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## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SCHEDULE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

STORIES FOR ADULTS &amp; CHILDREN

Mon 5	CAR PARK LIFE: GARETH E. REES University of Brighton, Havelock Road, Hastings	7pm FREE
Mon 6	OUT OF THE HAT: Long Nose Puppets Sandown School	4.30pm FREE
Wed 7	GENDER STORIES: MEL ELLIOTT AND I8HOURS I Love Mel, Grand Parade, St Leonards	4pm FREE
Thu 8	EVERYTHING STOPS FOR TEA Hastings Library, Claremont, Hastings	12.30 & 3pm FREE
Thu 8	A NOVEMBER DAY: Thingumajig Theatre Hastings Museum & Art Gallery	6pm £4*
Thu 8	MOTHER'S RUIN with Timberlina Cactus Hound, Western Road, St Leonards-on-Sea	7.30pm £7*
Fri 9	INUA ELLAMS' HASTINGS MIDNIGHT RUN From Stade Hall, Rock-a-Nore Road, Hastings	6pm-midnight £10*
Fri 9	OTHERWORLD: Explore the Sound Installations Alexandra Park – Greenhouse entrance	1.30pm FREE
Fri 9	OTHERWORLD: Magik Door - Full Holomorph Show Alexandra Park – Greenhouse entrance	7.30pm FREE
Sat 10	OTHERWORLD: Explore the Sound Installations Alexandra Park – Greenhouse entrance	1.30pm FREE
Sat 10	EVERYTHING STOPS FOR TEA: Secret Platform Theatre Borough Wines, Robertson Street, Hastings	4.30pm FREE
Sat 10	AXELSCHEFFLER Sussex Studio, White Rock Theatre    Adults £10\$/Children £5*	2pm
Sat 10	OTHERWORLD: Magik Door - Full Holomorph Show Alexandra Park – Greenhouse entrance	7.30pm FREE
Sun 11	CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING CARNIVAL DAY The Stade, Rock-a-Nore Road, Hastings	12-4pm FREE

\* Additional booking fee applies to online bookings  
 \$ 1 free child ticket with every adult ticket, on request



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# Hastings Storytelling Festival

Axel Scheffler

Jan Blake

Otherworld  
by Magik DoorMother's Ruin  
with TimberlinaChildren's  
Carnival Day

and more...



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Events for  
Under-10s

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# Welcome to Hastings Storytelling Festival 2018

**FREE  
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Under-10s**

It's eight years since **Hastings Storytelling Festival** emerged as a small (and very hungry) festival. Since then it's munched its way through hundreds of surprising, diverse, delicious stories and it's getting bigger.



In 2018, we'll be exploring place: Alexandra Park transforms into an interactive hypnagogic dreamscape in **Otherworld** by **Magik Door**;

**Hastings' Midnight Run** reveals surreal, surprising, scintillating encounters and **Gareth E. Rees** exposes another side of Morrison's carpark.



**Everything Stops for Tea** is a joyful housewarming party celebrating Hastings and the Great British love of tea in two

venues. We're excited that the acclaimed **Mother's Ruin** from Manchester brings radical and robust queer performance to St Leonards.



There's a poignant story of a WWI survivor in **Thingumajig Theatre's A November Day**

and families will love **Out of the Hat** with **Long Nose Puppets**.



Our Patron **Sir Quentin Blake** has invited **Gruffalo** illustrator **Axel Scheffler** to draw and talk about his work.



Schools' work continues to expand, reaching many children who are unable to attend the events in this programme. There are school visits from **Spud & Yam**, our Irish and Caribbean **Storytellers in**



**Residence**, and from our Artist in Residence, **Sarah Evans**. We also welcome our first

**Hastings Storytelling Laureate** – the storyteller of storytellers **Jan Blake** who will be visiting



Hastings' schools throughout the year, sharing the magic of storytelling.



And, of course, there's the **Children's Storytelling Carnival Day** at the Stade, with **Xanthe Gresham, Kevin Graal, Spud & Yam, Long Nose Puppets, Jan Blake, Circo Rum Baba, Kiki La Hula, Richard Storybeard, Dolly Delicious, Radiator's Cart of Wonders, local drummers** and a life-size **Snow Globe!**

Explore the world through many lenses at **Hastings Storytelling Festival** – there are stories for everyone and lots of them are free.\*

Enjoy!

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\* Funds raised at ticketed events are used to subsidise the free children's events



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## WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

### GENDER STORIES

A workshop of activities, stories and picture books with 18 Hours to support discussion of gender stereotypes with children.

Author and illustrator, **Mel Elliott** will also share the background and ideas behind her character

'Pearl Power', a feisty five-year-old who believes very strongly in gender equality.

4pm

I Love Mel, 19 Grand Parade,  
St Leonards-on-Sea TN37 6DN

FREE

## MON 5 NOV

### CAR PARK LIFE: GARETH E. REES

Author Gareth E. Rees believes car parks can be as interesting as meadows, botanical gardens or marshlands.

In this exclusive event for the Hastings storytelling festival, Gareth will use film, photography, music and storytelling to share his car park adventures – revealing how Morrisons is a corner-stone of the town's radical history and why Asda is full of dinosaurs.

7pm

Brighton University in Hastings,  
Havelock Road TN34 1EA

FREE

## TUE 6 NOV

### OUT OF THE HAT by LONG NOSE PUPPETS

When Doris and Delilah wake up to find something strange and sparkly has fallen from the sky, they are inspired to put on the world's greatest magic show! But HOW do you make real magic happen? With lively songs by **Tom Gray** of **Gomez**. A spectacular theatre experience for all ages, especially 2-8 year olds. Meet the puppets after the show!

4.30pm public

Sandown School, The Ridge,  
Hastings TN34 2AA

FREE



Pearl didn't want to upset her chum  
But she had to ask "where is your mum?"

Matilda explained that there isn't a mother  
"I have two dads and they love one another."

A mum and a dad isn't always the rule  
My family is different."

Pearl shrugged and said

**"Cool"**

# THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER

## EVERYTHING STOPS FOR TEA by SECRET PLATFORM THEATRE

Blurring the boundary between theatre and real life, **Secret Platform Theatre** invite you to a joyful housewarming party celebrating Hastings and the Great British love of tea.

Enjoy Phyllis and Daphne's warm, old-fashioned hospitality with tea and biscuits a-plenty.

Share your Hastings' stories and Phyllis and Daphne will entertain you with tall stories of their own.

12.30pm–2pm  
& 3pm–4.30pm

Hastings Library, Claremont,  
TN34 1HE

FREE

Also at Borough Wines  
– see Sat 10 November



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## A NOVEMBER DAY by THINGUMAJIG THEATRE

In forgotten boxes in an attic, a woman discovers the story of her grandfather, a survivor of the First World War, and his unexpected encounter with a stray dog. This fable on war and friendship features evocative puppet characters, live music and an ever-changing set.

6pm  
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery  
TN34 1ET  
£4 – places limited please arrive early.  
Suitable for 10+  
Tickets:  
[www.anovemberday.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.anovemberday.eventbrite.co.uk)

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THU 8 NOV

MOTHER'S RUIN  
hosted by **TIMBERLINA**

A new show comes to St Leonards' newest bar with the very successful team behind **Mother's Ruin** (Manchester), who provide a platform to nurture regional, new and emerging talent and for existing and established LGBTQ artists to perform in Hastings.

7.30pm, Cactus Hound, 33-35 Western Road, St Leonards TN37 6DJ  
£7 [www.mothersruinhastings.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.mothersruinhastings.eventbrite.co.uk)

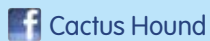


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FRI 9 NOV

INUA ELLAMS'  
HASTINGS  
MIDNIGHT RUN

With **GEORGINA BEDNAR**

Devised by artist, **Inua Ellams**, **Midnight Run** has taken place in many towns, including Paris, Madrid, Berlin, London and in Hastings Storytelling Festival. Facilitator, **Georgina Bednar** will guide you in this specially designed one-off event for Hastings.

More of a walk, stroll or amble than a run, Midnight Walk is an arts-filled, night time cultural journey. You will traverse through Hastings' urban spaces, gathering strangers and encountering local artists/activists with whom to explore, play and create.

Expect art, outdoor games, friendly strangers and a new perspective.

6pm - Midnight  
Starts at Stade Hall TN34 3FJ  
Ends at TBC  
£10 - limited spaces  
[www.hastingsmidnightrun.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.hastingsmidnightrun.eventbrite.co.uk)

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# FRIDAY 9 & SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER

## OTHERWORLD by MAGIK DOOR

**Magik Door** create a portal to the **Otherworld** in the heart of Hastings' Alexandra Park, which turns an area of the park into an interactive hypnagogic dreamscape.

Marrying the ancient and the cutting edge, **Otherworld** is a mischievously surreal hybrid art installation consisting of interactive

audio holograms, 3D immersive soundscapes, theatre and storytelling informed by local stories.

The public can wander through the installation, playing with some of the interactive exhibits, bathing in hypnagogic holophonic soundworlds and, in the evening, hear some immersive stories.

*Northern Ireland's Magik Door creates alternative realities using emerging technologies. The company specialises in immersive 3D audio environments, augmented reality, interactive hybrid art exhibitions and performance.*

Whilst this is suitable for children, the story will be dark and scary, so 12+ advised (unless you have very brave and open-minded children).

However, there will also be an opportunity for children to engage with the installation on Friday and Saturday afternoon.

### Friday 9 November

#### 1.30-3pm: Sound installation

Interactive exhibit, 3D soundscape (no storytelling)

For school bookings, please email: [office@18hours.org.uk](mailto:office@18hours.org.uk)

#### 7.30pm: Full Holomorph Show

Interactive exhibit, 3D soundscape  
12+ advised (see above)

### Saturday 10 November

#### 1.30-3pm: Sound installation

Interactive exhibit, 3D soundscape (no storytelling)

#### 7.30pm: Full Holomorph Show

Interactive exhibit, 3D soundscape  
12+ advised (see above)



SAT 10 NOV



EVERYTHING STOPS FOR TEA by SECRET PLATFORM THEATRE

See Thursday 8 November listing for details.

4.30-6.30pm  
Borough Wines,  
Robertson Street,  
TN34 1HT  
FREE



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## SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER

### AXEL SCHEFFLER



Hastings  
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presents **Axel  
Scheffler.**

Axel is an  
award-winning,

internationally-acclaimed  
author and illustrator of  
some of the most well-loved  
children's books, including  
Julia Donaldson's *The Gruffalo*.  
His books have been published in  
many languages and his work has  
been exhibited all around  
the world.

Axel will read stories, draw and  
talk about his work.

2pm

White Rock Theatre, Sussex Hall  
White Rock TN34 1JX

ADULT aged 17+ (comes with one free child  
aged 0-10, on request) £10

CHILDREN aged 11-16 and/or additional  
children aged 0-10 £5

Tickets: [whiterocktheatre.org.uk](http://whiterocktheatre.org.uk)





# SUNDAY 11 NOV: CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING CARNIVAL DAY



## 12 & 1.30pm: Out of the Hat by Long Nose Puppets

When Doris and Delilah wake up to find something strange and sparkly has fallen from the sky, they are inspired to put on the world's greatest magic show! But HOW do you make real magic happen?

## 2.15 & 3.25pm: Jan Blake

Leading storyteller, Jan Blake, has been performing worldwide for over twenty-five years. Specialising in diverse stories, she has a well-earned reputation for dynamic and generous storytelling.



**12.45 & 2.20pm: Kevin Graal** Highly skilled local storyteller, Kevin Graal, has a repertoire of interactive stories, riddles, songs and rhymes from around the world.



## 12 & 1.45pm: Spud and Yam

A new commission by Storytellers in Residence, Kate Corkery and Winston Nzinga, aka Spud & Yam. They have been bringing their unique Irish/Jamaican mix of educational and entertaining stories of plastic waste to local schools throughout the week.

**12 & 3.15pm: Xanthe Gresham** A Sussex based storyteller whose highly energetic and distinctive style has captivated audiences all over the world.



**All afternoon: Richard Storybeard** Another local gem of a storyteller. Snuggle down and soak up magical stories told in a cosy yurt.

**12 & 1.45pm: Circo Rum Ba Ba, L'Hotel** The loopy hosts of L'Hotel make Basil Fawty look positively in control. One of the funniest pieces of live street performance you'll ever see!



**12.45 & 3.15pm: Snow Globe** Wave to the Snow Queen, as she drifts through the festival in her miniature sparkling world of snow and ice.



**All afternoon: Cart of Wonders** Radiator Arts bring us folklore stories on wheels.

1pm  
Hula Hoop Workshop with Kiki La Hula

12-4pm  
The Stade  
FREE

Stade  
Open Space  
TN34 3FJ

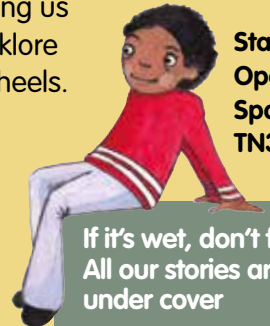
If it's wet, don't fret!  
All our stories are under cover

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Carnival Parade at 3pm

**Children's Parade** Join the parade through the Old Town with hats, drums, banners and whistles!



## Storytelling Hub

Because we love stories as much as you do, we are creating a 'story hub' on our website. Here are just a few links and suggestions to feed your appetite for splendid tales:

### The Story Museum:

[www.storymuseum.org.uk](http://www.storymuseum.org.uk)

### New Writing South:

[www.newwritingsouth.com](http://www.newwritingsouth.com)

### Forest Row School of Storytelling:

[www.schoolofstorytelling.com](http://www.schoolofstorytelling.com)

### White Rock Theatre:

[www.whiterocktheatre.org.uk](http://www.whiterocktheatre.org.uk)

### Meet of the Tongue:

First Friday of the month

Facebook: Meet of the Tongue

Yvonne Rees: 07400 913047

### Society for Storytelling:

[www.sfs.org.uk](http://www.sfs.org.uk)

**Mad about stories?**

**Want to tell a story next year?**

**Want to ask a question?**

**We hope you enjoyed Hastings  
Storytelling Festival 2018 –**

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[info@hastingsstoryfest.org.uk](mailto:info@hastingsstoryfest.org.uk)**



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