



the Den is the Royal Exchange's brand new pop-up theatre. This space-within-a-space is playful and fun, a creative hub where people can share, learn and make. It's part of Local Exchange - which sees the Royal Exchange Theatre resident in communities across Greater Manchester. This August the Den will be constructed in its first ever home - Stalybridge Civic Hall!

diary

Tue 13	A Tameside Story (by invitation only)	7pm
Thurs 15	There is a Light	7pm
Fri 16	There is a Light	2pm / 7pm (captioned)
Fri 16	Tameside Artist Mixer	5.30pm
Sat 17	The Story Den	11am
Sat 17	Den Building	12 - 3pm (drop-in event, no need to book)
Sat 17	Stalybridge Old Band (Tickets available on the door)	8pm
Tue 20	MOTHERS (pre-show free pop up event)	6pm
Tue 20	Double bill of performances	7pm
Thurs 22	Utopia	7pm
Fri 23	Utopia	7pm
Fri 23	The Goose Who Flew	12.30pm / 2.30pm
Sat 24	The Story Den	11am
Sat 24	Utopia	3pm (captioned) / 7pm

mobile box office locations

Tickets for all events can be booked at our mobile Box Offices - all are Pay What You Decide

19 Jul 2019	3 - 6pm	Stalybridge Civic Hall
20 Jul 2019	12 - 3pm	Tameside One
25 Jul 2019	3 - 6pm	Stalybridge Civic Hall
26 Jul 2019	12 - 4pm	Tameside One
12 Aug 2019	11 - 4pm	Stalybridge Civic Hall

Tickets will also be on sale from the Stalybridge Civic Hall Box Office on performance days - please check website for times royalexchange.co.uk/theden

Tickets are available online (£2 minimum) at royalexchange.co.uk/bookonline
Use the promo code **STALY333** in the top right hand box to see the full list of shows and book.

With thanks to the audiences, residents, volunteers and organisations who have contributed to work made across Tameside.

LOCAL EXCHANGE PRINCIPAL FUNDERS



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We would also like to thank our Patrons, Members and anonymous donors whose ongoing gifts to the theatre make this work possible.

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the Den

at Stalybridge Civic Hall

13- 24 August 2019



Come inside and discover
THEATRE
WORKSHOPS
FAMILY FUN

performances

13 August A Tameside Story – created by the community

Royal Exchange artists and the residents of Tameside have been collaborating to make original pieces of theatre that tell stories that reflect their communities. Hosted by the Royal Exchange Tameside Ambassadors this celebratory evening includes work from an intergenerational physical theatre group, youth groups, Age UK Tameside and live music from Global Grooves.



15 & 16 August A Royal Exchange Theatre Production in association with Kandinsky **THERE IS A LIGHT THAT NEVER GOES OUT: Scenes from the Luddite Rebellion** Created by James Yeatman and Lauren Mooney.

Fresh from the Royal Exchange Theatre - the story of the Luddites brought bang up to date.

It's the early 1800s, Manchester is one of the most advanced cities in the world – but workers are being side-lined for profit. It's time to come together, it is time for rebellion – but with spies in the midst who can be trusted?



20 August An evening of performances programmed by the Tameside Ambassadors.

A FAST ONE

Written and Performed by: Ali Wilson
Dramaturgy: Amy Lawrence
Supported by: Leentje Van de Cruys & Kate Daley

An old wise man sits crossed legged on a rock by the sea. As the sun goes down, he whispers to the world: when I shanghai you, you'll wake up at sea, working for me. An 18-year-old finds herself in love with someone who wants to ruin her. A group of people gather in one place to be entertained. A dog barks.

GRIEVE. BREATHE. SMILE. REPEAT.

Created by: SHAR X Conan The Librarian
Performers: Charlotte Barber and Ryan Gilmartin
Dramaturgy: James Monaghan

When did you last miss me?
My birthday? Christmas?

This is about grieving for people who are still alive. Someone who is here in body but not in spirit. It's called ambiguous grief, but where is its place, what is the experience? Stand and be enveloped in an audio-visual experience through the seven stages of grief, with you stood at the heart of it. This is something more than "I miss you".

[M]OTHERS

Created And Performed by: Christopher Brown, Yandass Ndlovu, Helen Andrew and Jordan Skelly

A disruptive pop-up performance that mixes poetry with movement and dance.

A combination of verbatim material and autobiographical stories. [M]Others is exploring our relationships with the word Mother and its meanings.

22 – 24 August UTOPIA

After Thomas More
Created by the Young Company with text by Chris Thorpe
Directed by Atri Banerjee



The award-winning Royal Exchange Theatre Young Company present their brand new show UTOPIA. Half a millennium after Thomas More wrote Utopia they re-imagine this classic for today – and ask what does Utopia mean for us now? And what does it mean in our future?

family events



17 August DEN BUILDING

Want to have a go at building your own mini Den? Then join us for this hands-on, practical workshop where you can get creative and make the perfect hideaway (this is a drop in event – no need to book).



17 & 24 August THE STORY DEN

Storytelling sessions from some very special guests. Get comfortable and lose yourself in an adventure as Julie Hesmondhalgh and others share their favourite stories and captivating tales. Suitable for under 10s.



23 August Half Moon presents THE GOOSE WHO FLEW

A Lots of Odds Theatre production for ages 3-7

Goose loves the summer, playing with his family and friends, but soon it is time for him to fly south for the winter. As his journey begins, things are not as they should be.

Using charming storytelling, simple puppetry and an assortment of quirky characters, this is a heartfelt story about the importance of compassion, community and understanding.

There will be more workshops happening throughout the festival, so if you fancy joining in please keep an eye out on our website and when you visit our mobile box office.

16 August TAMESIDE ARTISTS MIXER

Come along and meet local artists from all disciplines for a good chat over a drink. This informal event is the chance to share ideas and exchange opportunities with other artists from across Tameside.

17 August STALYBRIDGE OLD BAND

Peterloo Anniversary Concert. **Tickets £6** – available on the door