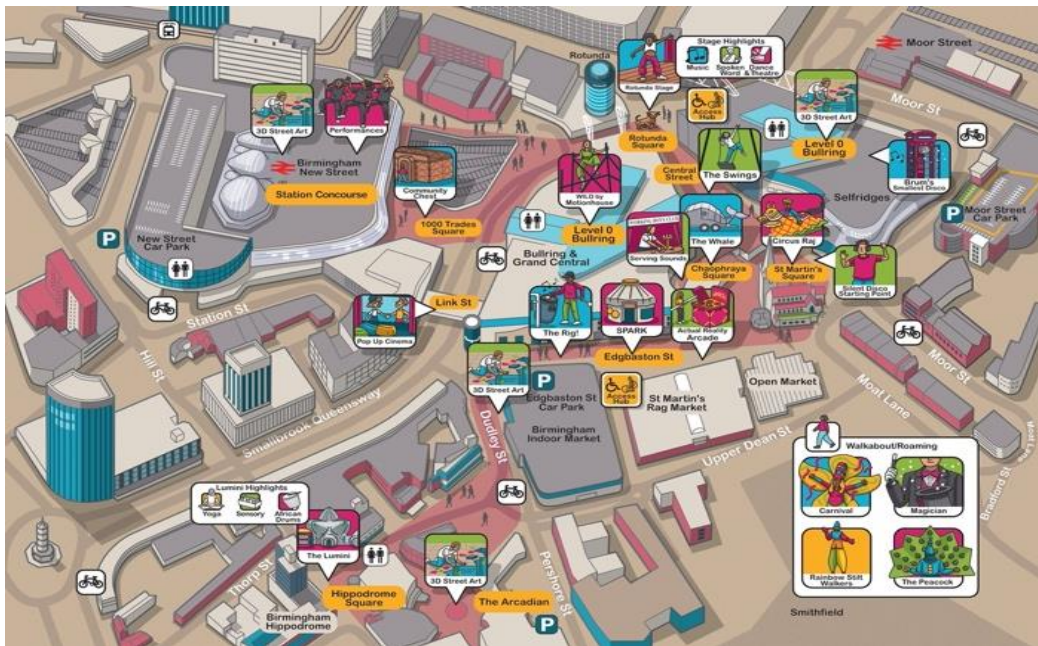


Hello and Welcome to Birmingham Weekender!

We have 2 FREE fun-filled days for you in Birmingham on Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 August.

This guide will tell you all about the different events and help you find them!



...there is dance



... lots of music



... all sorts of art



... circus





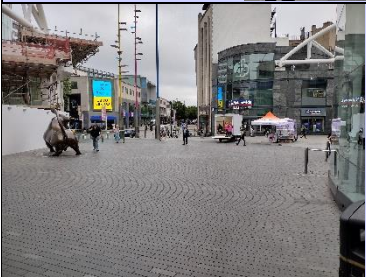

... and games




... Oh and a whale!

There are lots of performances that you can simply sit and watch as well as activities that you can take part in. These are happening in specific places in Birmingham. There will be special times that they will start and finish. Sometimes you have to book a ticket to make sure you get a place.



Venue	Times	Event/ access info	Key/ length
 St Martin's Square	12.15pm, 1.30pm, 2.45pm, 4.30pm	Circus Raj (audio description @ 1.30pm)	 45 mins
	12pm, 1pm, 2.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.15pm	Silent Disco Walking Tours Relaxed session 12noon	 30 mins
Level 0 Bullring 	1.15pm 4pm	Motionhouse – WILD (audio description @ 4pm)	
 Hippodrome Square	12pm – 6pm	Lumini Drumming – 12pm, 12.45pm Comedy Club 4 Kids – 3pm	
Edgbaston Street 	12pm – 6pm	The Rig	 
	12pm – 6pm	SPARK	
	12pm – 6pm	Actual Reality Arcade	
 Central Street	1pm 2.15pm 3.30pm 5pm	The Swings (you can have a go when there is no performance!)	
Chaophraya Square 	12pm -2.30pm 3.30pm – 6pm	Talking Birds – The Whale	
	12.30pm 2pm 3.30pm 5pm	Activate Performing Arts – Serving Sounds	
 1000 Trades Square	12pm -6pm	Community Chest	
	1.30pm, 3.30pm, (5pm)	Marshon Dance – Flash Mob	



<p>New Street Station</p>		<p>Got 2 Sing Sat – 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm</p> <p>Black Voices Sun – 2.30pm, 4.30pm</p>	<p>Mass Choir performance (BSL perfs @ 2.30pm both days)</p>	
	<p>Rotunda Square</p>	<p>12-6pm</p> <p>BSL all day</p> <p>Audio Description Eloquent Dance - Sat 2:45pm & Sun 4:15pm</p> <p>House of Allure & Queer Side - Sat 4pm</p> <p>#50days - Sun 2:45pm</p>	<p>Young Advocates Stage – music, dance, poetry</p>	

You can use this timetable to make sure you get a chance to see everything. There

is a bit of walking  on the way to find the events but don't worry as there are lots of things to see on the way. So make sure you look out for our roaming acts!



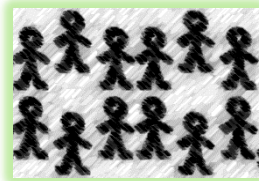
Roaming Acts	Route & times	Info	Key/ length	Extra info
<p>Magician</p>	<p>12pm – 6pm Everywhere</p>	<p>As he strolls around – he performs incredible card tricks for everyone.</p>	 30 mins	
<p>Carnival Sunday only 12pm, 1.45pm, 5pm</p>	<p>Route 1: 12pm Rotunda Square to Edgbaston Street 1.45pm Hippodrome Square Route 2: 5pm Edgbaston</p>	<p>You can follow the carnival on its route as it moves along bringing a riot of colour and music to our streets.</p>		<p>It will be busy and also quite noisy.</p> <p>You will need to have your ear defenders.</p>

	Street to Rotunda			
The Peacock	2pm, 3pm & 5pm Rotunda Square & Hippodrome Square	A pretty Princess and a strutting Peacock share their story through dance as they parade around. You can talk to them and feed the peacock.	 30 mins	
Rainbow Stilt Walkers	2.30pm, 4pm, 5pm Rotunda Square & Hippodrome Square	Look out for these stilt walkers as they walk on their route, wearing rainbow costumes and chatting to everyone on their way.		

Important Information!

There is a lot of walking   so wear comfortable shoes  and make sure you drink lots of water  if it isn't hot. 

It will be busy on Saturday and Sunday when you are walking from one place to another as lots of people will be walking along the streets too.



If you need to take a break or need some chill out time, please come to our Access Hub on Rotunda Square.



There is another Access Hub – situated on Edgbaston Street.



Please lookout for our friendly access staff to help you. They will be wearing these lovely yellow T shirts.




They will be able to tell you about all the events, help plan your visit



and show you to the quickest way to get there.

There will some chairs  and there is a  wheelchair you can use if you find the walking is just too much!

We will also have some ear defenders , fidget toys  and a chill out space.

We also have some coloured lanyards  that you can wear so that our staff all around festival will know if you need a little extra help as you may feel a bit anxious in the crowds.

What you are going to see:

St Martin's Square



There are two events happening here. One you can sit and watch - and the other you will be part of it!

Circus Raj has lots of exciting acts to see. With stilt walkers, acrobats, aerialists, jugglers as well as sword swallowing and walking on nails!



There is dancing and drumming as well. We will have ear defenders available if you need them.

There is so much to see. There will be seats available or you can sit on the floor. It lasts 45 minutes.

Silent Disco Walking Tour is your very own special disco. You will wear special headphones that have music playing through them (you can turn the volume down if you need to) and there is a guide who will talk to you through the tour and get you all to dance and tell you stories and make you laugh!



Don't worry – you can take your headphones off whenever you want.
Sat & Sun at 12 noon - there is a special relaxed session when there are fewer people in the tour and the guide will explain more about what you have to do and calm you down if you feel a bit anxious.

Level 0 Bullring



Motionhouse - WILD

WILD is a dance-circus performance. It looks at nature and the environment. The stage is designed to look like a forest. The tall poles are used to show a forest and a city. The performers use their bodies to dance through the space.

They climb up the poles. They look down at the world below them. Wild is exciting. It has amazing acrobatics and funny characters.



Wild is the perfect show for everyone!

There is an Audio described performance on Saturday & Sunday at 4pm

There is lots going on at Hippodrome Square, by Birmingham Hippodrome



Lumini is an exciting structure made up of dome-shaped tents – which you can enter.



Inside is quite magical with different colours filtering in from outside all around you – with gentle specially composed music to relax you.



You have to take off your shoes and some of the domes are quite small... but they lead to a larger area where there are different workshops throughout the weekend.

- Drumming workshops
- Comedy Club 4 Kids
- Yoga sessions
- Sensory sessions

You will also be able to see some of the roaming acts here. The **Carnival** will create a special performance here.



This may be quite noisy and there will be a lot of people watching. Look out for our Access guides if you need special seating.

You can also see **The Peacock** strutting around Hippodrome Square with the Princess.



The Rainbow Stilt Walkers will stay and chat to you as well if you are here.



Edgbaston Street



This street will be transformed into a giant arts activity space using all sorts of natural and up-cycled material to create beautiful installations and designs, some are musical instruments and others crazy sculptural pieces! Everyone creates their own special design. Plus a chance to play giant arcade games!

The Rig has been designed by professional musicians and artists working together. There are 8 different structures that create different sounds... and you can make your own music by playing with all of them. Who would have thought that you could make music from an old bath, a suitcase or a broomstick! Everyone can have a go.



There is also a special area where you can make your own instrument out of recycled materials. So you can take it home and carry on playing music.

At the **SPARK** site you have the chance to be part of creating a unique installation. This really is hands on art, using recycled and natural materials.



By working together, you will create an ever-changing installation, that will change as everyone adds their own designs to it.

Actual Reality Arcade – this is a life size interactive game zone for everyone. You can pilot a spaceship across the galaxy or survive an attack of aliens; build giant tetris blocks or pump jump frogger to safety!



There are 12 games to choose from!

Central Street



The Swings – you can watch amazing aerialists performing high up in the air on their extra-large swings.



And then you have a chance to have a go yourself! But don't worry – you don't have to swing very high. There will be a lovely musical soundtrack to swing to!

There is also the opportunity to use an accessible swing seat. This will be at 2.30pm – 3pm on Saturday and Sunday.

There is an Audio Description of the aerialists' performance at 2.15pm – 2.30pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Chaophraya Square



The Whale

Probably the last place you will expect to see a whale is in the middle of Birmingham. But this is a very special whale ... and you can even go inside its mouth!

By stepping into the world of the whale ... you will be transported into a magical place with our sailor guide, who will tell you a short story about the whale...



It is quite small inside the Whale but don't worry – you will only be with your family/ friends/ group more than 4 people can fit in and it is a quick visit – it only takes 3 minutes. You may have to queue, as everyone loves the whale, but don't worry it won't be long!

It is standing only inside unless you need a wheelchair and there is a wheelchair ramp into the whale's mouth.

Activate Performing Arts – Serving Sounds

This is a unique multi-sensory sound experience. Sitting at a bar... you can order any drink but they all do the same... instead of drinking it – they make music. You can squeeze a lemon, tap a bottle and dunk your drink... and you will have a tune!



This is a lovely family friendly activity and a maximum of four people (any age!) can sit at the bar. You will interact with the bar staff who will serve you different drinks... and help you make music!

It is only 3 minutes long! But if you don't want to join in ... you can still enjoy it by watching (and listening) as other people are served.

1000 Trades Square



Community Chest

This is a giant treasure chest that is split into 4 sections – a bit like being inside a maze. In each section small groups of people have to work together to work out how to join the other 3 groups. The aim of the game is to work altogether to solve the puzzles so that you can win the treasure.



There is a Relaxed session at 12noon on Saturday and Sunday. There will be less people in each of the sections and there will be more help with the puzzles. It still may be a little noisy – so you may want to wear ear defenders.

New Street Station



There is lots happening at the station... including singing and dancing.

Marshon Dance is a community based street style dance company – who will be 'hip-popping' up in New Street Station throughout the weekend! You won't be able to keep still when you watch them.



Mass choirs will be performing over Saturday and Sunday. There are over 100 people singing each day – raising the roof!

Got 2 Sing will be performing on Saturday at 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm

Black Voices will be performing on Sunday at 2.30pm, 4.30pm.

Each 2.30pm performance will have a BSL interpretation.

Rotunda Square



This stage has been curated by Birmingham Hippodrome's Young Advocates. Expect music, dance, poetry and lots of energy from our hosts!

There will be BSL interpretation all day on this stage. And Audio Description at points throughout the day.




ROTUNDA STAGE

12pm	Heavy Beat Brass Band <small>SATURDAY OPENING PERFORMANCE</small>	
12.30pm	Hippodrome Musicals Youth Theatre <small>MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE</small>	
12.45pm	Ty'rone Haughton & More <small>SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCES</small>	<small>HOSTED BY BAKEM OMALE AND KAYLEE GOLDING</small>
1.15pm	Girl Grind UK Takeover <small>FT. OLIVIA CAMPBELL, SO PIYA & MORE</small>	
2.25pm	Sipho Eric Ndlovu & David Austin Grey <small>CLASSICAL JAZZ PIANO INFUSED SPOKEN WORD SET</small>	
2.45pm	Eloquent Dance - Torch of Excellence <small>COMMISSIONED BY BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME</small>	
3pm	Girl Grind UK Takeover <small>FT. DANIA RAE, SHANZEEN & MORE</small>	
4pm	House Of Allure <small>PERFORMANCE</small>	<small>CO-CURATED BY BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME YOUNG ADVOCATES A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WROTE ON THEIR OWN JOURNEY OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT, SHAPED AND INFLUENCED BY BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME'S WORK</small>
4.15pm	Queer-Side <small>PERFORMANCE</small>	
4.30pm	Mr Auden Allen <small>DJ SET</small>	
5.15pm	Marshon Dance <small>FLASH MOB DANCE PERFORMANCE</small>	
5.30pm	Kaylee Golding - DJ Set <small>With House of Allure, Queer-Side and Marshon Dance SATURDAY CLOSING PERFORMANCE</small>	

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ROTUNDA STAGE

12pm	Weekender Carnival <small>SUNDAY OPENING PERFORMANCE</small>	
12.30pm	The Mighty Jamma <small>STEELEMAN MUSIC PERFORMANCE</small>	
12.45pm	Sisters in Dub <small>SOUND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE</small>	<small>HOSTED BY BAKEM OMALE AND KAYLEE GOLDING</small>
1.45pm	Girl Grind UK Takeover <small>FT. LATIFA, CZAFARI & MORE</small>	
2.45pm	#50Days - British Youth Music Theatre <small>MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE - SHOW PREVIEW</small>	
3.15pm	Girl Grind UK Takeover <small>FT. JANEI ANTONESHIA & MORE</small>	
4.15pm	Eloquent Dance Torch of Excellence <small>COMMISSIONED BY BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME</small>	<small>CO-CURATED BY BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME YOUNG ADVOCATES A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WROTE ON THEIR OWN JOURNEY OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT, SHAPED AND INFLUENCED BY BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME'S WORK</small>
4.30pm	Sisters in Dub <small>SOUND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE</small>	
5.15pm	Eternal Drums <small>MUSIC PERFORMANCE</small>	
5.30pm	Weekender Carnival <small>SUNDAY CLOSING PERFORMANCE & FESTIVAL FINALE</small>	

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