



The Spark – At Your School

Extraordinary experiences for learning

World class music, dance and theatre curated especially for Leicester and Leicestershire schools.

No need to book costly travel, we are coming to you!

Monday 6 to Friday 10 November 2023

This Autumn experience the magic of The Spark At Your School. With music all the way from Bollywood via Memphis, a new musical from Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho and contemporary dance exploring the friends and foes of the environment drawing from South Asian dance techniques.

These incredible shows promote reading and discovering new worlds in stories, debate the urgent need to look after our environment, and turn up the volume on the thriving diversity in British music.

By booking The Spark, you get the best schools performance programme in the UK.

Your school will talk about it for years to come, and your pupils will remember it forever!

Enhanced Learning Packs

We provide free learning resource packs to enhance your classroom learning and support cross-curriculum links to ensure you get the most out of each performance.



Book before
July 31 for
**20% early bird
discount.**
With shows from
£2.60 a child



**Highly relevant and
exceptional quality –
The Spark can always
be relied on**

Queensmead Primary School

Get in touch to book your Spark At Your School performance and find out more about the opportunities available.



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Back by popular demand with a fresh set of incredible songs

Botown

Music **KS1** **KS2** **KS3**

A gig in your school hall, taking you on a musical journey from Memphis to Mumbai! By the UK's No.1 live Bollywood band

About the Show

Botown are the UK's leading Bollywood live music act. Imagine a legendary 60's soul band playing Bollywood music - that's Botown.

Botown live is an 'adrenaline rush experience' and a unique live musical 'mash-up' featuring Drums, Percussion, Dhol, Saxophone, Guitar, Bass, and vocals. A guided sing-a-long gives children an opportunity to release their inner Bollywood star!

Returning to Leicester schools for a second year after selling out at record speed, don't miss out, book Botown for your school hall and see what all the hype is about!

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We were all so impressed with the band – staff and children! Was a really enjoyable experience, the children have been singing the lyrics since

Medway Primary School

Watch a clip of the band in action

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The Learning Opportunity

This is a unique opportunity for pupils to experience live music while offering role models for underrepresented groups in music. Focus on the cross-curricular potential; link this music to culture and traditions and encourage children to respond visually through making marks and personal expression.

Key themes/values: Diversity, rhythm, listening, collaboration, languages

Available: Monday 6 to Friday 10 November
Morning or afternoon performances

Duration: 50 Minutes

Capacity: 180

Performance space: 5m (width) X 5m (depth)

Set Up: 1 hour

Price:

2 shows in 1 day: £1,170 (approx. £3.25 per child)

1 show, am or pm: £800 (approx. £4.40 per child)

20% discount for bookings made before 31 July



Presented by Akademi

Plastic Drastic Fantastic

Dance

KS2 SEND

A vibrant, fun and thought-provoking dance performance with an environmental message at its heart.

About the Show

Plastic....is it friend or foe? Remarkable or rubbish? Helpful or harmful?

Plastic Drastic Fantastic is a contemporary dance show for children which explores our complex relationship with plastics – the fantastic possibilities they offer, as well as the drastic consequences to the environment.

Dance company Akademi are driven by societal and scientific issues that are relevant and resonant now. The show investigates plastics and the dangers of their misuse through intricate movement, gestures and play.

Originally an Akademi and Polka Theatre co-production



A highly polished and exquisitely performed production for children age 7+, inviting us to take a careful look at plastics and how humans relate to them

Mary Pollard - Everything Theatre

Watch a trailer for the show at
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The Learning Opportunity

The key environmental themes link to **Citizenship** and playing an active role as citizens, **Science** through exploring materials and their properties, and **Geography** by recognising how people can manage environments sustainably.

Key themes/values: Diversity, rhythm, movement, caring for our environment, taking responsibility

Available: Monday 6 to Friday 10 November
Morning or afternoon performances

Duration: 45 Minutes

Capacity: 120

Performance space:
5m (width) X 5m (depth) X 3m (height)

Set Up: 1 hour 30 minutes

The show has been designed to be accessible for D/deaf audiences

Price:
2 shows in 1 day: £1,010 (approx. £4.20 per child)
1 show, am or pm: £640 (approx. £5.30 per child)
20% discount for bookings made before 31 July



Little Seeds Music and Z Arts present

Luna Loves Library Day – The Musical

Based on the critically acclaimed book by
Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho
and illustrator **Fiona Lumbers**

Musical **KS1** **KS2**

About the Show

Luna looks forward to one special day... Library Day! It's the day when she discovers magic among the library shelves, from dinosaurs to mummies, from unexplained mysteries to monsters and magic. But for Luna, Library Day is also a chance to spend time with Dad, making it all the more special. Join Luna and Dad as they discover magic and mystery, laughter and sadness and, through the power of stories, even start to mend their own history.

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Luna Loves Library Day was mine and Fiona Lumbers' debut picture book so it is one very close to our hearts. I cannot wait to share our new adaptation of Luna

Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho

Find out more

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The Learning Opportunity

Key curriculum links to **PSHE**, through exploring conflicts and relationships in families, and **History & Geography**, through exploring Caribbean cultural heritage and ancestry. The learning pack enables educators and students to explore a wide range of topics in the classroom and supports **Literacy**.

Key themes/values: Diversity, rhythm, singing, reading, stories, positive relationships

Available: Monday 6 to Friday 10 November
Whole day – 2 performances

Duration: 60 Minutes

Capacity: 120

Performance space:
5m (width) X 5m (depth) X 3m (height)

Set Up: 2 hours

Price:

2 shows in 1 day: £1,010 (approx. £4.20 per child)
1 show, am or pm: £640 (approx. £5.30 per child)
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Access – for artists & audiences

We want everyone to enjoy the performances and will work with you to make this happen.

Access for children & teachers

At all of our performances children should feel safe to react, move around and come and go as they need to. We can arrange for adaptations to be made to the performance if required, such as lower sound levels or, for small groups to see / feel the set and meet the company before the show. You may wish to bring ear defenders for children who experience sound sensitivity. Some of our programme is non-verbal or has very little spoken word, meaning it can be accessed easily by Deaf audiences and where English is not the first language. BSL and/or captions can be arranged for performances when required.

Access for artists

We will provide any specific access requirements of the company at the point of booking. Please consider the access of your space for any of our artists or staff teams. This might include physical access such as ramps and lifts, plus accessible toilets, location of staff room, fire exits etc, and be aware that some artists may attend with a personal assistant. We may have visitors or delegates in addition to this, so your cooperation and openness about your space enables us to commit to being accessible for all.





HEADS UP!
The Spark Festival
is back
Monday 20 May to
Friday 24 May 2024
Save the dates

Artsmark Partner

We are proud to be supporting schools and education settings on their Artsmark journey, inspiring children and young people to create, experience, and participate in great arts and culture. We offer partnership working to education settings who are working towards, or currently hold an Artsmark Award, through a range of creative and cultural opportunities.



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Working with us is an easy way for schools to kick start their engagement with the two Arts Award qualifications for beginners. Discover and Explore programmes are fun, flexible and self-assessed by your school's Arts Award Adviser, or by one of The Spark's Advisers. The Festival offers a fantastic opportunity for some children to take the first steps with Discover, by seeing a Spark show in their school and writing about it.



*This programme has been subsidised by Arts Council England, giving you a high quality and professional production at an affordable price.



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