



A week of
stories for
adults &
children

Fishy Tales

11-17 NOVEMBER 2013

Featuring:

Quentin Blake

Inua Ellams

Crimson Skye

The Velvet Curtain

The Stowaway Sisters... & more!



Festival Patron: Sir Quentin Blake

www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk

ABOUT FISHY TALES

Hastings Storytelling Festival embarks on its third annual voyage across the high seas of storytelling, with original and traditional tales from puppeteers, musicians, artists, illustrators, authors, poets, dancers and comedians.

Stories from far and wide will unfold in venues across town, with tales for adults and children alike, from family-friendly **Alice in Wonderland** to our grown-up **Velvet Curtain** evening.

Whatever your age, there's a story for you – and if you are under 12, most of them are free.

This year, festival producers **18hours** have programmed some exciting new storytellers alongside last year's favourites and we are delighted that



the wonderful **Sir Quentin Blake** remains our Patron. Come along to the Jerwood on Friday 15 November to listen to his talk.

And don't miss the family festival at the Stade on Sunday 17 November, where you can even climb inside a tin whale for your very own show!



Hastings Storytelling Festival was produced by:



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MONDAY 11–WEDNESDAY 13



Monday 11, Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 Nov
Children's workshops

The illustrations in this booklet are created by local artist and illustrator **Sarah Evans**.

In the weeks before the festival Sarah will visit local primary schools, children's centres and community groups for fun creative workshops. She and the children will create Quentin Blake themed banners in preparation for the Children's Parade at Sunday's Children's Day, Stade Open Space, 12–4pm.

FREE Family workshops

Redlake Children's Centre:

Mon 11 Nov, 1.30–2.30pm

Tel: 01424 726450

St Leonards Children's Centre,

Clyde Road: Fri 15 Nov, 1–2.30pm

Tel: 01424 200604

Call the Centres for more session times



Wednesday 13 Inua Ellams



We are excited to bring the myriad voices of Inua to new St Leonards venue, The Garage. Experience his love of juxtaposition as

he mixes past, present, fact, fiction, the everyday and the extraordinary with a 'style as influenced by Shakespeare as by hip hop'.

Time: 7.30–9.30

Venue: The Garage, The Horse & Groom pub, Mercatoria, St Leonards

Price: £6



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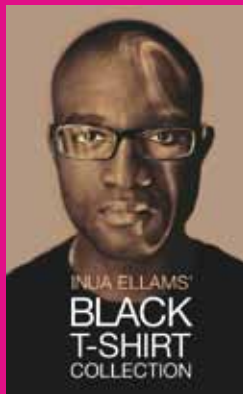
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THURSDAY 14

Creative Writing Workshop with Inua Ellams



For lovers of language and the sea. Presented by **Inua Ellams** with **Dr Irralie Doel**, Leader for English Literature at the University of Brighton in Hastings, this hands-on

practical workshop is designed to inspire new writing, teaching and discussion. Perfect for teachers, writers, students and members of the public.

This interactive and engaging workshop will include a short performance by Inua.

Time: 4–6pm

Venue: Creativity Suite, University of Brighton in Hastings (two minutes from Hastings Station)

Free: Please arrive on time. Places are limited, so this event is first-come, first-served.

FRIDAY 15



Talk by Quentin Blake Festival Patron

Lifelong illustrator, art teacher, curator, multiple award winner and CBE, **Sir Quentin Blake** reflects on his life as an artist. Sir Quentin is famous for his sketchy, vibrant and instantly recognisable illustrations for the much-loved tales of Roald Dahl.

Time: 4–5.30pm

Venue: The Jerwood Gallery

Price: Adults: £6 / 10–16yrs: £3 from the Jerwood Gallery and Hastings Tourist Information Centre

Not suitable for under 10s, no book signing, but signed Festival posters will be on sale for £10



The Stowaway Sisters: Stranded in Hastings

The Stowaway Sisters (storyteller musicians **Abbie Palache** and **Christine Cooper**) bring their tales and songs of the seven seas to five Old Town venues, taking punters on a journey to the four corners of the world. Enjoy a drink as you fight pirates, visit the Sea King's palace and board a ship of the dead, singing sea shanties a-plenty along the way.

Find the sisters at:

6.30pm The Jenny Lind, High St
7.15pm The Dolphin, Rock-A-Nore
8.00pm First In Last Out: High St
8.45pm The Stag: All Saints St
9.30pm Pomegranate: George St
FREE

6.30pm
The Jenny Lind



7.15pm
The Dolphin



8pm
First In Last Out



8.45pm
The Stag



9.30pm
Pomegranate



SATURDAY 16

Stories at the Library

Storyteller **Ben Fairlight** 'at the top of his craft' with 'a captivating quality which urges you to accompany him on his journey into the world of imagination'.

Time: 10.30–11.30am

Venue: Hastings Children's Library **FREE**



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Box Tales Soup invite adults and children alike to venture down the rabbit hole into a timeless world of beautiful paper puppets and wondrous fantasy in their spell-binding version of Lewis Carroll's



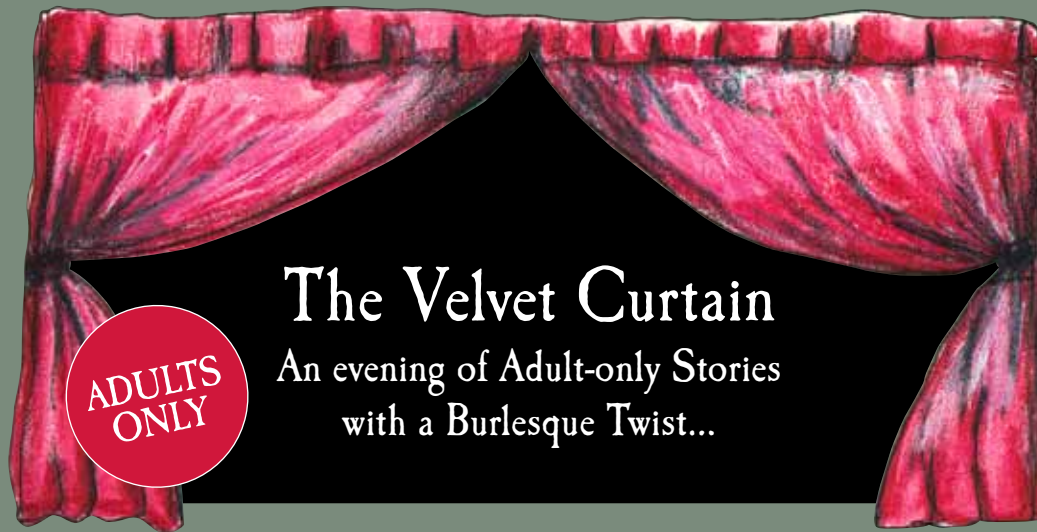
classic tale. Accompanied by an original soundtrack by Dan Melrose.

Time: 2pm

Venue: Stade Hall

FREE

Please arrive early – last year we had to turn people away!



The Velvet Curtain parts to reveal four mistresses of the titillating tale. Our storytellers will TANTALISE, TEASE, and ENTWINE you in their witty, sexy and darkly humorous tales during four hours of back-to-back entertainment with breaks to visit the bar!



Writer and performer **Penny Pepper**, a woman with a 'twinkle in her voice'...



Liz Bentley described as one of the quirkiest voices on the UK's spoken word scene...

Caroline Smith also known as **Mertle Merman**, who does naughty things with food... and



Crimson Skye who also compères (when she's not too busy serial-killing). Plus musical magic from the fabulous **Steve the Squeeze** and mystery chanteuses.

We're creating a sumptuous setting within **THE PIANO BAR** and **SEA TERRACE** and we'd like our audience to dress up as much as our artists... there will be saucy lucky dip prizes for the best-dressed guests.

Time: 7.30–11.30pm

Venue: Royal Victoria Hotel, St Leonards Seafront

Price: £12 in advance from Hastings Tourist Information / SHOP, Norman Rd or online from www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk and www.thevelvetcurtain.eventbrite.co.uk £15 on the door

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SUNDAY 17 NOV CHILDREN'S DAY

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and Director of Koromanti
Arts, **'H' Patten**, dances
life into African and
Caribbean stories.

Abbie Palache tells traditional
stories, riddles, songs and games.

Magical tales unfold inside
Richard Storybeard's yurt.



Mary the Mermaid
needs your help to save
Sammy the Seahorse
from the Green Hairy
Monster in **Sue Bodkin's**
puppet story
'Splish Splash'.

Commissioned especially
for last year's festival,
**Rachel Leonard and
Jonathan**



Broughton's
'Please look after me', is
back by popular demand.



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

12-4pm
The Stade
FREE



Talking Birds invite you to experience
the magic of one-to-one stories
inside the belly of their giant whale.

PLUS...
Circus Skills
from
Andy Bosco
and a
**Quentin
Blake themed
Children's
Parade**



Children's
Parade
at 3pm

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 more splendid tales:

The Story Museum

www.storymuseum.org.uk

New Writing South

www.newwritingsouth.com

Forest Row School of Storytelling

www.schoolofstorytelling.com

Meet of the Tongue

First Friday of the month
Hurst Green TN19 7PX

Society for Storytelling

www.sfs.org.uk

Hastings Storytelling Festival

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Want to tell a story next year?

Want to ask a question? email us at: info@hastingsstoryfest.org.uk

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Lunch Served Tuesday to Saturday -

from 12.00 - 2.30 (Vegetarian available)

Monday Evening Tapes from 6.00 onwards

Quiz Nights on the 1st Sunday of the month

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Wed 13	Poetry Performance from Inua Ellams The Garage, Horse & Groom, St Leonards	£6 7.30–9.30pm
Thu 14	Adults writing workshop: Inua Ellams Creativity Suite, University of Brighton, Priory Square	FREE 4–6pm
Fri 15	Talk by Sir Quentin Blake The Jerwood Gallery	Adults: £6, Children: 10–16yrs £3 Not suitable for under 10s 4–5.30pm
Fri 15	The Stowaway Sisters Old Town pubs	FREE 6.30–9pm
Sat 16	Stories at the Library Hastings Children's Library	FREE 10.30–11.30am
Sat 16	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Stade Hall	FREE 2pm
Sat 16	The Velvet Curtain (Adults Only) Royal Victoria Hotel	Tickets: £12 (adv.) £15 (on door) 7.30–11.30pm
Sun 17	Children's Day and Parade An outdoor festival for everyone on The Stade	FREE 12am–4pm

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