

Exhibitions



Film



Performance



Poetry



Literature



Music



Play & Work

22 May Mothers and daughters, fathers and sons *Luton Central Library*
Maria Kukhareva uses images of several generations of a family to capture the lives and stories of women and men living in Luton and Bedfordshire. Until 11 June

28 May B: Visual *Costa Coffee, UoB Park Square*
Artists and photographers of all ages have been working on masterpieces inspired by the theme of conflict and peacemaking. Drop in for a cup of coffee and see the shortlisted pieces exhibited in the University Reception. Until 10 June 9am - 6pm

11 June 2009 Art & Design Degree Show *UoB Park Square*
A show case of creative work, including an impressive array of photography, fine art, fashion, video art, interior design and graphic design. If you have ever wondered what goes on in the University, this is your chance to find out!

5 June Silent Film Evening *Charlie Browns*
The film weekend continues with a trip back to the days of early cinema. Enjoy a silent film classic, accompanied by live music arranged especially for this evening. 10pm £5.00

24 May Play in a Day *Website Opens*
Intrepid performers who can take on the challenge to conceive, write, cast, rehears and perform a 10 minute performance within a 24 hour period need to have registered by today. Log onto www.aplayinaday.co.uk and suggesting titles, props and a line of dialogue.

29 May B:Live-Lunchtime Graffiti Art Demonstration *Market Hill*
Aiming to show graffiti as an art form, Bedford based artist, Jason Owens transforms an old abandoned van into a piece of art work, with support of DJs and dancers from Unseen Shadows troop (part of Dance Nation company). And you of course! 12pm - 2pm

29 May Music's Duel with the Evening Star *Waterstones*
Gavin Selerie will be reading from his forthcoming collected works, Music's Duel. Lee Harwood has been publishing poetry since 1965 and is a significant poet of the British Poetry Revival. 7pm-9pm £5.00/£3.00

31 May Ode to Beard Stroking *The Green Room*
The Bermuda Triangle may eat up ships, and the Rhubarb Triangle provide a tasty treat, but when you create a triangle out of three local poetry societies, who knows what you might end up with? An afternoon of locally grown entertainment, and an open mic for anyone who wants to read.

29 May B:Creative *BBC Three Counties*
Tune into the Lorna Milton Afternoon Show which today features some very special guests, the winners of the B:Fest Creative writing Competition. They will discuss the inspiration behind their pieces and what the competition means to them. 4pm

28 May The Knockout *the hat Factory*
Experience music legends, The Knockouts, and guests in a multimedia extravaganza. Not one to be missed for old and new fans. Please see website for full band listings and prices. From 8pm

27 May Art as Inspiration *UoB, Park Square*
Ismail Khayat (former Khurdish Minister of Culture) leads this session on how conflict can inspire art and art can inspire peace. 1pm - 2pm Booking essential: gavin.stewart@beds.ac.uk

22 May Iraq- the forgotten story *the hat Factory*
A powerful, moving and challenging visual arts exhibition of never before seen work by the people directly affected - it is their story. Curated by the Preemptive Love Coalition and the international artists collective, [A Thin Place.org](http://AThinPlace.org) Until 12 June 10am - 4pm

1 June Making Beautiful Mistakes *Market Hill, The Mall*
Visual artist Nahla Al-Tabbaa is a Jordanian student in her final year at Central Saint Martins College. Watch as she transforms a Mall space into a surreal organic looking landscape to create a one - day installation. 9am - 5pm

Gateway Gallery Exhibition *Arrivals Lounge, London Luton Airport*
London Luton Airport and Luton Cultural Services Trust present an exhibition of vibrant and exiting work by talented local artists. If you are travelling through the Festival period check it out!

5 June A Premiere Degree *the hat Factory*
View new and exciting work from film makers of the future. Third year students premiere their films. A panel of industry experts (such as Hollyoaks producer Alex Kalymnios) will provide commentary and feedback. 3pm - 9pm £5.00

25 May Luton International Carnival
This annual spectacular is a great day out for the family and celebrates the town's many cultures. Highlight of the day is the colourful and amazing parade, backed up by vibrant entertainment and a variety of crafts and international food stalls. 12-7pm

2 June Floaters *the hat Factory*
One of the highlights of last years Festival, we are delighted to welcome the Upstage Theatre Company back to Luton. This year their one act play deals with the serious issue of the effects of rape on 8 people involved. 7.30pm £4.50 £2.50

30 May Being Horrible To Poetry *The Green Room*
Sean Bonney, Frances Kruk, Jow Lindsay and Sophie Robinson: expect entertaining and electric performances from these four London-based poets. 1.30pm £4.00/£3.00

3 June Hegley and Horovitz *the hat Factory*
Luton's own, and the country's most innovative comic poet, John Hegley, teams up with Michael Horovitz, legendary poet and musician. Fun, flair, subversion: nothing is too serious for laughter. 7.30pm - 10pm £10/£8, £5.00

22 May B:Fest 09 Official Launch Party *Bellinis*
Kick off the Festival in style at the Official Festival Launch Party. Music comes from breakbeat outfit Duel Calibre with support from Chris Sudive, GuycalledFresh and LaB Radio DJ's. 8pm - 2am Free Rave theme so come dressed up

30 May B:Live-Indie @George 2nd
31 May B:Live-Indie@The Castle
A weekend of Indie Music brought to you by George 2nd, The Castle, Gate 9 Promotions and PDM Music. Please see website for full band listings and prices. From 7.30pm

27 May Creative Industries Network Night *the hat Factory*
No matter what art form you work with, if you are setting up a creative business this is for you. For any artist who needs business, legal or funding advice, this opportunity to network with those in the know is not to be missed! Join Luton Cultural Services Trust for nibbles and jazz jam 6.30pm Free Booking and further information Caren.Ashton-Penketh@LutonCulture.com

22 May Express Yourself *Hospital Surgical Block*
During April Luton and Dunstable Hospital held a fine art, photography and poetry competition to celebrate its 70th anniversary. The winning entries can now be seen on display at the Hospital. Until 11 June 9am - 8pm

2 June Parallel
Every day of existence is a long mad dream. The "Parallel" exhibition tends to awake us for a moment and allow escape into an unknown, however similar, form of reality. Until 8 June

24 May Bollywood Spice (Bollywood Tadaka) *Radio Lab*
A documentary which focuses on the journey of Indian cinema from the silent era, the actions films of the 70's through to the post liberalisation of Indian films in the 1990's and to present day Bollywood. 5 pm

6 June Experimental Alternatives *Manhattans*
More innovative and experimental work from all over Europe - a perfect alternative for those fed up with formulaic Hollywood block-busters! 6pm £5.00

26 May Hip-Hop and House Taster Classes *UoB*
Discover yourself in hip-hop and house. These introductory classes, by the dancers from Unseen Shadows troop (part of Dance Nation Company), will show you basic dance moves. All levels welcome. Wear sports trainers and loose trousers, and don't forget to grab a bottle of water! 3pm - 5pm Booking Essential

6 June Find Your Way Out Tour *St George's Square*
The biggest tour to hit Luton in 2009, young people from Victory youth group will be showcasing their talents with vibrant music, drama and dancing performances as well as giving young people practical advice and guidance on whatever issue they are facing. 2.30pm-5pm

30 May Blue Bus in Luton *The Green Room*
David Miller brings the Blue Bus reading series up from London, which sees him read alongside Jeff Hilson, Johan de Wit and Giles Goodland. 4pm £4.00/£3.00

22 May Literature Lounge *The Old Shop*
Literature lounge presents Spoken Word, music and film in unique ways. Featured performers include Blues Master Robert Hokum and poet Anjan Saha. Come along and participate in one of the several open mic slots. 8pm -10pm £3.50

23 May B:Live-Rock and Metal@The Castle
A weekend of Rock and Metal Music brought to you by George2nd Gate 9 Promotions and PDM Music. Please check website for full band listings and prices. From 7.30 pm

04 June Open Mic Nite @The Castle
All welcome to come along and perform at the Festival Open Mic Night, whether you're a budding singer/song-writer, musician, poet or comedian! Whatever your talent, come down and share it with us. From 7.30 pm

28 May The Mindset *UoB Student Union (UBSU)*
Are you an artist looking for inspiration? Then The Mindset is the place to be! A creative event featuring audio/visual performances workshops, DJ'ing, VJ'ing and lots of fun! Includes BBQ, different performance and exhibitions. 5pm-3am £3.00

22 May Nexus *Stockwood Discovery Centre*
Six artists display a diverse collection of ideas and themes, in an open and unconventional environment. Nexus invites people to connect with what they see, make new links to what they already know and to become part of something. Until 25 May

2 June Exelixis
Students from the University of Bedfordshire explore the freedom to work on their own practice, while exercising the evolution of painting and space in a uniform exhibition. Until 9 June

3 June Indian Film Seminar *UoB Park Square*
A leading expert on Indian cinema talks about the mechanics and subtleties of Indian Film Making. Booking essential: gavin.stewart@beds.ac.uk 1pm-2pm Free

6 June See Our Shorts! *Manhattans*
An opportunity to see short films submitted by film makers from all over Europe. 4pm £5.00

27 May A Performance Showcase *UoB*
Devised and written by UoB final year students the themes of these performances cover teenage pregnancy, communication for young people at secondary school, living with depression as carer and sufferer, emotional memory, autism and mortality. From 9.45am

6 June Play in a Day *Judith Blake Theatre UoB*
The world premiere of 10 minute masterpieces, written, casted and rehearsed by intrepid groups of performers, in the previous 24 hours. Doors 5.30pm Performances 6.30pm £5.00

30 May Colour Breaks Out *The Library*
Caroline Bergvall is a multi-disciplinary writer who has performed and exhibited work around the world. Redell Olsen has exhibited work in England & America. Hear them read from their innovative work. 7.30pm - 9pm £5.00/£3.00

23 May The Playful Paradox: Creative Writing on Campus *Park Square*
It is an informal conference for staff and postgraduate students, and any one intrested in creative writing programmes to show case their work- both practice and theory. 9am-5pm Free for student/Staff £10/ £7

24 May B:Live- An Irie Vibe *The Mall*
After a triumphant performance as part of last year B:Fest Ed Ishmael King returns again this year to treat us all with acoustic rendition of songs with a positive vibe from past and present. Come down and join in the merriment. 12pm - 4pm

06 June B Live Folk and Blues@George 2nd
A weekend of Folk and Blues Music brought to you by George2nd, Gate 9 Promotions and PDM Music. Please check website for full band listings and prices. From 7.30pm

5 June Under the Mask 2- Gamers Confrence *UoB Park Square*
A two-day celebration of video game culture. Featuring key notes from professional game makers, game performances from professional game players, demonstrations of game-making technologies and presentations by academic experts. Free for UoB Staff, Students and Alumni. 9am - 5pm Entrance £20 for full delegates, £7. Please book online <http://underthemasck.wikiidot.com/registration>

27 May Living Spaces *The Mall*
Akmal abd-Elahman, Ali Goodyear and Gill Ayre present an exhibition that reflects upon landscapes: natural, man-made, internal/ external. These pieces encourage a reflection of our surroundings and how spaces co-exist.

4 June B:Visual *The Mall*
Artists and photographers of all ages have been working on masterpieces inspired by the theme of conflict and peacemaking. Winning entries are displayed by the information desk in the Mall. Until 11 June

4 June The BAGSA's *Green Room*
Luton answer to the BAFTA's- The inaugural Bedfordshire Animation Graduate awards is a screening of a range of animation productions, and an informal awards ceremony. Network with practitioners, and gain an insight into the animation work process. 6.30pm £4.50

7 June Alibaba and the Forty Sales *The Edge*
A showing of short documentary films followed by a screening of a film made by talented University of Bedfordshire student Aliakbar Campwala. 2pm £5.00

28 May B:Live-Lunchtime Music *Market Hill*
Enjoy Live Lunchtime entertainment from a number of talented performers. Today music is provided by Verity sessions, Tom Evans and the Outlaws of Tombstone. 12pm - 4pm

11 June 2009 Graduate Fashion Show *UoB*
Showcasing the collaboration between the Fashion Design and Specialist Make-up Design students. Marking the end of B:Fest & the start of the Art & Design Degree Show. Sponsored by The Mall 5.30pm, 7pm, 8.30pm

26 May Blind Love of Dead Spring *Green Room/George2nd/The Castle Waterstones/Bellinis*
Throughout the Festival follow a trail of contemporary art works and poetry installations round Luton town centre.

23 May An evening with LC Tayler *Waterstones*
Hear this rising star on the Macmillan New Writing list read from his novels before answering questions from the audience. 7pm - 8pm £3.50

24 May B:Live-Rock and Metal@George II
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8 June B:Live, Folk and Blues@The Castle
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B:Fest

Luton Arts Festival

22 May - 11 June

www.lutonartsfestival.org



B:INVOLVED - Festival Competitions

B: Visual Arts Competition for all ages.

B:Fest, Luton Arts Festival is inviting artists and photographers of all ages from across the region to submit their masterpieces, which are inspired by the theme of conflict and peacemaking, for selection by a panel of visual art judges from the local community. Successful works will be exhibited as part of B:Fest in May and June 2009 at the University of Bedfordshire and The Mall, Arndale Centre. The competition is free to enter. Winners in each age group will have their work exhibited and the overall winners will receive Mall cards as prizes. There are five age groups: Under 8, 8-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18+ and work can be submitted between 6th - 30th April 2009. Sponsored by the Murry Barford Trust.

B:Creative Writing Competition for Schools

We would like to invite your pupils to be creative by submitting a story for our Creative Writing competition, based on this year's festival theme 'Inspiration'. The piece should be about a page long, and tell the story of something inspiring, whether it be about a person, or a good deed, or a story inspired by music, or other sources, including, of course, other writing. It can be fiction or based on real life. The prizes come in the form of publication, initially on the B:Fest website and in the Herald and Post. There are three age groups: 7-11, 12-15 and 16 and over, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded in each age group.

'A Play in A Day' for all ages.

B:Fest, Luton Arts Festival, seeks creative and intrepid groups of performers (actors, dancers, musicians) of all ages to take part in Luton's very first *A Play in A Day*. Participants will have 24 hours to conceive, write/choreograph, cast, and rehearse a 10 minute piece for performance that evening. The pieces will be inspired by a title, prop, and line of dialogue allocated to each group, at random, 24 hours before the curtain goes up. Performances will be judged by a panel of experts and there will be an 'Audience's Favourite' award! There will be a small entrance fee for this event.

Further details on all competitions are available on the website, by emailing enquiries@lutonartsfestival.org or by calling 01582 743464

B: Involved



B:Fest is organised by a dedicated group of volunteers. We are extremely grateful to all our sponsors, partners and supporters for their invaluable contributions.

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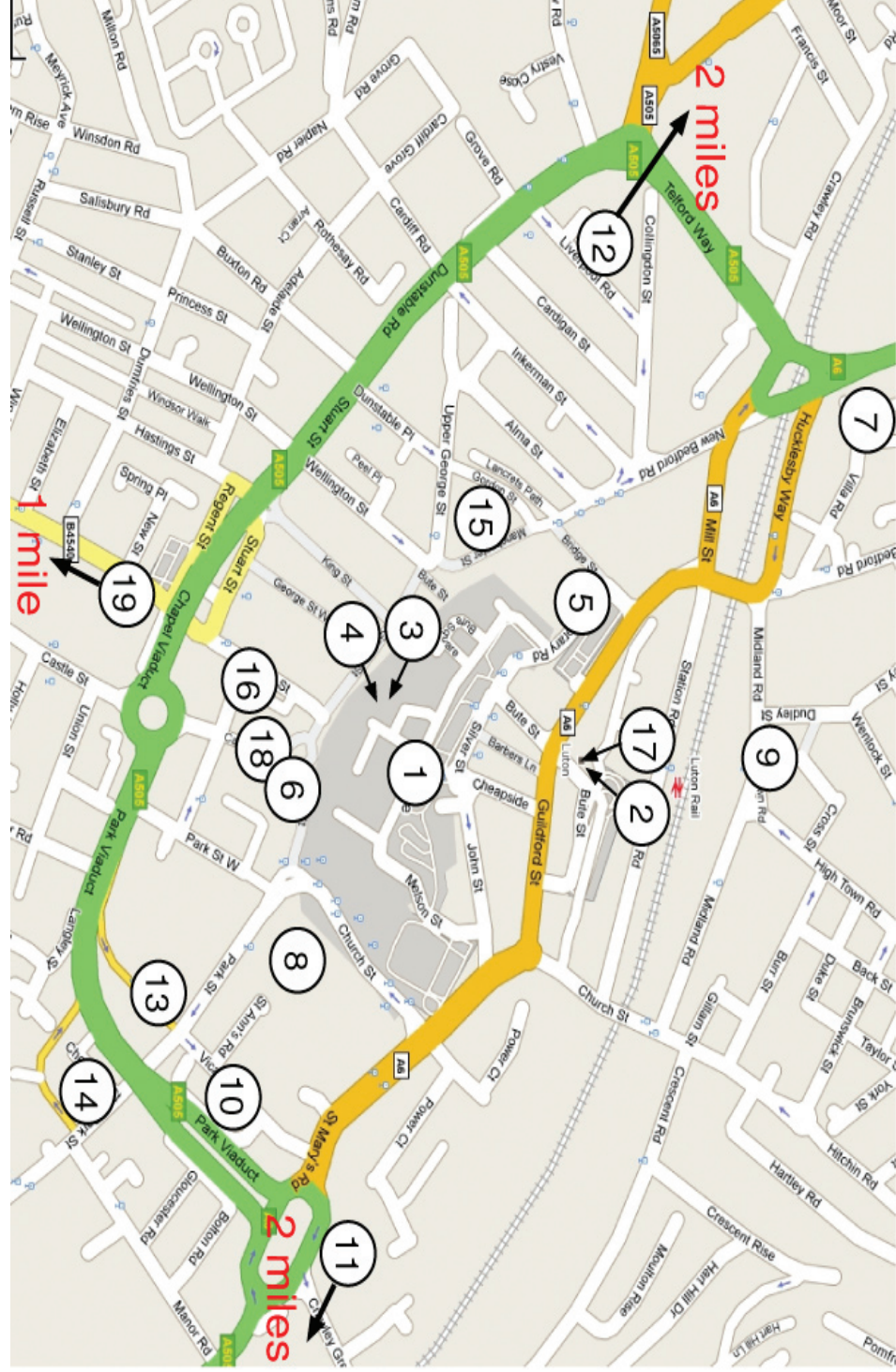


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B: Inspired

Every effort has been made to ensure that all information in the brochure is correct at time of going to print. However you are strongly advised to check the website (or phone the booking line) for updates, amendments, cancellations as well as opening and performance times and dates. Festival Information/Booking Line 01582 743464, www.lutonartsfestival.org, enquiries@lutonartsfestival.org.

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



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- 3 The Old Shop, 32a George St, Luton, LU1 2AZ
- 4 Waterstones George Street LU1 2AZ
- 5 Luton Central Library & St George's Square, LU1 2NG
- 6 The Leaside Hotel, 72 New Bedford Rd, LU3 1BT
- 7 Market Hill LU1 2AA
- 8 University of Bedfordshire, Park Square, LU1 3JU
- 9 Charlie Browns, 114-134 Midland Rd, LU2 0BL
- 10 The Student Union, Vicarage Street, Bedfordshire, LU1 3HZ
- 11 The Gateway Gallery, Arrivals Lounge, London Luton Airport, LU2 9LY

FESTIVAL PROGRAM:

This year we have divided the program into themes – you can see the full details by opening up this leaflet.

FESTIVAL WRISTBANDS:

These give free or discounted access to all Festival events. At £7.50, or only £5.00 concession they are the best way to get the most out of B:Fest!  next to an event listing indicates this event is free to festival wristband holders.

 This means the wrist band will provide a discount. In either case, to guarantee a spot, you still need to book through the box office. See below for purchasing details.

FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE:

To be sure of a place at any event (even the free ones or if you have a festival wristband) we strongly recommend you book your ticket in advance either online at www.lutonartsfestival.org, via email enquiries@lutonartsfestival.org or by telephone 01582 743464 (leave a message and we'll get back to you.)

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FESTIVAL DVD:

A DVD of B:Fest events, including the Play in A Day performances, can be ordered online. Proceeds from the sale of this will go to the Pasque Charity.

See us also on Facebook <http://bit.ly/bfest>, www.myspace.com/bfest09 <http://twitter.com/BFest2009>

Please note the map is for guidance only and you are advised to use a more detailed map for exact locations.

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