

## 2018 PROGRAMME #SWANSEAFRINGE

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# A WORD FROM THE SWANSEA FRINGE

If you had asked either Simon or myself, two years ago, what we would be doing at this moment in time, I can guarantee that neither of us would have had any idea that we would be in this weird position we find ourselves in.

The first year's Fringe was a trial by fire. We thrashed around, we bled, we worried, we blagged, we screamed, we drank far too much coffee (amongst other things) and it left us mentally exhausted but feeling amazing.

We feel elated to say that in our second year...

... absolutely nothing has changed.

It does, however, mean that we've had the chance to build on the remarkable experience we had during the first year's festival. Through a tremendous level of support, kind words and a general positive attitude it has allowed us to begin to grow our little festival into the amazing, dynamic and (worryingly) anarchic creature it's quickly becoming.

We sincerely hope that there is an event for absolutely everyone at this year's Fringe.

Both Simon and myself want to extend a huge, heartfelt thank you to Mal Pope and Lyndon Jones (amongst the many others) that make the Swansea International Festival happen and Lyndon in particular for allowing us this amazing opportunity to create something.

We also want to say a huge thank you to Russell Greenslade and the team at Swansea Business Improvement District (BID) for their sponsorship, assistance and support through this year's festival, without whom, we wouldn't have seen the festival begin to grow into the city-wide event it is!

On a personal note, we want to thank Adam Sillman and Rhys Owain Williams at The Crunch for their input, time and passion in programming a staggering literary lineup of events, and all the volunteers and venues that have put up with us and been so amazingly positive through this year's development.

Please, have a gander through this programme. It's really quite cool (even if we do say so ourselves).

Good times are ahead, Fringe Folk.

Be a part of it.

Joe Bayliss

Swansea Fringe Festival Co-ordinator



Simon & Joe at the Swansea Fringe Festival 2017

## A WORD FROM THE SWANSEA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

When I first took over at Swansea International Festival in 2014, I talked to anyone and everyone: to be honest, I was just desperate to try to find out what people wanted from their city's festival. And one answer kept coming up.



'What about restarting the Fringe?', people asked. And a couple of years ago I struck lucky, when I found the people I knew I could trust to do just that. Last year, Joe Bayliss and Simon Parton restarted the Swansea Fringe – the first since the 1990s – armed with a tiny sum of money and a sackful of enthusiasm.

The Fringe went better than anyone dared hope, and this year it's back, bigger, noisier, and even better.

So, thanks to the brilliance and hard work of Joe, Simon, and countless other people, Swansea has an amazing new festival, and it's a festival for everyone.

Welcome to the Fringe, thanks so much for joining us, and here's hoping you have a brilliant time.

#### Lyndon Jones

Artistic Director, Swansea International Festival

# **A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS**

It is great to see The Swansea Fringe back on the calendar again — it is like welcoming an old friend back home. I'm very pleased Swansea BID was able to help secure the event for 2018 by stepping up as sponsor because in many ways this festival feels like the most quintessentially Swansea event of the year — it is full of character, verve and surprises, just like Swansea itself.



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

It is great to see so many of our city centre venues and arts spaces getting involved in the event this year and I would urge anyone who hasn't already booked their tickets to do so. The event is a fantastic catalyst for bringing people of all ages and backgrounds together at a variety of memorable events, in the heart of our city.

Amelia Rudman Projects Manager, Swansea Business Improvement District

## **HOW DOES TICKETING WORK!?**

THE SWANSEA FRINGE FESTIVAL IS A COLLECTION OF FREE & TICKETED EVENTS

## **FREE** EVENTS ARE **£FREE!** YOU CAN JUST TURN UP

**TICKETED** EVENTS ARE £5.00 ON THE DOOR UNLESS

YOU HAVE A WEEKEND (£20) OR DAY (£12) TICKET A WEEKEND / DAY TICKET GETS YOU INTO EVERYTHING TICKETED (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) ON THE DAY OF YOUR TICKET OR ALL WEEKEND

YOU CAN PICK UP/PURCHASE YOUR DAY/WEEKEND TICKETS AT OUR WRISTBAND EXCHANGE AT COPPER BAR SWANSEA

### OUR WRISTBAND EXCHANGE OPEN FRIDAY - SUNDAY 10:00 - 18:30

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SMALL NUMBER OF WEEKEND / DAY WRISTBANDS Available to purchase on the door of most venues.

## THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER



## **FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER**





DANCE

Dan Phelps OCTOBER 5T 6PM

TICKETED

#### THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH WITH HOLLIE MCNISH Poetry | 19:00 | Unit Nineteen

Join the Swansea Fringe team in Unit Nineteen on the 4th October as they invite all those who've made this year's Fringe happen (i.e., you lovely lot) to get together for relaxed evening in the luxurious presence of the illustrious and inimitable Hollie McNish before the weekend's festivities get started in earnest!

A true rising star in the UK literary scene, Hollie is one of our absolute favourite contemporary poets, and we're sure this will be an evening to remember. On the night, Hollie will be supported by poetry from clare e. potter and Unity.

#### MEET THE MUSIC BUSINESS Music | from 16:30 | cinema & co

A panel including John Hywel Morris (PRS for Music), Paul Gray (Musicians' Union) and Joe Frankland (PRS Foundation) will discuss the music industry and answer any questions you may have about the industry. This will be followed by a speed-dating session which will give you the opportunity to have a 1-1 session with each panellist.

#### THE SWANSEA FRINGE AT SIN CITY Music | from 18:00 | sin city

The Swansea Fringe takes over Sin City in true style this year, with a stellar lineup of local, South Wales artists across three days of raucous, riotous and down-right rompin' rock and indie.

18:00 Greenmailer | 18:35 Heavy On The Ride | 19:15 Sienna | 20:00 Pearler | 21:00 Hot Mass | 22:00 Buffalo Summer

#### A GIDDY DANCE Music | from 18:00 | the hyst

Nick Smith (The Bay Magazine, Swansea) recently wrote of Delyth & Angharad's new album 'Llinyn Arian', that it was "a milestone in Welsh folk music... the product of two gifted musicians at the top of their game." We here at SwanseaFringe HQ are proud to present these Swansea musical luminaries (often affectionately working under the moniker DnA) and the stunning works of pianist Dan Phelps for an early evening of music.

A special early evening menu will be available on the night too.

## **FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER**



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#### SONGWRITERS AT THE FRINGE #1 MUSIC | 18:00 | MORGANS HOTEL

In the first of the 2018 Swansea Fringe 'Songwriters at the Fringe', we welcome some of the rising stars in Welsh songcraft to a new Fringe venue for 2018 - Morgans Hotel!

This premiere Songwriter's Circle features four of our absolute favourite Welsh singer-songwriters - Matthew Frederick, Tom Emlyn, William Poyer and Christian Punter.

#### WIRED MUSIC | FROM 18:00 | THE LAST RESORT

We're extremely excited to share with you a very special lineup of local hip hop & electronic music at The Last Resort this year for the Swansea Fringe with Roughion (Live), Dogruff (DJs), CrazeThelack, Rufus Mufasa, Jamey P &

18:00 Dead Crow | 18:45 Rufus Mufasa | 19:30 Jamey P 20:15 CrazeTheJack | 21:00 Dogruff DJs | 22:00 <u>Roughion (Live)</u>

## TICKETED a slam showcase

THEGRANDHOTEL 6PM

Gwion Iqbal Malik Emily Willi Mark Curtis

WANSEA

Karl Beer

#### **SLAM SHOWCASE** POETRY | 18:00 | GRAND HOTEL (RESTAURANT)

The annual Swansea Poetry Slam shines a light on the staggering creative output in poetry and spoken word from Wales, so we thought we'd take a few of the exciting new voices that the Slam has surfaced and showcase them at this year's Fringel Featuring performances from Gwion Iqbal Malik, Unity, Karl Beer, Emily Williams and Mark Curtis.



#### THE LAST FOUNDATION ART | 18:00 | VOLCANO

latest work on the theme of 'performance' as part of Swansea Fringe. All welcome, free entry. There will be live performances and a bar.



#### **'TEST PATTERN REDUX' LAUNCH PARTY** MUSIC | FROM 19:30 | CINEMA & CO

Paul Hazel, the renowned, multi-disciplinary producer and composer, founding member of Swansea Laptop Orchestra and lecturer, releases his newest work: 'Test Pattern Redux'.

Paul Hazel will be joined on the night by a curated evening of contemporary pioneering electronic music performers including Dead Method and Lifting Gear Engineer.

## **FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER**











#### THE SWANSEA FRINGE AT THE BUNKHOUSE Music | from 19:00 | the bunkhouse

Kicking off the Swansea Fringe weekend at The Bunkhouse Swansea, we've a stunning lineup of acts organised by both ourselves and the Bunkhouse team. From 7pm, why not nip in to join some truly mind-boggling live acts!

19:00 Sarah Birch | 20:00 Late Night Picture | 21:00 SWIM | 22:00 The Sandanistas | 23:00 Picsel

#### DOGFIGHT (12+) Theatre | 19:00 | ymca

In Dagfight, a young soldier learns the power of compassion when he plays a cruel joke on an unsuspecting girl. This hauntingly beautiful musical by Pasek and Paul (Edges, James and the Giant Peach, A Christmas Story) and Peter Duchan, was praised by countless critics and nominated for numerous awards and won the Lucille Lortel Award for Best Musical. Studded with impressive songs, an unexpected love affair, and a genuine and charming soul, Dogfight will challenge and inspire audiences.

#### THE STUDENT'S TAKEOVER Music | 20:00 | Hangar 18

Swansea University has a vibrant, dynamic and ever-changing creative community blossoming at the moment, and the Swansea University Live Music Society are very much at the forefront of this, running open mics, organising events and producing some fine musicians, sound engineers. DIs and creatives!

Expect student bands and performers from the Uni, guest artists, merch stalls and a rather special raffle!

#### POETS ON THE HILL TAKEOVER POETRY | 20:00 | THE HYST

Following the success of their riotous takeover at last year's Swansea Fringe, Poets on the Hill are back once again — and this time they're bringing friends. Head down to The Hyst to catch readings from the poetry collective first seen on the BBC documentary 'Ugly Lovely Swansea', alongside performances from honorary POTH members Rufus Mufasa and Karen Gemma Brewer.

#### LITTLE RED WRITING CRUDE Comedy | 20:00 | The grand hotel

Little Red Writing Crude brings you a natural and raw Coral Halliwell, who is armed with courageous and risky tales and one liners, catching you unaware with her unassuming on-stage stature. With butter wouldn't melt looks, she hits you with fierce and razor-sharp wit, bringing you the right level of cheeky, rude, straight-talking wit. She will win you over with her stage presence and her distinctive and unique approach and engaging performance.

## **FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER**







## SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER





#### TROY BOYZ: LEGACY Dance | 19:30 | tech hub cafe

The TROY BOYZ Street Dance and Contemporary Dance Theatre Project has been running since 2012 and is a community engagement project run by the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. The project features dance and theatre based on mythology and ancient legends which is then performed by young people from the age of 11 and up. Troy Boyz: Legacy 2018 has taken a Welsh legend as the concept for this showcase and has utilised Street Dance, Contemporary Dance and Dance Theatre to deliver the story.

#### CALIFORNIA SCHEMING Comedy | 21:00 | the grand hotel

One woman's poetic narrative about a lifelong fascination with America, a (not so) secret dream to hit the big time and what happened when she finally got to Hollywood. Not quite the young starlet anymore, but a (ahem... late thirty something) Mum with 2 kids!

"Absurdly talented" - Phill Jupitus

#### LATE NIGHT GHOST STORIES Literature | 21:30 | tech hub cafe

The month of All Hallows' Eve is upon us. The nights are drawing in. Celebrate the coming of Samhain with an evening of chills, shivers and surprises, as The Ghastling presents readings of ghosts, the macabre and the oh-so strange at the Swansea Fringe.

And don't forget to raid the cupboard under your stairs for an object, weird or spooky, for display on the 'table of curiosities'. A prize will be given for the best one...

#### THE ARTIST'S MAKERS MARKET ART | FROM 10:00 | NATIONAL WATERFRONT MUSEUM

Join Swansea's vast and eclectic artist-led enterprise Elysium Gallery & Artists Studios for the Artists Makers Market at the Waterfront Museum as part of The Swansea Fringe, for the opportunity to purchase unique and original artwork from some of Swansea's most talented and creative people.

Explore sculpture, painting, illustration, art prints, textile art and more throughout a day of creativity!

#### YOUNG WRITERS SQUAD (11-16) Literature | from 10:00 | dylan thomas centre

The Swansea Fringe is delighted to be working with The Dylan Thomas Centre's Young Writers Squad to provide two workshops for young writers aged between 11–16. Young writers can sign up for either the morning session from 10.00am–12.30pm, or for the afternoon session from 1.30pm–4.00pm. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE LIMITED. To join the Young Writers Squad and reserve a place on the workshop, please contact Jo Furber (jo.furber@swansea.gov.uk).











#### ART TROLLEY Workshop | 10:30 | Glynn Vivian art Gallery

Join artist Jenny Chisholm for a mixed media, expressive portraits and creative writing workshop, inspired by the works of Vernon Watkins, Dylan Thomas and Alfred Janes from the Gallery's exhibition: Music of Colour.

This is a family-friendly event for all ages.

#### WHERE I'M COMING FROM Literature | 10:30 | Glynn Vivian art Gallery

Join The Swansea Fringe for performances by young, new and emerging writers from 'Where I'm Coming From'.

Where I'm Coming From is a regular monthly open mic night that takes place at Tramshed, Cardiff. It was founded in 2017 by Hanan Issa and Durre Shahwar to create a platform predominantly for BAME writers in Wales. Over the year, it has evolved to a welcoming environment where writers from all walks of life and all stages of their careers can share their work.

#### GAMES DAY Games | from 11:00 | tech hub cafe

At this year's Swansea Fringe we're bringing the fun to TechHub with a full day of tournaments, demos, board games, party games and more for all ages!

With exciting opportunities to get involved for the whole family, expect demos and competitions from local games developer Pill Bug Interactive, who will be bringing their most recent creations, including the environmentally-focused games developed as part of their Climate Jam 18, as well as their (rather bloomin' brilliant) 'Intelligent Design: An Evolutionary Sandbox' and 'Cycle 28' releases.

#### POETS ON THE HILL BLACKOUT POETRY Workshop | 11:00 | Waterfront Museum

Have you always fancied having a go at writing poetry, but never know where to start? Then come along to this #SwanseaFringe workshop and join the Poets on the Hill for a fun and easy introduction into poetic verse.

This POTH workshop will focus on 'blackout poetry' – a poetic form that's been seen on Instagram, Snapchat, in traditionally-published poetry collections and even as street art. Blackout poetry is all about creating poems by removing words from existing texts like books and newspapers.

#### SWANSEA RECORD FAYRE Music | from11:00 | creature sound

With an extensive catalogue of records on offer, why not kick off your Swansea Fringe Saturday by nipping along to the Swansea Record Fayres 'Fringe Fayre' at Creature Sound and perusing their wares!













#### U & I RADIO 'LIVE BROADCAST' STAGE Music | from 11:00 | the grand hotel

After the roaring success of last year's U & I Radio stage, which live broadcast from The Grand Hotel Swansea throughout the Saturday of the Fringe, we've decided to invite our good friends at the radio station back and asked them to curate two days of free live music for you, Fringe Folk!

12:30 Owain Felstead | 13:10 Orphan Dinosaur | 13:50 James & Mai Rees | 15:05 Sian Richards | 15:45 Ellis Thomas | 16:25 Rosey Cale | 18:05 Joe Kelly | 18:45 Laura Benjamin | 19:25 Kid Reddy & The Features | 20:35 Bryony Sier | 21:05 Chris Noir | 21:45 Fountainhead | 22:30 Big Scott

#### SWANSEA SCENES SYMPOSIUM Film | 12:00 | YMCA

The Swansea Scenes Symposium will be a chance for all you Fringe Folk to see the new, Heritage Lottery Fund sponsored documentary from Swansea M.A.D.

Focusing on the growth of the punk rock and rave scene in Swansea in the late 80s and early 90s, the documentary considers the historical, ever-changing Swansea cultural scene through the lens of councillors and band members.

#### THE FRINGE OPEN STAGE Everything! | 12:00 | Tino's

Hosted and compered by Swansea's own Paul Edwards, the Fringe Open Stage allows any and all to come along and express yourself however you might want. Play your guitar, read your poetry - it's your stage for the afternoon to try material and songs out, in an informal, 'open mic' style.

Your stage. Your rules.

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12:00 The Furns | 13:00 Vanilla | 14:00 Carolines | 15:00 Holy Home Video | 16:00 Whitelight | 17:00 French Alps Tiger | 18:00 Big Thing 19:00 The School | 20:00 Lost Tuesday Society | 21:00 Bandicoot

#### N'FAMADY BATALTIGUI KOUYATE Music | 13:00 | The Hyst

Live music from N'famady Balatigui Kouyate, a highly acclaimed touring musician from Guinea and support from Georgia Fearne, a young South Wales starlet.

Gorgeous surrounds, superb food and stunning music, what better setting is there to wolf down a Swansea Fringe lunch in?











#### SONGWRITERS AT THE FRINGE #2 Music | 13:00 | Morgans Hotel

In the second of the 2018 Swansea Fringe 'Songwriters at the Fringe', we welcome some of the rising stars in Welsh song craft to a new Fringe venue for 2018 - Morgans Hotel!

The second Songwriter's Circle in the series is themed (albeit loosely) around those songsters and songstresses who utilise technology throughout their creations, and what's more, a lineup of artists entirely new to the Swansea Fringe family: Rosey Cale, Ed Bayes (And friends), Rachel Rimmer and Ben Luc 本.

#### DARK THOUGHTS Performance + Workshop | 13:00 | Volcano Theatre

'Dark Thoughts' is a performance from Avant Cymru which sees us joining two friends as they tackle mental health issues that affect them. While one of the mental health issues is being imposed on one of the men, another mental health issue is created chemically in the other.

The piece tackles how men reach out about mental health issues and how they deal with these issues every day.

#### LIBERTINO RECORDS STAGE Music | from 14:00 | the bunkhouse

We're super thrilled to welcome Libertino Records to the Swansea Fringe festival as they host a stage at The Bunkhouse Swansea. Featuring artists from their label, up & coming talent and some hard hitting local acts, this is a line up that we're really excited about!

15:00 Papur Wal | 16:00 Red Telephone | 17:00 Los Blancos | 18:00 La Forme | 19:00 Cities | 20:00 Keys | 21:00 Breichiau Hir 22:00 All Dead All Dead

#### WALLS COME TUMBLING DOWN Music / Literature | 14:00 | Waterfront Museum

Join Tim Batcup (Classic Rock Magazine, Prog) as he discusses the newest work by critically acclaimed, award-winning author Daniel Rachel, the 2017 Penderyn Music Book Prize winning 'Walls Come Tumbling Down' with the author himself.

Through the voices of campaigners, musicians, artists and politicians, Daniel Rachel charts an extraordinary and pivotal period in music history, following the rise and fall of three key movements, Rock Against Racism, 2 Tone and Red Wedge, revealing how they both shaped, and were shaped by, the music of a generation.

#### SILENT ART DISCO Music / Art | from 10:30 | glynn vivian art gallery

Like music? Like dancing? Like art...ing?

Why not join in our specially-crafted Silent Art Disco at the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery on the Swansea Fringe Saturday, where you can peruse, create and immerse yourself in the amazing cultural offer of Swansea's oldest and most historic of art galleries.

The playlist for the day will feature old classics, new 'choons' and the best tracks Swansea and South Wales musicians have to offer!



#### FREE WANSEA|ABERTAWE

Alternate Record Fair









#### I AM NOT RAINMAN Talks | 16:00 | National Waterfront Museum

Diagnosed with Autism at three years old, with very limited speech and profound sensory issues, Rob has overcome adversity to become a truly amazing public speaker.

Join Rob at this year's Swansea Fringe Festival at the National Waterfront Museum where he will be giving his inspirational talk and be taking questions.

A fantastic insight into a young person's life with autism.

#### ALTERNATIVE RECORD FAIR Music | 16:00 | YMCA

A selection of extraordinary music vinyls to rock, pop and groove your socks off! Stalls selling a wide selection of vinyls, tapes, CDs and music memorabilia covering music from the modern day right back to turn of the last century. From rare and collectibles, to bargains and bootlegs all for your browsing pleasure!

Come on down and check the stalls out, entry is free!

#### THE WHIRLIGIG OF TIME comedy | 17:00 | the grand hotel

Penny Matthew's The Whirligig of Time sashays it's way to the Swansea Fringe this year with a show tackling art, history, life and farts.

Commandeering the words of artists from the past, Penny says of the show, "it's about all of us dancing to our own personal boom boom" and "as beautiful as the chance encounter between a sewing machine and an umbrella on an operating table."

#### ISLES OF NOISE Music | from 17:00 | ymca (llewellyn hall)

Music has the capacity to upset the balance of things - to re-enervate and move you - and the acts playing 'Isles of Noise' do so with every second of beautiful noise they roll out.

17:00 Salvador Sanchez | 18:00 Jeremy Porter & The Tucos | 19:00 Risorius | 20:00 Excellent Skeleton | 21:00 Soundwire | 22:00 Satsangi

#### BURIED AT SEA Music | From 17:00 | creature sound

With the help of special guest curator Jimbob Isaac (ex-Taint/Hark), we've selected some of Wales and the UK's finest underground heavy music acts for a night of sonic filth and musical debauchery.

17:00 Inscape | 18:00 Haemaria | 19:00 Sepulchre | 20:00 Woven Man | 21:00 Reclvse | 22:00 Godbomber | 21:00 Made of Teeth





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#### DIARY OF THE LAST MAN film / poetry | 17:00 | cinema & co

Diary of the Last Man is an imaginative, intimate film-portrait of the poet Robert Minhinnick, created by director Eamon Bourke. A beguiling cinematic experience that shifts and turns with the tide, following the poet and his alter egos deep into the hidden and threatened landscapes lluminated in his latest collection of poems, which won this year's Wales Book of the Year and was shortlisted for the T.S. Elliot Prize. The screening will be followed by a poetry reading from Robert Minhinnick and a Q&A with poet and director.

#### BLACK WOLF STAGE Music | from 17:00 | crowleysrodokbar

After Black Wolf Shows' standout By The Bay mini-fest (not to mention Wales' only pirate-themed punk rock festivall) earlier this year, we couldn't possibly think to not ask them to run a stage at this year's Swansea Fringe!

17:30 Throwing Knives | 18:15 Eva Bartock | 19:00 X-Twenty Two | 19:45 Iron Gosling | 20:30 Curious Orange | 21:15 People & Other Diseases | 22:00 Tenplusone

#### CAMPION, COLLINS & DAVIES Comedy | 18:00 | The grand hotel

In Campion, Collins & Davies Think It's Good To Talk, three original stars from the South Wales comedy community come to the Swansea Fringe and talk..

Join Alice Campion, Kris Davies & John Collins for an unforgettable night of comedy!

#### THE MANICS: A SHOW WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES Comedy | 19:00 | The grand hotel

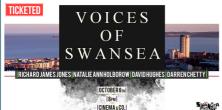
From the makers of last year's Fringe sellout The Bleeding Edge comes the new two hander by Davies and Jones.

The Manics is a comedy show with mental health issues. Dai Davies and Dylan Jones ask "who is truly the madman?" The Community Mental Health Team thinks it's them. They think otherwise. They were outvoted.

#### IS MONOGAMY DEAD? Comedy/Literature | 20:00 | The grand hotel

Comedian, writer and broadcaster Rosie Wilby presents a mixture of talk, discussion and highlights from her standup show Is Monogamy Dead? which eventually became her award-shortlisted book of the same name (Accent Press, 2017).

A mix of memoir and humorous sociological study, Is Monogamy Dead? details Rosie's very personal quest — from performing stand-up at a sex party to celebrating and re-evaluating her deepest platonic friendships..



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## SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER







#### **VOICES OF SWANSEA** LITERATURE | 20:00 | CINEMA & CO

From a lofty position on Cwmdonkin Drive, a single bardic voice booms out across the rooftops of Swansea, threatening to drown out all others. "Oh as I was young and easy..."

but the city has produced many other writers worth celebrating, Join The Swansea Fringe for an evening highlighting some of the city's contemporary voices, with readings from a selection of fine writers who each call Swansea their home.

#### **KILLER WALES - COMEDY SHOWACASE** COMEDY | 21:00 | THE GRAND HOTEL

Dylan Jones, co-creator of last year's Swansea Fringe sell-out comedy The Bleeding Edge, presents a power hour of the hottest new stand up comedians working in Wales right now. Get your laughing gear around this collection of mirth technicians. You'll Dai laughing! (Sorry.)

Featuring: Dylan Jones (MC) | Dai Davies | Costas Lukaris | Sianny Thomas | Col Howarth | presented by Croc of Wit |

#### THE GREAT MAKE ART / WORKSHOPS | FROM 10:00 | NATIONAL WATERFRONT MUSEUM

with Fun Palaces - the nationwide initiative to promote culture at the centre of a community - we're proud to present The Great Make, a full day of exciting and vibrant creativity for the whole family with the aim to empower through learning, masterminded by the lovely folks over at Oxfam on Castle Street.

#### SWANSEA SESSIONS MUSIC | FROM 11:00 | TINO'S

The Swansea Sessions at Tino's will be an immersive broadcast experience, up close and personal with the artists while they record a (relatively) stripped back set for broadcast, and you couldn't imagine a more complementary lineup for the afternoon.

Tendons | James Bower | Tremolo Ghosts | Rhys Williams | Jebbers

#### THE FELLOWS BOLD GAMES / LITERATURE / COMEDY | 12:00 | NATIONAL WATERFRONT MUSFIIM

Bid farewell to ambivalence and embrace the sweet breeze of adventure — with The Fellows Bold!

Join them as the Fellows beat down beasts and bullies, solve frustrating riddles, and liberate treasure from tyrants in this live-taping of the eponymous RPG podcast.











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12:00 Chris Stringer & the Rocketeers | 13:00 Joe Kelly & the Pharmacy 14:00 News From Nowhere | 15:00 Jack Ellis | 16:00 Shoot The Town 17:00 Mulder | 18:00 The Now | 19:00 King Goon | 20:00 Pastel 21:00 The Riff

#### RAY PARTON - LIVE AT THE HYST Music | 13:00 | The Hyst

We're incredibly excited to welcome back Ray Parton to this year's Swansea Fringe after a fantastic packed out show last year at The Hyst! Ray Parton is a Swansea-based guitarist who plays in a wide variety of styles. Expect acoustic guitar playing at the highest standard, with stunning original compositions, top drawer covers, and a special lunch menu to feast on throughout!

For fans of: Pat Metheny, Tommy Emmanuel, Joni Mitchell, Led Zeppelin & more.

#### SONGWRITERS AT THE FRINGE #3 Music | 13:00 | Morgans Hotel

In the final 2018 Swansea Fringe 'Songwriters at the Fringe' session, we welcome four musicians with a wealth of experience in Welsh songcraft to Morgans Hotel.

The last of our 2018 Songwriter's Circle returns us to the roots; troubadour style and folksy with Nigel Philip Davies, Paul Edwards and Ron Savory & Liz Crippin from The Eclectic Shed Experience.

#### FAMILY CEILIDH Music | 13:00 | Unit Nineteen

On a autumnal afternoon, we couldn't think of a better way to warm up than getting together with the family getting your dancing shoes on and sharing in a right, old barn-storming experience as Coppercaillie -Swansea folk/indie Ceilidh Band leads a ceilidh for the whole family!

Bring the kids, the grandparents, the cousins and the pets (perhaps not the latter) and join in the fun at Unit Nineteen!

#### YOUNG BLOOD Music | From 13:00 | YMCA (Llewellyn Hall)

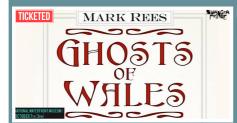
We've collected a bunch of young, up-and-coming acts who could quite easily be tomorrow's big stars and they will be performing their delectable disquietings and musical musings for your aural delight!

| 20:00 The Pitchforks | 19:00 Windshake | 18:00 Static Fires | 17:00 Cactus Haus | 16:00 Purge The Ocean | 15:00 Zed Motel | 4:00 String Theory | 13:00 Portraits |



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PUBLISHING & POETRY PANEL Sunday 7th October | 2PM - 4Pm | cinema & co







#### HIGH TIDE PROMOTIONS STAGE Music | from 14:00 | the bunkhouse

High Tide Promotions & Booking Agency have, over the last few years, worked to bring some of the absolute best in signed and unsigned acts to venues around Swansea and South Wales, and it's an absolute pleasure to welcome them to this year's Swansea Fringe as they curate a day of music in Swansea's newest music venue, The Bunkhouse Swanseal

#### MORE POETRY IS NEEDED Poetry | from 14:00 | cinema & co

Submitting your poems to a publisher can be intimidating, but The Swansea Fringe is here to help! Three of Wales' leading poetry editors -Emily Blewitt (New Welsh Review), Nia Davies (Poetry Wales) and Susie Wild (Parthian Books) — join The Crunch's Adam Sillman for a panel discussion focused on the world of publishing and poetry.

#### GHOSTS OF WALES - LIVE! LITERATURE | 15:00 | NATIONAL WATERFRONT MUSEUM

Join Mark Rees, author of the Ghosts of Wales series, for an hour of real-life ghost stories from the Welsh archives. With actors and storytellers bringing the tales to life, be prepared for a few spooky surprises along the way.

Mark will be signing copies of the book after the event.

#### SONIC YOUTH Music | From 15:00 | The Perch

Sonic Youth takes to the stage at The Perch at this year's Swansea Fringe. Expect two hours of music from our talented under 18s!

You'll be blown away by our super-sonic youth - they are, after all, the next generation of artists entering Swansea's vibrant music scene. You'll get a real mixed bag of genres; musicians, singers and songwriters, so why not come on down, support them and cheer them on.

#### HANCOCK & HOOPER'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE Comedy | 16:00 | The grand hotel

"At Miskatonic Time Travel University, two lecturers wait for news of a study grant..."

This is a two-hander that promises to be a silly, joyous jaunt through the time space continuum.

Quirky, adventurous, temporal stand up comedy from CI Hooper and Ali Hancock.





#### FOLK AT THE FRINGE Music | From 16:00 | Unit Nineteen

t's time for another knees up!

After the success of last year's 'Folk at the Fringe' event we're back for more - this time around at Unit Nineteen!!

| 16:00 Tommy Jenkins | 17:00 Coppercaillie | 18:00 The Occasional Domestics | 19:00 Geraint Rhys | 20:00 Little Folk | 21:00 Darren Eedens & The Slim Pickins | 22:00 The Balkaneers |

#### NEW POETRY FROM PARTHIAN Poetry | 17:00 | cinema & co

Parthian Books celebrate their 25th year in publishing with a showcase of their latest poetry publications at The Swansea Fringe.

Poets Rhian Elizabeth, Kate North and Rhys Owain Williams will all read from their highly-anticipated new collections, covering diverse subjects such as mental health, Roman mythology, pop culture, Welsh history, the mysteries of the body, internet dating, the inside of an MRI machine, and love, loss and everything in between. Christina Thatcher joins them to celebrate the first reprint of her stunning 2017 debut 'More than you were' – a collection that Kim Moore called "painfully honest, full of wisdom and always beautifully observed."

#### GIRL POWER Music | From 17:00 | The Hyst

We've put together a phenomenal line up of boundlessly talented female musicians for the Sunday night of this year's Swansea Fringe at The Hyst.

Join Emi McDade, Emilie Merry, Natalie Jones, Natty Paynter, Edie Bens, Eleri Angharad, AidenKeryn, Laura Benjamin Music for what is sure to be an absolutely incredible and particularly special evening of music celebrating some of the outstanding female performers we have at this year's festival.

#### SARAH'S WORLD comedy | 18:00 | the grand hotel

A collection of jokes and songs, some old, some new, some whimsical, some observational, a veritable mix of things about whatever is going on with Sarah.

flaterial subject to change.

#### SEVEN SINS STAGE FEAT DEPARTED & GUESTS Music | From 18:00 | Hangar 18

Seven Sins Festival has long been a staple in the Swansea music calendar and we're thrilled to announce that they'll be closing our Swansea Fringe weekend in Hangar 18 this year and curating a riffy, raucous and rambunctious lineup of acts for the evening!

he rather stunning lineup includes;

Departed | Beyond The Break | Cancel The Transmission | Who Knows Didley? | King Kraken







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#### THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

#### FILM / FOOD / PERFORMANCE FRIDAY & SATURDAY FROM 16:00 CASTLE SQUARE

For this year's #SwanseaFringe, Swansea Council are bringing 'the greatest show' on earth to Swansea City Centre's Big Screen.!

With a live, on-street circus and street food market provided by Urban Foundry, there'll be fun to be had for all ages. What better way to kick back in your #SwanseaFringe down-time or prepare for the evening's frivolities than by tucking in to some scrumptious nosh to the backdrop of this year's highest grossing movie experience?

#### LATE NIGHT PUNCHLINES Comedy - Friday / Saturday / Sunday at the Perch

We're super excited to announce that the renowned "Punchlines at the Perch" comedy nights are coming to the #SwanseaFringe this year!

Head to The Perch Swansea for 22:00 on Friday, 23:00 on Saturday & Sunday for some top late night comedy!!

There's also live music from Laura Benjamin & Jeris on Friday and Ade Owen & Moose on Saturday from 18:00.

#### LIVE MUSIC AT BAR AMERICANOS Music - Friday, Saturday & Sunday - Bar Americanos

You can catch live music on the Friday, Saturday & Sunday of this year's #SwanseaFringe festival at Bar Americanos. All free entry!

Friday 5th October - Gavin Beech from 8pm

Saturday 6th October - Laura Benjamin Music from 8pm

Sunday 7th October - Ryan Davies from 5pm

#### LIVE MUSIC AT LA CANTINA Music - Friday & Saturday - La Cantina

Nestled near the Castle Square end of Wind Street, La Cantina will be bringing it's quirky, energetic atmosphere to the Fringe this year with live music from some of our absolute Fringe'y faves;

|| Friday 5th October || 8pm - Twin Pine: Soulful, homegrown talent.

|| Saturday 6th October || 8pm - Ragsy: Tom Jones' fave, and star of The Voice.

## **OTHER FRINGE THINGS!**



One of Swansea's newest players in the cultural offering of the city centre, The White Swan Swansea joins the #SwanseaFringe family this year with a bouncing, lively and colourful weekend of events!

\*\*\* Friday 5th October \*\*\*

|| 7pm onwards || Piano Party with Billy Lee Williams ||

Each week, The White Swan hosts Swansea's only "Piano Party", where Billy Lee Williams, Swansea's very own virtuoso, honky-tonk'ing piano prodigy takes to the stage to tickle the ivories for you lucky folk. What's more, for the #SwanseaFringe, he is doing an extended set well into the evening.

\*\*\* Saturday 6th October \*\*\*

|| 11am-1pm || Urban Foraging || This two hour course will take you through the streets and backroads of Swansea City Centre to highlight some of the wonderful herbs, flowers and trees growing on our collective doorsteps that can be used in a wide range of natural cocktails at home.

|| 1pm-2pm || 70 Going On 30... I Wish! || A somewhat late starter, coming to comedy at the fresh-faced age of 70, Jimmy Everett Comedy has already performed at the Edinburgh's Free Fringe and even auditioned for Britains Got Talent. In "70 Going On 30... I Wish!", takes us on a whirlwind tour of Jimmy's experiences on TV and off and introduces us to characters he's met along the way.

|| 2pm-3pm || Killer Pool Tournament ||

|| 3pm - 4pm || NDE's and Me || An irreverent, harrowing and hilarious story about life after death from The White Swan Swansea's landlord, Gez Couch.

|| 7pm onwards || Swan Sessions || Swan Sessions are one of the White Swan's flagship offerings, taking the traditional boozer in a brand new direction with a club night that boasts an impressive array of local DJ'ing talent playing an eclectic selection of the best alternative tunes around. It's an evening not to miss, with outstanding quality, super cheap beverages and bar food to die for.

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|| 12-2pm || Mad Hatter's Tea Party || Ticketed || The White Swan prides itself on it's super-dooper selection of original teas, so why not come down to the pub for a walkthrough of the whole gamut, from 'Mango Tango' to 'Red Chai' - why not come along, learn about the processes involved in making these unique teas and try them in the process!

To book a space (and seating is limited to 20), contact The Swansea Fringe team via email or on Facebook once you've purchased a Day or Weekend ticket.

|| 2pm-7pm || Acoustic Afternoon || With 10% off food or drinks for performers, why not nip along to The White Swan Swansea on the 7th October to try their impressive selection of drinks and scrumptious bar snacks and meals courtesy of NYM City Cuisine - bring yourselves and your instruments, or just nip along to grab a bite to eat and have a listen and enjoy a proper Acoustic Afternoon.

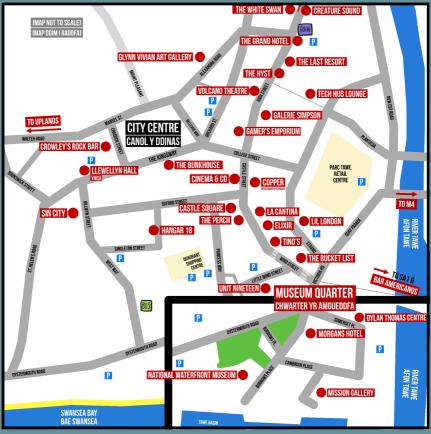
|| 4pm-7pm || The CBD Social with The Brain Box Shop || In the White Swan's back room, on the 7th October we've the CBD Social with TBBS, where you can come along and see the products available in The Brain Box Shop's range of CBD products.

Bring your vape or dab rig, chill out and enjoy the afternoon.

|| 7pm onwards || Swan Dub Session ||

The night's takeover sees the radjam rig being powered up so that the White Swan's resident dub reggae DJs. Steve and Steve can test the bass in the CBD haze.

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