



the customs house  
arts and entertainment for all

# WHAT'S ON

March / April 2018



# Hello everyone,

I remember the day Muhammad Ali came to South Shields, it was on and off then suddenly happened. I also remember Alan Price telling me how magic it was to have been on the open top bus and how the faces of the crowd lit up when they caught the great man's eye. This new musical from Cooke and Wright touches on that excitement and how this legend touched the hearts and minds of our community. Directed by the award-winning Jamie Brown, who brought us Geordie the Musical, it will once again unite our community in celebration.

Incidentally Stuart Maconie is also celebrating a story from the past in his book A Long Road from Jarrow a journey through Britain now and then, it's a great read and thoughtful piece and Stuart will be here to tell the tales behind it.

Our Magic Festival is back and once again will welcome 200 delegates from all points north and south, to wonder and amaze at the top line up of international acts. Somebody else making a welcome return "home" is the wonderful Sandancer Superstar Joe McElderry, if you've never seen Joe live don't miss the chance, he is simply incredible and his voice is maturing like a fine wine.

Finally a note for our Youth Theatre groups who are both to perform this season: these are the stars of the future and work so hard to bring you these two great productions, so get along and show your support. That's a little of what we have on offer hope you enjoy some or all of this season

Ray. **Ray Spencer MBE** Executive Director,  
The Customs House Trust Ltd



Watch out for these symbols to make the most out of your theatre experience.



## Still to come in February

### Cal Halbert

Saturday February 17

Variety show with the stand-up comedian and impressionist, as seen on Britain's Got Talent.



### Johnny Cash Roadshow

Sunday February 18

Respected singer/songwriter Clive John celebrates the music of Johnny Cash.



### A Midsummer Night's Dream

Wednesday February 21

Ballet Theatre UK presents a magical re-telling of Shakespeare's classic play.



### Teachers

Thursday Feb 22 and Friday Feb 23

A revival of John Godber's classic comedy about life at a struggling 'sink' school.



### Customs House Big Band

Saturday February 24

Big band numbers with vocals from the award-winning Ruth Lambert.



### Bye Bye Baby

Sunday February 25

A musical journey through the career of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.



## The Cultural Spring

Award-winning arts initiative The Cultural Spring has commissioned four pieces of theatre to tour South Tyneside including The Customs House. The four shows are: Wee Red and Her Wolf, a tale inspired by Little Red Riding Hood; Best in the World, a hilarious story of personal achievement told through the world of darts; The Annual (Inaugural) Walter Plinge Memorial Lecture, in which writer Eric MacLennan explores true - and not-so-true - stories from South Tyneside, and Becoming Scheherazade, a play incorporating the 1001 stories of the Arabian Nights with the real story of Arab immigration to Europe.

Wee Red and Her Wolf / Sunday 11th March / 12:00pm / Age 7+

Best in the World / Tuesday 13th March / 7:30pm / Age 13+

Becoming Scheherazade / Thursday 22nd March / 12:30pm / Age 16+

Walter Plinge Lecture / Monday 16th April / 12:30pm / Age12+



### FREE Metro Travel:

With your theatre ticket to and from the performance for up to 2 hours. Simply show your theatre ticket to the Metro inspector.

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# TAKE PART

with The Customs House



## Mini & Mega Makers February Half-Term Fun Monday 2nd April and 9th April / £2 per child

Make, create and explore with themes 'Squishy, Sticky and Fluffy' and 'Amazing Optical Art'.

**Mini Makers** (for children 11 and under with their grown-ups) 11am to 1.30pm.

**Mega Makers** (for young people 11 to 13yrs. No Grown Ups Allowed) 2.30pm to 4pm.

No need to book but places are limited.  
Contact: [elizabeth@customshouse.co.uk](mailto:elizabeth@customshouse.co.uk)

## THE TAKEOVER FESTIVAL

Win prizes, rub shoulders with successful artists. Organise a week of theatre, film, poetry, dance, music and visual art or showcase your own work. Work with industry professionals to develop your skills and take the first steps towards a career in the arts. We've already helped thousands of young artists and arts leaders gain skills that have pushed them forward, and now it's your chance!

Contact: [fiona@customshouse.co.uk](mailto:fiona@customshouse.co.uk) / 0191 427 8188.

## Join Our Weekly Film and Theatre Groups

### Filmmaking (13-19yrs) Thursdays / 5:00-7:00pm / £3.50

Our weekly group will help you make your own movies and see them on the big screen. You'll work with industry pros to learn skills in different areas of filmmaking and shoot films on location around Tyne and Wear. Learn to record sound effects and music at The CustomSpace and get hands-on experience of filmmaking equipment. And you'll make new friends along the way.

Contact: [fiona@customshouse.co.uk](mailto:fiona@customshouse.co.uk) / 0191 427 8188.

### Youth Theatre (10-21yrs) Fridays / 4:30-6:30pm / £3.50

Our weekly drama group work together to perform plays at The Customs House and Northern Stage. You'll develop acting and devising skills through workshops and rehearsals. Create high quality performances for large audiences in professional theatre spaces, and don't worry if you're not a singer or dancer, it's all about acting!

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### Schools Learning Programme

Our Schools Learning Programme gives children the opportunity to think about creative professions, art, craft and design. One-off workshops and short projects linked to the curriculum help children develop visual literacy, creativity, confidence and communication skills. Contact: [elizabeth@customshouse.co.uk](mailto:elizabeth@customshouse.co.uk) / 0191 427 8198.

Our work with children and young people has been rated 'Outstanding' by Arts Council England. We offer many South Tynesiders their first experience of theatre, film and visual arts and opportunities to become creators themselves. We provide support to take part in workshops, join weekly groups and showcase work at events.

Visit [www.customshouse.co.uk](http://www.customshouse.co.uk) for more info on projects and groups at The Customs House.

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### Please Note:

Online booking charge of £2.50 per transaction (not per ticket).  
Tickets can be posted for £1 (optional).



# THEATRE



THE UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND PRESENTS  
**The Wiz**

**Thursday March 1 / 2pm and 5pm**  
**From £8**



The University of Sunderland is delighted to present The Wiz. Students will perform their version of the multi-Tony Award winning soul spectacular.



**University of Sunderland**



## Jason Cook's Comedy Club

**Saturday March 3 / Saturday April 7 /  
Saturday May 5 / Saturday June 2**  
**7.45pm / £9.50 / Recommended 16+**



Join Jason Cook as the host of his comedy club, which brings huge TV names, daft guests and incredible surprises to The Customs House. The biggest names in comedy at the biggest comedy club in the north – and all still for under a tenner!



THE CUSTOMS HOUSE JUNIOR GROUP PRESENTS  
**StereoTYPED** WRITTEN BY LAURA TURNER

**Monday 26 March / 7.30pm**  
**PWYD / Running time approx. 40 minutes**



Growing up feels like the whole world is telling you who you should be. It's all a confusing blur! This new play tackles just that: friendship, life online and figuring out who you want to be.



## SOUTH TYNESIDE INTERNATIONAL MAGIC FESTIVAL

### Family Magic Extravaganza

**Thursday March 15 / 6.30pm / £8**



A wonderful show for all the family brought to you by South Tyneside Council and sponsors Magicbox Newcastle.

### Gala Magic Show

**Fri March 16 and Sat March 17 / 8pm / £14 / £13 Conc.**



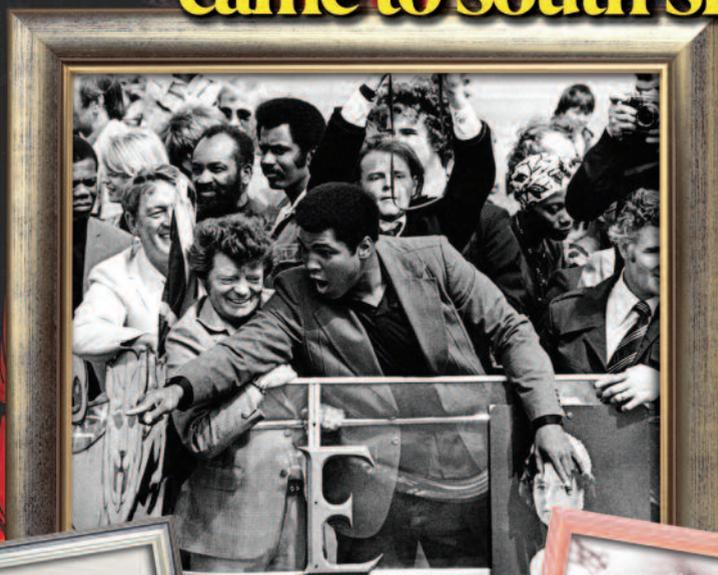
Two evenings of mesmerising magic by entertainers from around the world with compere Mark James.

Friday March 16: Mesmerising performances from Andrew Green, Henri White, Jamie Raven and Javi Benitez.

Saturday March 17: Entrancing magic from Genetics, James Phelan, Juan Luis Rubiales, Kennedy, Tom Stone and Woody Aragon.

THE CUSTOMS HOUSE, SOUTH SHIELDS PRESENTS  
A COMMUNITY PRODUCTION

# The day MUHAMMAD ALI came to South Shields



TICKETS  
FROM  
£7.00



**A new musical from the award-winning Dance to Your Daddy team  
celebrating South Tyneside's greatest year.**

It's 1977 and Joe Kelly can't believe his luck. His sporting hero, Muhammad Ali is coming to South Shields and Joe has a great idea. It will get everyone talking, make his dad proud and, more importantly, impress Maya, the girl next door. *All he needs is a little bit of help from the great man himself.*

**Tuesday 6th to Saturday 10th March 2018**

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## Psychic Sally – Kisses to Heaven

**Tuesday March 27**  
7.30pm / £25



World-renowned psychic, television and theatre star and the UK's favourite award-winning medium Sally Morgan is back and better than ever with her phenomenal interactive stage show.

The show is investigational and for the purpose of entertainment.



## PERFORMERS STAGE SCHOOL PRESENT Sister Act

**Fri 13 to Sun April 15 / 7pm Fri & Sat**  
2pm Sat & Sun / £12 / £10 Conc. / £35 Family  
**EARLY BIRD: Buy before 31st March - all tickets £10**



Sister Act tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she won't be found - a Convent! Disguised as a nun and under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own.



## Robert Temple: The Hypnotist

**Thursday May 3 / 7.30pm**  
From £16 / Recommended 18+



Join leading hypnotist Robert Temple on a fast-paced, laugh-out-loud and hysterical ride to the centre of your imagination! This is YOUR chance to become the star of this unforgettable show. Whether you want to take part or just laugh at the people who do – this WILL be one of the funniest shows you'll see this year... so don't miss out.

**\*Not for the easily offended**



## Launch Day

**Wednesday March 28**  
7.30pm / £10 / £8 Child



Kelly-Abbott Dance Theatre presents a celebration of the working class and shipbuilding in all its industrial glory, inspired by the artist Alexander Millar.

Featuring curtain raisers by South Tyneside children and real South Tyneside shipbuilders.



## THE CUSTOMS HOUSE SENIOR GROUP PRESENTS The Ceasefire Babies By Fiona Doyle Part of National Theatre Connections

**Mon 16 & Tues 17 April / 7.30pm**  
PWYD (running time approx. 25 minutes)



The annual bonfire preparations are underway; Mikey's coming home from the Centre and his sister Jamie cannot wait. But there is change in the air and not everyone's ready for it. Jamie wants to reignite her father and uncle's old conflicts, but Mikey and their friends must decide whether to take hold of their own destinies, or allow the ghosts of the past to dictate their futures.



## Stuart Maconie: Jarrow, Road to the Deep South

**Saturday May 12**  
7.30pm / From £16



In October 2016, writer and broadcaster Stuart Maconie walked 300 miles from Jarrow to London, retracing the famous Jarrow Crusade 80 years on, through a divided, complex country that echoes 1936 in many ways. Programmed as part of The Word's WRITE Festival.

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## Arbuthnot's Super Happy Silly Fun Game Show!

Friday April 6 & Saturday April 7  
11am & 2pm / £5

Come and join Arbuthnot and friends in this all new game show for the Easter break!

Arbuthnot went a bit overboard with the shopping (again!) and now he's swimming in prizes that he needs to give away! So come down and play some seriously silly games for your chance to win!

Expect singing, dancing and audience participation in this riotous, interactive - and maybe just a little bit messy - game show!



HAMBLEDON PRODUCTIONS PROUDLY PRESENT  
**Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's  
Steptoe and Son**

Sunday April 22 / 7.30pm  
From £15



Albert and Harold; father and son. One proclaims he's "a poor old man" while the other protests that actually he's "a dirty old man!" In actual fact, both are telling the truth. These two warring rag- and-bone-men, in their Shepherd's Bush scrapyard home, became household favourites for entire generations throughout the 60s and 70s and still they continue to entertain audiences today.



**Seriously Dead**

Tuesday May 22 / 7.30pm  
From £22



A musical comedy play starring Crissy Rock (Benidorm and I'm a Celebrity), Tommy Cannon (Cannon and Ball), Billy Pearce, Leah Bell and Paul Dunn. Seriously Dead is an up-lifting tale guaranteed to make you feel there is nothing serious about being dead at all, because life's party never ends: it simply moves to another location.



THE MAGIC OF HOLLYWOOD  
**Pasha Kovalev and Anya Garnis**

Tuesday May 1 / 7.30pm  
From £26



Pasha Kovalev (from "BBC TV's Strictly Come Dancing") returns with his brand new show. This amazing new show will be jam packed with sequins, glitz and glamour as Pasha takes to the stage with his sensational dancers and they perform "Oscar worthy performances" all set to a Hollywood theme. ... a night not to be missed.

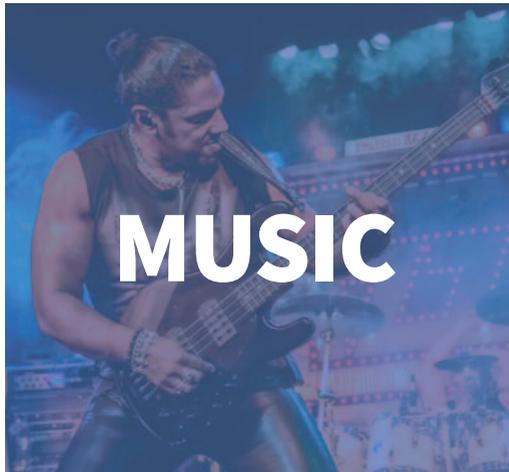


**One Woman Sex and the City:  
A Parody on Love, Friendship & Shoes**

Sunday May 27 / 7.30pm  
From £16 / Recommended 18+



This loving tribute and send-up takes audiences through a laughter-infused version of the beloved show. TJ Dawe - (Director and co-creator of One Man Star Wars Trilogy, One Man Lord of the Rings) has comedic whirling dervish Kerry Ipema bringing all our favourite characters to life as they brunch, banter, argue, support and swoon.



# MUSIC



## Les McKeown's Bay City Rollers

Friday March 2 / 7.30pm  
From £23.50



Following two amazing sell-out gigs here at The Customs House, Les McKeown's Bay City Rollers are back! Expect all the biggest hits by the original voice of one of the greatest bands of all time. Grab your tartan and get ready for the ultimate night out.



## Opera Boys

Sunday April 8 / 7.30pm  
From £19.50



For the past five years, The Opera Boys have been delighting audiences all over the world with their unique show, combining beautiful, powerful and emotional music with funny, engaging and light-hearted entertainment.



## All Our Yesterdays

Tuesday April 10 and Wednesday April 11  
2.30pm and 7.30pm (Tuesday) / From £15



The ultimate feel good show! Another sensational show from the producers of 'Memory Lane', 'Rolling back the Years', and 'Memories are made of This'. One of the biggest shows of its kind in the UK, taking the audience on a breath-taking musical journey through the 50s, 60s, and some of the brilliant sounds of the 1970s.



## Kosoff: The Band Plays On

Saturday April 28 / 7.45pm  
From £17.50



A celebration of one of Britain's best loved and much missed guitarists Paul Kosoff. Former Back Street Crawler band member and close friend of Kosoff, singer Terry Slesser has teamed up with guitarist John Buckton to present a very special evening. Featuring the Free classics rarely-heard live Back Street Crawler songs.



## Ready Steady Girls with Lorraine Crosby

Friday May 4 / 7.45pm  
From £17.50



Get Ready to be transported back in time to the sensational sounds of the swinging sixties. Re-live the magic and the spirit of the era with classic songs by the iconic female artistes and groups of the day. Dusty Springfield, Cilla Black, Shirley Bassey, LuLu, Sandy Shaw and more.



## Back to Bacharach

Friday March 23 / 7.30pm  
From £22



Back to Bacharach celebrates the magical music of Burt Bacharach, who together with Hal David penned some of the most memorable and iconic hits of the 20th century. Four of the finest West End singers, accompanied by The Magic Moments Orchestra, recreate some of those timeless classics.



## Carpenters Gold: Live In Concert

Friday March 30 / 7.30pm  
From £19.50



Carpenters Gold authentically performs The Carpenters' greatest hits, recreating the look and sound of their worldwide 1970 tours. Karen and Richard Carpenter are played by international West End vocalist Vikki Holland-Bowyer and musical arranger, vocalist and pianist Greg Stevenson.



## The Bee Gee's Story - Nights On Broadway

Friday April 20 / 7.30pm  
From £18.50



A tribute to the Bee Gees through a fantastic live concert, featuring their incredible songs from the 60s to the 90s. With musical authenticity, and the accurate recreation of the vocal talents and harmonies of the Bee Gees, this show gives the audience the experience of being at a Bee Gees concert.



## Joe McElderry

Saturday April 21 / 2.30pm / 7.30pm  
From £23 / Child £15



Joe's coming back home! Following Joe's 5-star UK tour playing as the lead in Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and after releasing his 5th album – Saturday Night at the Movies with a successful tour in summer 2017 and with numerous appearances at The London Palladium – Joe is now embarking on his own concert tour.



## On Tour with Elvis

Friday May 11 / 7.30pm  
From £22



Michael King presents the songs, the sounds, the costumes ... the complete Elvis Show. Direct from London's O2, the Las Vegas Elvis Icon Award-Winning show is without doubt the UK's authoritative touring Elvis show. Ground breaking rock n roll hits, movie songs, million selling number ones, the 1968 comeback special and more.



## Encore

Tuesday 15 – Saturday May 19  
7.30pm / 2.30 Saturday Matinee  
£15 / £14 Conc & £11 Side Seats Tues to Thurs



Brilliant harmonies with a touch of hilarity!  
Encore are back with an all-new show packed full of the songs you know and love.

# FUTURE DATES

## THEATRE

**Giovanni Pernice:**  
**Born to Win**  
June 3



**Swan Lake**  
October 22



## THE TAKEOVER FESTIVAL

The Customs House will host an exciting festival of arts this May half-term, and it's going to be our biggest and best yet.

The Takeover Festival gives under 25s from South Tyneside and the wider region a chance to gain once-in-a-lifetime experiences of running a week of theatre, film, poetry, dance, music and visual art and showcasing their work.

Win prizes, rub shoulders with successful artists and work with industry professionals to develop your skills and take the first steps towards a career in the arts. We've already helped thousands of young artists and arts leaders gain skills that have pushed them forward, and now it's your chance!

Funded by Scottish Power Foundation, Barbour Foundation, Community Foundation Tyne and Wear and Northumberland, W A Handley Trust and Roy and Pixie Baker Trust, Arts Council England and South Tyneside Council.

To get involved in showcasing your work at The Takeover Festival or helping to run the event, contact [fiona@customshouse.co.uk](mailto:fiona@customshouse.co.uk)

## MUSIC

**The Counterfeit 60s**  
May 20



**Limehouse Lizzy**  
May 26



**King of Pop**  
June 10

**10CCCEO**  
June 22



**Love Music Hate Racism**  
June 30

**Little Mix Magic**  
September 2

**Talon**  
October 18



**Matt Monroe**  
October 25

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For further details about how to become a Friend and other ways to support the trust call the box office on 0191 454 1234 or visit [www.customshouse.co.uk](http://www.customshouse.co.uk) and click on 'support us'.

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**Can you spare a few hours a week to volunteer in our Theatre and Cinema?**

For more info contact Operations Supervisor on 0191 427 8189 or email: [operationsupervisor@customshouse.co.uk](mailto:operationsupervisor@customshouse.co.uk)

## Our Partners

We'd like to thank our corporate and charitable supporters, without them The Customs House wouldn't be here.



South Tyneside Council



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- Paul Hamlyn Foundation
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**The CustomSpace is our creative space based in The Captains Row, South Shields.**

**THE  
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SPACE**

The CustomSpace houses a recording studio, dance studio, band practice space, community garden, multi-purpose hall and multi-purpose outdoor games area. The CustomSpace is also home to AutismAble (social and employability programme for young people with autism) and Ocean Choices (day time activities and performing arts for adults with learning disabilities).

[www.thecustomspace.com](http://www.thecustomspace.com) T: 0191 456 3917  
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**The Customs House is proud to be a core partner of The Cultural Spring.**

**The Cultural Spring**

The Cultural Spring encourages more people in South Tyneside and Sunderland to take part and be inspired by the arts through a range of events, workshops and Go & See opportunities.

For more information about the The Cultural Spring please call 0191 427 8197 or visit [www.theculturalspring.org.uk](http://www.theculturalspring.org.uk).

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1.30pm Cinema  
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and/or Afternoon Tea



### LIVE CINEMA

Tickets from £14.50  
National Theatre Live  
Julius Caesar  
Thurs 22nd March 7pm  
RSC - Macbeth  
Wed 11th April 7pm

### Prices

Friends	£3
Adults	£6
Concession	£5
Family	£20



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Supporting projects, organisations & communities around the River Tyne. Find out more about our Community Programme at [www.portoftyne.co.uk/ourcommunityspirit](http://www.portoftyne.co.uk/ourcommunityspirit)

The Customs House is reimagining the Port of Tyne Gallery space and programme but we remain committed to supporting artists and our community. We'd like to thank all of the artists and curators who have contributed to and supported our work over the years. Our current exhibitions run until the end of March and are presented in association with **DRAWING**, curated by Esen Kaya. We will be closing the main gallery during April to carry out some refurbishments, but we will be opening the doors in May with The Takeover Open Exhibition so watch this space!

## DRAWING Closer



### Drawing Close – Voynich Series

Voynich Series / Sabina Sallis / Main Gallery / until 30 March 2018

Sabina's work explores people's knowledge, understanding and relationship with the environment. She draws to think about and see the natural world, and explore her imagination.



### Drawn Thread Work – Samplers & Specimens

Paddy Killer / Upper Fusion Gallery / until 30 March 2018

This internationally recognised textile artist draws on a huge variety of materials from paper to silk to create her work.

Please note the gallery does not accept unsolicited applications.

These exhibitions are presented in association with **DRAWING**. **DRAWING** is a programme of exhibitions and events taking place across the North East asking the question 'Does Drawing Matter?' **DRAWING** will engage, inspire and enable audiences to participate in drawing while supporting artists and organisations across all levels of practice in the presentation of drawing.

For more information please visit [www.drawingne.org.uk](http://www.drawingne.org.uk) or contact **DRAWING** Curator Esen Kaya on: [info@drawingne.org.uk](mailto:info@drawingne.org.uk)

## TAKE PART

Our creative art classes are run by experienced artists. Learn new skills and try fun techniques in a friendly environment. All art class ticket holders are entitled to 10% discount in The Green Room.

Advanced booking is required, call 0191 4541234 or book on-line. All materials provided unless otherwise stated. To find out more email [Lesley@customshouse.co.uk](mailto:Lesley@customshouse.co.uk)

### Takeover Open Exhibition Call-Out

An exciting opportunity for artists aged 10 – 25 living in Tyne and Wear to exhibit their work! Find out more and receive an entry form by emailing [lesley@customshouse.co.uk](mailto:lesley@customshouse.co.uk) by 4pm Thurs 29 March.

### Drawn Together - Stairwell & Lower Fusion Gallery

Our drawing group, Drawn Together will showcase the range of work made during their Thursday night classes.

### Drawn Together

Thursdays / 6-8pm / £5 per session

Enjoy exploring drawing techniques using a range of materials, idea and processes with artist and teacher Lesley Guy.

### Pizza and Pencils

Fridays term-time / 4.30pm–6.30pm / £3.50 per session  
Weekly art club for 14-19 year olds. Join the Y1 team, learn new art skills and gain an Arts Award. Explore art making and pizza tasting with artist and teacher Lesley Guy. Please RSVP to [lesley@customshouse.co.uk](mailto:lesley@customshouse.co.uk)

### Make Your Own Ceramic Trinket Box

Saturday 10 March / 11am - 4pm / £35

A perfect treat for Mother's Day! Design and make your own beautiful ceramic trinket boxes with experienced ceramicist Di Rutledge. Di will take you through the process of building and decorating your box teaching you the basics of ceramics along the way.

### Marine Park Drawing Walk

Saturday 7 April / 11am - 1pm / £5

Join our regular drawing group for a special drawing walk around Marine Park in South Shields. The session will focus on the designed landscape and natural forms. All materials provided.

\*Classes may be cancelled depending on number of participants



# EVENTS

Situated on the South bank of the River Tyne, The Customs House has impressive views and stunning surroundings. Our dedicated and experienced Events Team can create a unique, personalised event in a range of unique spaces.

## Daltons Suite

Our largest space for up to 110 guests, perfect for formal events.

## River View Room

An intimate room for up to 24 guests with views of the River Tyne.

## Gallery

A unique space, perfect for champagne and canapes.

## Cinema

Available for up to 145 guests.

## Theatre

Available for up to 437 guests, with technical support.

### Events Include:

Wedding Receptions • Birthdays & Anniversaries • Christening & Naming Celebrations

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Contact our Events Team at [events@customhouse.co.uk](mailto:events@customhouse.co.uk) or call 0191 427 3738

## Terms & Conditions

### IN PERSON

At The Customs House Box Office in Mill Dam, South Shields, NE33 1ES. Open every day 10am to 6pm (8pm show days).

### TELEPHONE 0191 454 1234

Open 10am to 6pm. There is a £1 charge for postage of tickets.

### EMAIL

[boxoffice@customhouse.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@customhouse.co.uk)

Please state clearly the performance you wish to see, the number of tickets, dates, times, prices, name and address.

### WWW.CUSTOMHOUSE.CO.UK

There is a £2.50 charge for all online transactions. Whether you are buying one ticket or multi-buying for several shows in one transaction you will only be charged one £2.50 fee. You can also sign up to our mailing list at [www.customhouse.co.uk](http://www.customhouse.co.uk). Booking charges are non-refundable.

### RESERVATIONS / GROUP BOOKINGS

Reservations can only be made for groups of 20 or more. Group bookings will be available on selected shows in the season, including special offers for school bookings. For more information contact 0191 427 8183 or email [GroupBookings@customhouse.co.uk](mailto:GroupBookings@customhouse.co.uk)

### GIFT VOUCHERS

Are available from the Box Office or online for use anywhere in the building.

### DISCOUNTS

Concession prices are applicable to senior citizens, unemployed people, children, students and disabled patrons. You must state concession at time of booking, and proof of entitlement will be required. Only one discount can apply at any one time. A disabled person, who is not able to attend the event unaccompanied, is entitled to one free theatre/cinema ticket for their companion. CEA card must be presented at point of sale.

### REFUNDS

We have a no refund policy.

### TICKET AGENTS

- The World, South Shields
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### HOW TO FIND US

The Customs House lies on the South bank of the River Tyne in the historic Mill Dam area. All bus services to South Shields stop at the Market Place, and the South Shields Metro Station is only a short walk away. The Shields Ferry terminal is 300 yards walk and we will refund up to £1/50p conc. of ferry fare on the day of the performance for each event ticket purchased.

### FREE METRO TRAVEL

Free Metro travel with your theatre ticket to and from the performance. Simply show your theatre ticket to the Metro inspector. Travel valid 2 hours before and after performance.

### ACCESSIBILITY

All public areas in The Customs House are accessible including a mobility lift to all floors and a link bridge connecting the main building to the Daltons Suite. Please call us before your visit and we will be happy to arrange any assistance you require. A loop system operates in the Theatre & Studio for the hearing impaired. This brochure is available in large print if required. The Customs House strives to be an equal opportunities employer.

### BABES IN ARMS

Children under the age of 12 months, sitting on their carer's laps go free, however a £1 contribution towards our heritage levy will apply. If your child becomes unsettled please consider others.

\* Please see our website for our latest T&C's as they may be subject to change.

**DISCLAIMER** The Customs House Trust Ltd. reserves the right at all times, and without notice, to vary or cancel any performances or exhibitions, or to change the prices of events from those advertised. In such circumstances, patrons will be entitled to the refund of any ticket price paid by them, or to the issue of a replacement ticket to the same value (at their choice) in the event of the performance being re-scheduled to an acceptable later date.

Alcohol, which is bought on the premises, is permitted into the theatre in plastic glasses unless otherwise stated.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

MARCH	
<b>Thursday 1st</b>	The University of Sunderland presents The Wiz
<b>Friday 2nd</b>	Les McKeown's Bay City Rollers
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	Jason Cook's Comedy Club
<b>Tuesday 6th – Saturday 10th</b>	The Day Muhammad Ali Came to South Shields
<b>Thursday 15th – Saturday 17th</b>	South Tyneside International Magic Festival
<b>Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd</b>	South Tyneside Primary Schools Music Festival
<b>Thursday 22nd</b>	South Tyneside Schools' Orchestra Event
<b>Friday 23rd</b>	Back to Bacharach
<b>Saturday 24th &amp; Sunday 25th</b>	Northern Counties Dance Teachers Association
<b>Monday 26th</b>	The Customs House Junior Youth Theatre
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	Psychic Sally
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	Launch Day

<b>Friday 30th</b>	Carpenters Gold
<b>Saturday 31st – Thursday April 5th</b>	Northern Counties Dance Teachers Association
APRIL	
<b>Friday 6th &amp; Saturday 7th</b>	Arbuthnot's Super Happy Silly Fun Game Show
<b>Saturday 7th</b>	Jason Cook's Comedy Club
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	Opera Boys
<b>Tuesday 10th &amp; Wednesday 11th</b>	All Our Yesterdays
<b>Friday 13th – Sunday 15th</b>	Sister Act
<b>Monday 16th &amp; Tuesday 17th</b>	The Customs House Senior Youth Theatre
<b>Friday 20th</b>	The Bee Gees Story
<b>Saturday 21st</b>	Joe McElderry
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	Steptoe & Son
<b>Saturday 28th</b>	Kossoff: The Band Plays On
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	All Stars Productions

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