Brighton Festival
2021 Planner
From Sat 1 May
**ARRIVALS + DEPARTURES**

An interactive public artwork about birth, death and the journey in between, created by artist duo YARA + DAVINA.

**Fri 30 Apr–Sat 8 May**
Pavilion Gardens **FREE**

With generous support from Arka Original Funerals
Brighton Festival is a partner in Without Walls
Without Walls at Brighton Festival 2021 is supported by Southern Water

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**Ray Lee:**
**Points of Departure**

Against the backdrop of night, take a walk through the atmospheric industrial landscape of Shoreham Port and be dazzled by otherworldly sound and light installations.

**Sat 1–Sun 23 May**
Shoreham Port **£15 7+ with adult supervision**

With generous support from Shoreham Port

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**Blast Theory: Rider Spoke**

Cycle through the streets, guided by a smartphone app, searching for the perfect place to hide a secret as the voices of strangers draw you to new and unknown places.

**Sat 1–Sun 23 May**
Meeting point on New Road **From £5 Age 16+**

Rider Spoke at Brighton Festival 2021 is supported by BTN Bikeshare

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**House Mother Normal**

A digital installation inspired by BS Johnson’s celebrated novel, given the equivalent of a digital remastering by Brighton artist and ‘the country’s preeminent experimental playwright’ (The Stage), Tim Crouch.

**Online:** Wed 5–Mon 31 May
Site Specific at 8 Duke’s Lane,
Brighton BN1 1BG: Mon 17–Mon 31 May (not Wed 19 & Wed 26 May)

**£5 16+**

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**Tell Me Something About Family**

Brighton Festival 2021’s Guest Director Lemn Sissay presents an interactive new digital project, lighting up the world with personal stories, phrases and sayings about family.

**From Fri 7 May**
Online **FREE**

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**Schwanengesang**

The great baritone Roderick Williams is joined by rising stars Ella Taylor (soprano) and Themba Mvula (baritone) to explore Schubert’s song cycle Schwanengesang (‘Swan Song’).

**Mon 17 May**
Brighton Dome Concert Hall **£25**

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**Olafur Eliasson:**
**The Forked Forest Path**

Explore the twisting pathways of a fairytale forest that sprang up in the imagination of the internationally renowned Danish-Icelandic artist.

**Tue 18 May–Sun 20 Jun**
Fabrica **FREE**

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**BAIT with Live Score by Gwenn and Georgia Ellery**

Mark Jenkin’s BAFTA-winning indie hit, a stark depiction of tensions in a Cornish community between a local fisherman and metropolitan incomers, is a lo-fi tour de force. Accompanied by a new score performed live.

**Sat 22 May**
Brighton Dome Concert Hall **£18**
Dear Nature

Socially engaged artist John Newling’s letters to Nature form a poetic manifesto in this thought-provoking co-commission by Brighton Festival. Composers Sally Beamish and Lisa Heute link a selection of the letters with a series of pieces for solo cello.

Mon 24 May
Brighton Dome Concert Hall
£18

Strings of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

The string players of the RPO perform works for string orchestra by Mendelssohn, Ireland, Tchaikovsky and the contemporary American composer Jessie Montgomery.

Thu 27 May
Brighton Dome Concert Hall
£25

Eliza & Martin Carthy: East

A specially crafted evening of musical and poetic works inspired by mesmerising myths, legends, poems, ballads and dance from England’s Eastern seaboard. With visuals by Marry Waterson and special guests Kenneth Cranham, Wilko Johnson and Miranda Richardson.

Sat 29 May
Brighton Dome Concert Hall
£25

La Gateau Chocolat: LIMINAL

The opera occasional black bearded diva comes to Brighton Dome after a year in absentia with this onenightonly treat.

Sun 30 May
Brighton Dome Concert Hall
£20

12+

Your Visit

COVID 19 - Keeping you safe

We are re-opening and looking forward to welcoming you back!

Brighton Festival is following National Guidelines on Covid-19 to ensure that when we are permitted to open again, that we are doing so safely. In over 50 years we’ve never cancelled our Festival, so cancelling in 2020 was heart-breaking. We are over the moon to be able to hold socially distanced events and we have worked hard to create a safe environment for you, as well as our artists and staff.

To keep you safe while you are at the Festival we have:

• Limited overall capacity
• Socially distanced seating layouts and plenty of space at outdoor events
• Face coverings are compulsory for audience and staff inside venues, at outdoor events face coverings are encouraged
• Staggered arrival and departure
• Reduced capacity and adjustments within toilets
• One-way systems which possible
• Social distancing markers
• Signage and staff to remind everyone what is required – Give space, wash your hands and wear your face coverings
• Enhanced high touch point cleaning
• Enhanced ventilation
• Contactless ticketing and payments
• Hand sanitising stations
• Track and Trace using the QR code on arrival or by speaking to a member of our team
• Temperature checking on entry to indoor spaces for the audience and for our staff and artists

When Not to Visit

Please do not visit us if you or a member of the family have tested positive for Covid-19, have symptoms (the main symptoms are a new continuous cough, high temperature and a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of smell or taste) or have been asked to isolate following a Test and Trace call.

We are offering refunds or ticket exchange to anyone who reports to us 3 hours prior to the performance that they cannot attend for the reasons given above.

Book Your Tickets

Tickets must be booked in advance
brightonfestival.org
01273 709709

In person at
Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival Ticket Office
East Gate, Church Street, Brighton BN1 1UE
(see brightonfestival.org for opening times)

There is a £2.50 per order charge. Full t&cs at brightonfestival.org

Access enquiries

Please visit our website at brightonfestival.org/accessibility for venue accessibility and a list of assisted performances.

For specific access enquiries:
access@brightonfestival.org
01273 261541/525

I am not defined by scars but by the incredible ability to heal”

Lemn Sissay, Guest Director
Brighton Festival 2021
Birth Café: Sun 2 May
Global Conversations: Myth and Discovery
Mon 3 May
Death Café: Tue 4 May
House Mother Normal - online
Wed 5–Mon 31 May
Angela Saini on Science
Thu 6 May
Redefining Grief: Thu 6 May
Tell Me Something About Family: Fri 7–Mon 31 May
Global Conversations: Writing Work
Fri 7 May
HALO Family Workshops with Leap Then Look
Sat 8 May
Snow Food and Otters’ Moon
Sat 8 May
Looking for Clues: Sat 8 May
Global Conversations: African Diaspora Movements
Sat 8 May

**Week 2**

Mon 10–Sun 16 May

Outdoors
HERSTORY
Sat 1–Mon 31 May
Window Gallery at Phoenix: Art Space: Care
Sat 1–Sun 23 May
Brighton Festival Ditchling Museum Music Trail
Sat 1–Mon 31 May

Online
MOOP x MNEMOSCENE
Sat 1–Tue 18 May
I See Red
Sat 1–Mon 31 May
Daily Profundis
Sat 1–Sat 15 May
House Mother Normal - Online
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Hisunt Leones - Hunting for New Physics at the Large Hadron Collider
Tue 11 May
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Live Discussion with Peter Sellers
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Film Presentation Wed 12 May
Semiconductor in conversation with Ariane Koek
Thu 13 May
Global Conversations: A Heritage of Resistance
Fri 14 May
Jacqueline Wilson
Sat 15 May
Rainbow Grey: Sat 15 May
Michael Rosen’s Brighton Birthday
Sat 15 May

**Week 3**

Mon 17–Sun 23 May

Outdoors
HERSTORY
Sat 1–Mon 31 May
Window Gallery at Phoenix: Art Space: Care
Sat 1–Sun 23 May
Lemonade: Music on the move
Sat 1–Sun 30 May
Bluest Theory: Rider Spoke
Sat 1–Sun 23 May
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**Week 4**

Mon 24–Mon 31 May

Outdoors
HERSTORY
Sat 1–Mon 31 May
Window Gallery at Phoenix: Art Space: Care
Sat 1–Sun 30 May
Lemonade: Music on the move
Sat 1–Sun 30 May
Bluest Theory: Rider Spoke
Sat 1–Sun 23 May
Ray Lee: Points of Departure
Sat 1–Sun 23 May
Pier to Pier
Sat 10 May–Sun 6 Jun
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