The Spark – At Your School

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

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

Tuesday 20 May to Friday 23 May 2025

May 2025

The Spark At Your School is back with more mischief, music and childhood memories yet to be made. Spring is the time to let go, embrace the new and believe in the impossible. With a little sprinkling of Spark empowerment, we know your children will be the ones that make it possible.

On the menu this year we are serving miniature Indian and Persian paintings bought to life by puppeteers and dancers, Les-tah's own punk uprising for Early Years and a surprising story about growing up and joining a band, with your imaginary friend.

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 to ensure you get the most out of each performance.

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



Email hazel@thesparkarts.co.uk Call 0116 261 6893 thesparkarts.co.uk/invited-event/at-your-school-2025



Book before 28 February 2025 **15% early bird discount**. With shows from £2.23 a child

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The Spark Arts for Children continues to be a highlight in our academic calendar. We all look forward to the creative, inclusive performances which are loved by children and staff alike.

Glebelands Primary School

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Les-tah to the Front

Gig-Theatre EYFS (KST) SEND

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An interactive live gig-theatre show full of vibrant Leicester roots, kindness, fun and electrifying punk vibes.

About the Show

Discover the new spirit of punk: punk with empathy! Acclaimed theatre-makers Brigitte Aphrodite and Quiet Boy are bringing their electrifying gig-theatre punk show, co-created with the children of Leicester. Les-tah to the Front is coming to YOUR school.

An inclusive live band experience with the opportunity for children to celebrate the jewels, vibrancy and magic of Leicester through the expression of punk!

No matter how our brains and bodies move through life, rhythm and the expression of music is the beating heart that runs through us all.

Come discover this exciting, immersive gigtheatre movement, bringing Les-tah to the Front!

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A punk gig theatre experience for a new generation

Please mind the blog (on Parakeet)

A glittering rainbow of cheeky surprises, empathy and riot grrrl attitude. $\star \star \star \star \star$

To Do List (On Christmas Goblin)

The Learning Opportunity

This is a unique opportunity for pupils to experience live music. A fantastic tool to facilitate open discussions around voice and agency and to celebrate difference and creative expression.

Key themes/values:

Inclusion, bravery, belonging, live music, kindness, freedom of expression, listening, rhythm.

Available: Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 May 2025 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

Price:

2 shows in 1 day: £1,190 (from £4.21 per child) 1 show, am or pm: £700 (from £4.96 per child) 15% discount for bookings made before Friday 28 February 2025

Presented by Sonia Sabri Company **Mughal Miniatures:** The Elephant and the Drummer



A vibrant and interactive dance storytelling performance which brings together Kathak dance and physical theatre.

About the Show

Elnaz the elephant longs to dance. She watches her slender and agile friends, the birds, the fish and the gazelle, while they happily leap and twirl. But Elnaz feels too big and heavy to join in. Ever since losing her herd, Elnaz has never felt like she fitted in.

One day, her dear friend Dholli returns after a long, adventurous journey and brings with her a whole host of interesting objects from her travels. One of them is a small, colourful drum...

Join Elnaz the Elephant and Dholli the Drummer on their individual journeys of self-discovery, as they explore themes of perception and body positivity. Watch as our dynamic duo are brought together by their shared love of dance and music.

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A fantastic interactive kids show which had primary school children entertained from start to finish. The colourful mask and costumes are a highlight of the piece, along with the engaging storyline.

The Place

The Learning Opportunity

This show offers the opportunity to make links across both Music and PSHE curriculums; powerful storytelling explores themes of personal growth and educates children and adults alike about emotional intelligence.

Key themes/values: Diversity, dance, rhythm, movement, puppetry, perception, body positivity.

Mughal Miniatures: The Elephant and The Drummer is commissioned and co-produced by The Place.



Available: Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 May 2025 Morning or afternoon performances

Duration: 60 Minutes (includes performance followed by interactive elements)

Capacity: 120

Performance space: 6m (width) X 6m (depth) and dry floor (no carpet)

Set Up: 1 hour

Price:

2 shows in 1 day: £1,190 (from £4.21 per child) 1 show, am or pm: £700 (from £4.96 per child) 15% discount for bookings made before Friday 28 February 2025

Dommy B presents Make Some Noise

Poetry/Spoken word (KSI) (KS2



A funny and powerful poetry show that celebrates the power of sound and friendship.

About the Show

Noise can be gentle, quiet, loud, lots of fun and full of feelings.

Dommy B shares a surprising story about growing up, finding a brilliant (but naughty) imaginary friend, becoming 'Junk the Punk' and joining a great school band (Whizzkid and the Veggie Burgers)!

Dommy B is a multi-award winning performer of poetry and stories in theatres and festivals across the UK and overseas. He was Glastonbury festival's Poet in Residence and is also known from his TV appearances including CBeebies 'Rhyme Rocket'.

In this new show, there'll be rhymes, jokes, and lots of opportunity to make some noise!

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We loved having Dominic in school... This was a rare show that delighted and engaged Reception, challenged KS1's preconceptions, got Year 6 involved and interested and had the adults in stitches too. An author visit that feels more like a comedy show, but still has the children asking thoughtful questions. Highly recommended. Headteacher

The Learning Opportunity

Key curriculum links to PSHE and Citizenship, through the exploration of relationships in families and friendships, and Literacy, giving pupils rich opportunities to engage with poetry and language in a fun and dynamic way.

Key themes/values:

Poetry, stories, gratitude, diversity, relationships, friendship

7 Really very inspiring. I love the seriousness and the humour. **Benjamin Zephaniah**

Available: Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 May 2025 Morning or afternoon performances

Duration: 60 Minutes

Capacity: 120

Performance space: 3m (width) X 2m (depth) x 2.5m (height)

Set Up: 1 hour

Price:

2 shows in one day: £630 (from £2.23 per child) 1 show, am or pm: £370 (from £2.62 per child) 15% discount for bookings made before 28 February 2025



Access – for artists & audiences

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

Access for school audiences – children & teachers

Access for artists

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 nonverbal 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. We will let you know 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.





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.



Arts Award Supporter

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. At Your School 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.





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