiences for young people, showcasing some outstanding emerging talent, and connecting our community in the joy of shared cultural encounters.

We hope this year's Ports Fest ignites your cultural appetite and look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Festival Event Key:**

Art/Exhibition of Dance Film Food

Gaming Multimedia Presentation of Music

Reading Talk Theatre































Free entry. (See website for the full route map of the parade)

Join hundreds of young people from schools and youth groups parading to the theme of *Ignite*. This explosive eading experts from the New Carnival Company who have been developing the personal creativity of young people, teachers, and youth group leaders.

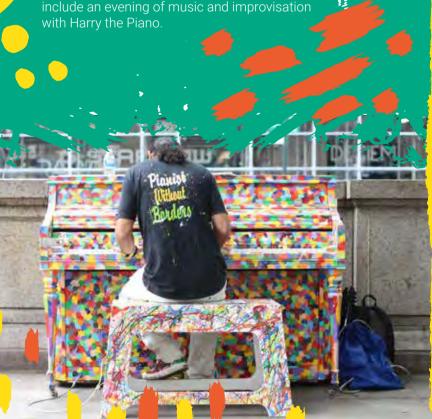
ensory needs or young families wanting a full but 'noise-free' experience. See website



## **Portsmouth Keys**

Every day, see diary and website for more details.

Portsmouth Keys is a project with multiple events and workshops which all centre around our connection with the piano. There will be pianos in locations around the city for the public to go along and use and listen to others. Other events include an evening of music and improvisation



## Festival Diary

## Wednesday 28 June NourishEd

**Portsmyth** Online – All Day. Link via website.

**Portsmouth Kevs: 37** Pianos for the People

PO1 4RL, Historic dockvard, PO1 3LJ 8:00-18:00

**Group Show** Aspex Gallery, PO1 3BF 11:00-16:00

Not for Sale 🥯

Jack House Gallery, PO1 2HW 12:00-16:00

5:00-17:00 and 17:30-18:30

**Portsmouth Keys:** Piano in Focus

An evening with **Brian Bilston** 

Groundlings Theatre, PO1 3BS **Ignite the Phoenix:** 

Re-birth 4 The Loft, PO5 2SE

19:00-21:00 **Calendar Girls** The Musical ③

of Jack & Poll ③

White Swan Building, PO1 2DT

**Portsmouth Kevs:** 

Harry the Piano

New Theatre Royal, PO1 2DD

**Calendar Girls** 

The Musical @

Kings Theatre, PO5 2QJ

The Royal Albert, PO5 2SQ

**Ignite the Phoenix:** 

Kings Theatre, PO5 2QJ

The Ballad

19:30-20:30

19:30-21:15

19:30-22:00

20:00-22:00

**Warmth** &

### Thursday 29 June

Portsmyth 🙉 Online - All Day. Link via website.

**Portsmouth Kevs: Pianos for the People** 

International Port, PO2 8SP, Cascades PO1 4RL, Historic dockyard, PO1 3LJ 8:00-18:00

**Group Show 3** 11:00-16:00

Not for Sale & Jack House Gallery, PO1 2HW 12:00-16:00

**Mardi Gras** presents: Ignite

Governors Green (start), PO1 2NJ

### Friday 30 June

Portsmyth 🙉

Online - All Day. Link via website. **Portsmouth Keys:** 

Pianos for the People International Port, PO2 8SP, Cascades PO1 4RL, Historic dockyard, PO1 3LJ

**Group Show** Aspex Gallery, PO1 3BF 11:00-16:00

**Lunchtime Brass Band** % Central square Gunwharf, PO1 3TZ

12:00-13:30 Not for Sale & Jack House Gallery, PO1 2HW

12:00-16:00 **Louise Morrish** 

Portsmouth High School, PO5 3EQ **Coast of Teeth** 

Eldon Building, PO5 4BG

19:00-20:30

**Ship of the Dead** preview **E** 

Historic Dockyard, PO1 3LJ 19:00-20:30

**Portsmouth Keys:** Fabio & Alanna **Freedom Concert** PGS Rotunda, PO1 2LN

19:00-21:00 **Ignite the Phoenix:** 

Strength 4 Bold Forester, PO4 0JW 19:00-21:00

The Book of the Old **Benny Ghost Stories** ③

Groundlings Theatre, PO1 3BS The Tempest ③

Portchester Castle, PO16 9QW 19:30-22:00 **Calendar Girls** The Musical 🚱

Kings Theatre, PO5 2QJ 19:30-22:00

## Saturday 1 July

**Portsmyth** 

Online - All Day. Link via website.

**Portsmouth Kevs:** Pianos for the People

International Port, PO2 8SP, Cascades PO1 4RL, Historic dockyard, PO1 3LJ

A Place Between

Guildhall Studios, PO1 2AB 10:00-12:00 and 13:30-15:00

Over the Wall & Hilsea LIDO, PO2 9RP 10:00-17:00

**Zine Making with Russell Olson** @

Lord Mayors Banqueting Room. The Guildhall, PO1 2AB 11:00-12:00 / 13:00-14:00 / 15:00-16:00

**Group Show @** Aspex Gallery, PO1 3BF 11:00-16:00

**Open Studios** Art Space, PO5 4PA 11:00-16:00

**Ship of the Dead** (screenings)

Historic Dockyard, PO1 3LJ 11:00-16:30

**Taste of Pompey** John Pounds Centre, PO1 3HN 11:00-13:00

**Ignite the Phoenix:** Ashes 🖾

Coastguard Studios, PO4 0SA 12:00-14:00

Thomas Nash Recital 12:00-13:00

Not for Sale @ Jack House Gallery, PO1 2HW

**The Crow House** ③ Gunwharf Quays, PO1 3TZ

**Calendar Girls** The Musical ③

12:00-16:00

13:00 and 15:00

Kings Theatre, PO5 2QJ 19:30-22:00

VJ in a Day Showcase

The Lens, PO1 2AB 19:00-22:00

The Tempest ③ Portchester Castle, P016 90W

19:30-22:00

### Sunday 2 July

**Portsmyth** Online – All Day. Link via website.

**Portsmouth Kevs:** Pianos for the People

PO1 4RL, Historic dockyard, PO1 3LJ 8:00-18:00 Over the Wall &

**Ignite the Phoenix:** 

**Regeneration** wharf Quays, PO1 3TZ

The Power of the Beat 11:00-13:00 and 13:30-16:00

Ship of the Dead (screenings) 🕾 11:00-16:30

**Group Show 3** 11:00-16:00

**Open Studios** 

11:00-16:00

**Taste of Pompey** 11:30-13:30

Not for Sale & Jack House Gallery, PO1 2HW 12:00-16:00

The Book of the Old **Benny Ghost Stories** Groundlings Theatre, PO1 3BS

The Volcano

sambard Brunel Carpark, PO1 2BX The Tempest ③

Portchester Castle, PO16 9QW 19:30-22:00 **Ignite the Phoenix:** 

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## Multi Story Orchestra – The Volcano

2 JULY 18:00-19:00

Isambard Brunel Car Park (Level 6), Alec Rose Ln, PO1 2BX

£12/£10 concessions

With beats bouncing off concrete car park walls, this celebration of all things percussion is a truly unmissable eruption of sound. From lava and surging to eruption and ash, this Multi-Story Orchestra performance tells the story of the life of the volcano, through an amassed percussion

The Volcano combines the music of Philip Glass and Neboisa Zivkovic with completely new pieces created and improvised in the performance, and featuring incredible young, local musicians.

Ports Fest is delighted to extend another warm welcome to the MSO in their second year of working in partnership on a programme of school workshops and music traineeship



30 JUNE, 1 JULY & 2 JULY 19:30-22:00 (DOORS OPEN 19:00; INTERVAL 20:15) Portchester Castle (Inner Bailey), Church Lane, PO16 9QW

£18/£16.50 Concessions

After the sell-out run of Macbeth at the Castle last year, The Theatre of Dark Encounters return with a magical re-imagining of this story about love and redemption.

On a remote island, Prospero and his daughter watch from their home in a ruined castle, as a ship is wrecked in the harbour; but this is no accident, and this is no ordinary island. As the survivors come to discover, magic does exist and those we think we have successfully cast out, may just be biding their time...

Shipwrecks, sorcerers and surprises; Shakespeare's final play is an enthralling voyage of reckoning and redemption set in the magical setting of Portchester Castle. As you settle with your picnics in the Inner Bailey, and the sun sets behind the castle walls, the magic within is revealed.

This event is outdoors. Doors open at 19:00 and the audience is required to bring blankets/seating for within the Inner Bailey. Toilets available both on site and in the car park.