



Cheshire Rural  
Touring Arts

Spring 2025



Live theatre, literature, music & dance  
in Cheshire's rural venues & libraries

[www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk](http://www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk)

Welcome to Cheshire Rural Touring Arts' Spring 2025 Brochure!

The highest quality professional theatre, music, literature and dance; live performances brought to rural venues in Cheshire for you to enjoy.

**How to buy tickets:** Tickets for shows are available direct from the venue via phone or email. Please note these venues are run by volunteer promoters and are not box offices open at all times.

Most venues also offer online ticket booking.

Shows which have the online booking facility have this symbol in the brochure listing.

Online tickets can be booked via our website:

[www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk](http://www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk)

or via Ticketsource:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts)

Ticket booking contact numbers are listed next to each show. Promoter emails and disabled access information for all venues can be found at the back of the brochure.

**Ticket prices:** Ticket prices vary for each venue and show, but all range within **£9 - £14** (however, tickets for children's shows may be cheaper).

Please check with the venue directly for the ticket prices.

To contact CRTA for any queries about the work we do or request the brochure in a different format please email: [cрта@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:cрта@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

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Instagram: [@cheshiretouring](https://www.instagram.com/cheshiretouring)

CRTA is one of Arts Council England's National Portfolio Organisations. It is a 'Shared Service' between Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East Councils.

## THEATRE

### Multi Story Theatre Company *Last Dance Saloon*



Two individuals with tangled pasts meet at a dance retreat in Buenos Aires, igniting a spark of passion. Despite family ties in Chile and Devon, they navigate the challenges of a long-distance relationship, sustained by tango sessions in Argentina that include unexpected flights of imagination.

This captivating new show explores love, legacy and the future we envision for coming generations. Filled with music, dance and drama, it promises a deeply moving experience.

Multi Story has spent twenty-four years crafting powerful narratives for intimate spaces, thriving on the close connections fostered in community venues.

"The culmination of a career-long commitment to contemporary small-scale theatre: warm, engaging, and infused with a deep understanding of the theatre-maker's craft."  
Mark Wallace, Director, Beaford Arts

Friday 28th March - 7.00pm - Macclesfield Library, SK10 1EE 01625 374000  
Saturday 29th March - 8pm - Tarvin Community Centre, CH3 8LY 07976 309974  
Sunday 30th March - 7.30pm - Five Villages Hall, CH1 6NT 07743 490726

[multistorytheatre.co.uk](http://multistorytheatre.co.uk) | suitable for adults 14+



## CHILDREN/FAMILY

**Tmesis Theatre**  
*Up and Away*

'Up and Away' is an interactive family friendly show using words, puppetry, and physical theatre, in a celebration of hope and dreaming the impossible!

Join us on an exciting journey as we take you on a journey of the discovery of flight and all the way back to 1827, as the crowds gather to witness the daring hot air balloon mission of the mysterious Brown Brothers!



"An absolutely enchanting piece of theatre... a real beauty" ★★★★★  
Arts City Liverpool- Catherine Jones

**Saturday 5th April - 2.00pm**  
Theatre Porto, CH65 6QY 0151 357 2120  
**Sunday 6th April - 1.00pm**  
Hoole Community Centre, CH2 3AP 01244 342741

[tmesistheatre.com](http://tmesistheatre.com) | suitable for families (under 11)

## CHILDREN/FAMILY

**Speedwell Dance**  
*The Mountain Witch*

An adventurous tale of an ancient and powerful witch, seasons gone awry and the determination of children to put things right. Children are invited into the set to awaken scampering creatures, tiptoe past the Mountain Witch's cave and finally convince her to let the sun return.

A joyous and inclusive experience for children aged 3-8 years and their families. With plenty of songs and original music played live on clarinet, oud, kaval and cello.

**Saturday 12th April - 11.00am**  
Macclesfield Library, SK10 1EE 01625 374000

[speedwelldance.org.uk](http://speedwelldance.org.uk) | suitable for families (ages 3-8)

## COMEDY

**Robin Ince**  
*The Universe and Neurodiverse*

What if being "a bit weird" is actually completely normal? What if sharing our internal struggles is a sign of strength rather than weakness?

Award-winning comedian, broadcaster, and author Robin Ince has spent over 30 years entertaining audiences on stage and radio, including the acclaimed *The Infinite Monkey Cage* on BBC Radio 4. But behind the laughter, Robin wrestled with self-doubt, anxiety, and the challenges of ADHD—challenges that he has transformed into creative fuel for his new show.

Join us for *The Universe and The Neurodiverse*, an evening of heartfelt stories, poetry, and humour, where Robin explores mental health, creativity, and what it means to embrace our uniqueness.

Join Robin for a welcome return to Cheshire rural touring arts.

*Robin will also be performing some free daytime shows in the libraries of Cheshire during his time here, please visit the CRTA website and social media for more information on these.*

**Wednesday 23rd April - 7.30pm** - Siddington Village Hall, SK11 9JR

07791 359493

**Thursday 24th April - 7.30pm** - Hope Farm Library, CH66 2LE

0151 337 6484

**Friday 25th April - 7.30pm** - Plumley Village Hall, WA16 0TR

01565 722 259

**Saturday 26th April - 7.30pm** - Great Budworth Parish Hall, CW9 6HL

07886 878047

**Sunday 27th April - 7.30pm** - Tarvin Community Centre, CH3 8LY

07976 309974

**Saturday 31st May - 7.30pm** - Vicars Cross Community Centre, CH3 5LP

07861 041795

[robinince.com](http://robinince.com) | suitable for adults 14+



# DANCE

## Lila Dance Fault Lines

RURAL TOURING  
DANCE INITIATIVE

As our planet's voice gets louder, are we ready to listen?

Fault Lines pulls at the tension in our relationship with nature. Our constant pursuit of progress increasing the speed of life has left us out of sync with the natural world.

A scorched earth, from the rubble and the ruin the survivors emerge. A new world, a second chance. Within changing landscapes created from striking digital illustrations and evocative music, our survivors navigate the world, racing towards an unknown future.

Fault Lines explores the environmental damage we've inflicted but asks what happens when we stand together with hope? What will that take?

With an original sound score by Dougie Evans, the projection of digital imagery by Zach Walker (MakeAmplify) and digital moving illustrations by Courtney McCarthy, the natural world enters the space to create a rich sensory world for the performers.

Lila dance will also be working in residency during their visit, delivering workshops to students at The Fallibroome Academy and the community at Vicars Cross.



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Wed 30th April - 7.00pm - The Fallibroome Academy, SK10 4AF  
Saturday 3rd May - 7.30pm - Vicars Cross Community Centre, CH3 5LP 07861 041795

liladance.co.uk | suitable for 12+

# STORYTELLING/MUSIC

## Emily Hennessey and Sheema Mukherjee



Saturday 10th May - 7.30pm  
Audlem Scout and Guide Hall, CW3 0AL  
07985 982786

Sunday 11th May - 7.30pm  
Goostrey Village Hall, CW4 8PE  
07940 579723

sheemamukherjee.co.uk | emilyhennessey.co.uk  
suitable for 14+

## Kali: The Story of the World's Wildest Goddess

From demure housewife to bloodthirsty goddess, gurgling infant to elephant man, meditating sage to cosmic fire-eater, Hindu mythology illuminates a mind-blowing world of radical transformations.

Kali is one of the wildest shape-shifters of all. Demon-slayer, Life-saver, Supreme-Mother, Destruction-dancer; this goddess is truly Awesome. When an evil power spreads its clawed hands across the world, Kali's time has come...

Join storyteller, Emily Hennessey and sitar player extraordinaire, Sheema Mukherjee, for a white-knuckled tuc-tuc ride through sun-kissed palaces, fiend-infested forests and every cacophonous saffron-scented marketplace in-between.

"extraordinary tales for a transfixed audience"  
★★★★★ British Theatre Guide

# MUSIC

## Gus Glynn Routes to Classics



Join classically trained fingerstyle guitarist, Gus Glynn as he traces the development of the music we love today from its roots in traditional folk and blues, right through to contemporary classics and all-time favourites.

Journey through Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan, Carole King, Mark Knopfler and Lou Reed.

Visit modern favourites from artists such as Amy Winehouse and Arctic Monkeys all with a selection of pit stops along the way as Gus showcases his own songs.

We are delighted to welcome Cheshire artist Gus back to CRTA. A music lover's must, complete with original fingerstyle guitar arrangements of John Lennon and Turlough O'Carolan, 'Routes to Classics' is not to be missed.

"Gus Glynn is an excellent guitarist/singer who works out beautiful arrangements to support an equally effective vocal. Never overbearing and always aware of space on the canvas: Vital for the higher levels"

Saturday 5th April - 7.30pm - Kettleshulme Village Hall, SK23 7QU 07775 330805 / 07909513251  
Friday 9th May - 7.30pm - United Reformed Church, Neston, CH64 9TR  
07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729 7729  
Saturday 10th May - 7.30pm - Gawsworth Village Hall, SK11 9QY 07870 822 837  
Thursday 12th June - 7.30pm - Little Sutton Library, CH66 1QQ 0151 337 6800

gusglynn.com | suitable for 12+



## THEATRE/STORYTELLING

**Helios***Wright & Grainger*

**A lad lives halfway up a historic hill. A teenager is on a road trip to the city in a stolen car. A boy is driving a chariot, pulling the sun across the sky.**

A story about the son of the god of the sun, HELIOS transplants the Ancient Greek tale into a modern-day myth wound round the winding roads of rural England - and into the everyday living of a towering city. It's a story about life, the invisible monuments we build to it, and the little things that leave big marks.

From Masters of Storytelling Wright&Grainger, HELIOS is the award-winning follow up to the internationally acclaimed ORPHEUS, EURYDICE, and THE GODS THE GODS THE GODS. Join them in a little room with a tape player - and a delicate tale to tell.

*"Very cleverly involves the audience in which past and present, the ancient and the contemporary, lightness and darkness mingle."*

Lyn Gardner



**Friday 30th May - 7.30pm**

Hoole Community Centre, CH2 3AP 01244 342741



**Saturday 31st May - 7.30pm**

Weaverham Sea Scout Hall, CW8 3NJ 07941 166 632



[wrightandgrainger.com/helios](http://wrightandgrainger.com/helios) | suitable for 14+

## MUSIC

**The Claremont Ensemble**

**Join the Claremont Ensemble duo as they present an intimate concert featuring music composed around folk music from the shores of Scandinavia to Scotland, a night of timeless travel with the most haunting of melodies.**

At the core of Claremont Ensemble is a deep felt wish to reduce the distance between performers and audiences, and to explore more conversational and inclusive performance styles, with the audience always at the heart of our concerts.

We invite you not only to get to know us personally as musicians during our concerts, but also to step into your own imagination and listen your own way; you will hear the familiar in different ways, and the new in exciting and inspiring ways.

The musicians of the Claremont ensemble perform with a variety of orchestras and groups in the region, including the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Claremont Ensemble will present two pairs of musicians, URC Neston will have Strings and Piano and Kelsall Community Centre will have Strings and Harp.

*"A magical evening, excellent choice of music. I wanted to sing and dance!"*

**Friday 16th May - 7.00pm - United Reformed Church, Neston, CH64 9TR**

07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729

**Saturday 14th June - 7.30pm - Kelsall Community Centre, CW6 0SB**

07951 794442


[claremontensemble.com](http://claremontensemble.com) | suitable for 8+

# ACCESS INFORMATION

**AUDLEM SCOUT AND GUIDE HALL** P osp     

**GAWSWORTH VILLAGE HALL** P   

**GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL** P   

**GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH HALL** P 

**HOOLE COMMUNITY CENTRE** P   


**HOPE FARM LIBRARY** P   

**KELSALL COMMUNITY CENTRE** P                                                     



**LITTLE BUDWORTH JUBILEE HALL** P   


**LITTLE SUTTON LIBRARY** P   



**MACCLESFIELD LIBRARY** P osp          

**PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL** P   

**SIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL** P   

**TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE**   
















**THEATRE PORTO**   

**THE FIVE VILLAGES HALL, BACKFORD**  

**VICARS CROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE** P  

**1ST WEAVERHAM SEA SCOUT HALL**                                            

## Key

-  Main car park / reservable parking upon request
-  Designated parking within car park and / or close to entrance
-  Inclined / ramp approach down to entrance
-  Inclined / ramp approach up to entrance
-  Inclined / ramp approach down from entrance
-  Level entrance
-  Total number of steps to entrance
-  Access for wheelchair users at side / rear
-  Lift / Platform Lift
-  Standard WC facility only
-  Accessible toilet
-  Induction loop
-  Infra red system
-  On street parking
-  Transfer space restricted

# VENUES

VENUE	POSTCODE	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	EMAIL	
Audlem Scout and Guide Hall	CW3 0AL	Catherine Gresty / Claire Scott and Kate Goodwin	07985 982786	cathgresty@gmail.com	
Gawsworth Village Hall	SK11 9QY	Emma Birch	07870 822 837	emmabirch@icloud.com	
Goostrey Village Hall	CW4 8PE	Janet Ollier	07940 579723	janet.ollier@gmail.com	
Great Budworth Parish Hall	CW9 6HL	Katy Hopkinson	07886 878047	katyhopkinson23@gmail.com	
Hoole Community Centre	CH2 3AP	Sophie Abbott	01244 342741	volunteer@hoolecommunitycentre.org.uk	
Hope Farm Library	CH66 2LE		0151 337 6484	hopefarm.library@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk	
Kelsall Community Centre	CW6 0SB	Jim Struthers	07951 794442	jim.struthers2@gmail.com	
Kettleshulme Village Hall	SK23 7QU	Victoria Coward & Rachel Blood	07775 330805 / 07909 513251	bookings@kettleshulme.org	
Little Sutton Library	CH66 1QQ	Gill Caslin	0151 337 6800	littlesutton.library@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk	
Macclesfield Library	SK10 1EE	Vicki Bailey	01625 374000	Vicki.Bailey@cheshireeast.gov.uk	
Plumley Village Hall	WA16 0TR	Penny Allen	01565 722 259	tickets@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk	
Siddington Village Hall	SK11 9JR	Sharon Forster	07791 359493	sharonj0911@gmail.com	
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	Jane Todd	07976 309974	thearts@tarvincommunitycentre.org	
Theatre Porto	CH65 6QY	Jess Egan-Simon	0151 357 2120	info@TheatrePorto.org	
The Fallibroome Academy	SK10 4AF	Lindsey Evans		eva@fallibroome.org.uk	
The Five Villages Hall, Backford	CH1 6NT	Rosie Sedgwick	07743 490726	rgsedgwick59@aol.com	
United Reformed Church, Neston	CH64 6UZ	Pat Kynaston	07740 463203 / 0151 336 7729	pat.kynaston@btinternet.com	
Vicars Cross Community Centre	CH3 5LP	Claire Smith	07861 041795	vxcc@greatboughton.gov.uk	
1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall	CW8 3NJ	Brian Williams	07941 166632	brian.williams@midcheshirescouts.org.uk	

For all other venues not listed here, please contact the venues directly for access information.

# SPRING DIARY

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