

STORIES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

6-12 NOV 2017

Hastings Storytelling Festival

Benjamin
Zephaniah

Lauren Child

Kathakali

Bollywood

Curry Cabaret

Children's
Carnival

...and more!

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Welcome to Hastings Storytelling Festival 2017

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The seventh Hastings Storytelling Festival's theme is *India Reimagined*. There's traditional South Indian storytelling from Kerala's **Kala Chethena Kathakali Company**, a **Bollywood dance workshop**, **Indian cinema**, **Curry Cabaret** and a talk from local British-Indian author **Umi Sinha**.

Benjamin Zephaniah and the Revolutionary Minds have added an extra date onto their tour, just for us. And **Lauren Child**, Children's Laureate and author of *Clarice Bean* and *Charlie and Lola* talks about her stories.



Familiar faces appear in a sphere pulsing with light in **Impossible Theatre's** *Lightweight* and adorable puppets tell pirate tales in *A Heart at Sea*. **Children's Storytelling**



Carnival Day brings free live storytelling and activities and our biggest-ever (India-inspired) **Carnival Parade** to the Stade.

There are storytelling experiences, workshops and performances in local schools with our storytellers in residence, the **Sujata Banerjee Dance Company**.

Our artist in residence, **Sarah Evans**, will be helping local school children to create carnival costumes for the parade. There will also be **Storytelling Cafés** in schools featuring **Kathak storytelling and cookery**, focusing on reducing food waste. As an additional treat, there will also be **Kathakali performances** in two schools.

Thanks to our Patron, **Sir Quentin Blake**, for getting great authors involved, donating his time and energy and making amazing drawings, such as the Indian elephant for this year's booklet!

Whatever your age, there's a story for you and, if you're under 10, most events are free.*

See you there!

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



MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER

LIS'N'TELL: 'THE CIRCLE OF SITA' FROM LEGEND TO LIFE




For teachers, storytellers and adults who love to learn about stories. Delivered by 18 Hours,

Development Education Centre for East Sussex, in partnership with **Louise Coigley**, Storyteller and Speech and Language Therapist. Explore how storytelling techniques support literacy and help challenge social stereotypes. A traditional story from The Ramayana is used to explore modern day environmental heroes and heroines from India to inspire children to protect themselves and the planet.

www.18hours.org.uk www.lisntell.co.uk
KS2/3 but adaptable for all ages
1.30–4.30pm
Sandown School, TN34 2AA **FREE**
Reserve your place: office@18hours.org.uk



DEOOL (2hrs 15mins, 2011) 
Award winning Indian movie
Director: Umesh Vinayak Kulkarni
135 minutes / 2011 / India / subtitles

When Keshya, a simple villager, believes God has arrived in his village, everyone mocks him. But events take a drastic turn when politics get involved.

With camerawork that speaks volumes, **Mangesh Dhakde's** foot-tapping music and *The Dutta Dutta* song adding a modern rap twist, *Deool* is a beautiful contemporary Indian film.

7pm
Electric Palace Cinema, TN34 3ER
£8 / £7 conc (Students, Senior Citizens, Disabled, Under 16s & Unemployed – please bring ID)

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER



A HEART AT SEA BY HALF A STRING

Following a tragedy, a young boy bottles up his heart and throws it into the sea. Intricate puppets are swept through a transforming wooden world as our hero tries to recover his heart. A haunting tale of whales, caves, ships and pirates (with phenomenal beards).

Beautiful live music accompanies this collaboration between folk singer/songwriter **Avi Simmons** and puppet maker and artist **Peter Morton**.

4.30pm
Sandown School, TN34 2AA
Suitable for ages 7+
FREE – Limited space – arrive early



UMI SINHA (Author Talk)

Sussex author **Umi Sinha's** novel *Belonging* is set in India and Sussex. Umi explores the links between the two places and talks about how historical novels are really about what is happening today, discussing family patterns and the ways they reverberate through succeeding generations.

Umi Sinha is a New Writing South author. Introduced by Dr Irralie Doel and supported by Literacy Society SU.

7pm
University of Brighton in Hastings,
Havelock Road, TN34 1EA
FREE – No need to book

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WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

KALA CHETHENA KATHAKALI COMPANY

WITH DELAINE LE BAS &
VOCAL EXPLOSION

A unique evening
tracing Gypsy
roots from India
across Europe.

The **Kala
Chethena
Kathakali
Company** are
welcomed to
Hastings by
**Juliet Russell's
Vocal
Explosion**
(lower inset
photo).

The Company's world class artists perform entrancing traditional South Indian storytelling. **Delaine Le Bas** explores nationhood, race, gender and relationships, domestic claustrophobia, the transience of modern materiality and the tensions that characterise her own Romany heritage (top inset photo).

6.30pm – Early arrival advised
The Durbar Hall, Hastings Museum
and Art Gallery, TN34 1ET

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THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER

LAUREN CHILD
& EMMANUEL THE
MAGNIFICENT

A chance to meet the new Children's Laureate, **Lauren Child**, as she talks about her best-loved characters including *Ruby Redfort*, *Clarice Bean*, *Huber Horatio Bartle Bobton-Trent* and her latest Charlie and Lola book - *A Dog with Nice Ears*. You'll find out about how she creates her books and why 'staring into space' can be such an inspiration. There'll be time for questions too! Lauren's books will be on sale and there will be a book signing afterwards.



There will be an energetic and captivating short performance by Ghanaian Storyteller, **Emmanuel the Magnificent** before Lauren's talk.



5pm
White Rock Theatre, TN34 1JX
£10 / £5 (children 9-16 / registered disabled)*
whiterocktheatre.org.uk

* online booking fee applies, call 01424 462288 to buy fee-free

Please note, this show is recommended for children over 9 but there will be a **workshop** in the upstairs café for under 9s whilst the show takes place (all children must be accompanied by an adult).



FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

CURRY CABARET

Comedy, dance, puppetry, theatre and food combine in a one night only event.

Enjoy delicious authentic Indian cuisine at candlelit tables in St Mary in the Castle while traditional and contemporary artists entertain you. Includes storyteller **Neha Jain**, fire-breathers **Dolly Delicious & Lilly Fortune**, and Kathak and Bollywood dance from world-renowned **Sujata Banerjee Dance Company**.

Doors open 7pm / Starts 7.30pm
St Mary in the Castle, TN34 3AF
£20 including freshly cooked Indian meal*
Tickets: www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk
*inc. vegetarian option



FRI 10 & SAT 11 NOVEMBER

LIGHTWEIGHT BY IMPOSSIBLE THEATRE

An outdoor installation
in Hastings Town Centre.
A giant inflatable sphere glows
with intense colour as video

images spin magically across it
and the faces of your companions
appear in quirky animation on
its surface.

4-8pm
Robertson Street
TN34 1HN
FREE



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The Tandoori Ghor Indian restaurant and takeaway offers free home delivery and serves Hastings and St Leonards. Our team of highly skilled chefs use only the finest ingredients, purchasing fresh spices which are painstakingly ground and mixed by hand, ensuring excellent quality.

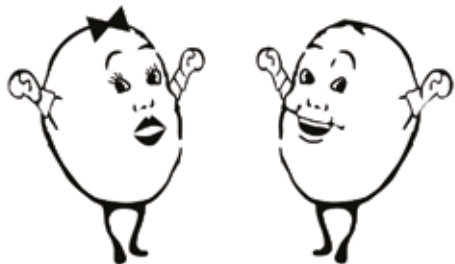
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SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER

BOLLYWOOD DANCE WORKSHOP WITH SUJATA BANERJEE DANCE COMPANY

Come and try your hand (or feet!) at Bollywood dancing. No experience is needed for this fun and informal workshop for all ages.

The **Sujata Banerjee Dance Company** is committed to promoting South Asian arts and music in the UK and beyond and is at the forefront of South Asian culture in the UK. Two of Sujata Banerjee's students have won places in the BBC Young Dancer of the Year finals.

2pm
Check website for venue details
www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk
FREE

SAT 11 NOV

**BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH
& THE REVOLUTIONARY MINDS**
SUPPORTED BY THERESA LOLA



We present **Benjamin Zephaniah**, pioneering dub poet, writer, social commentator and music maker, who has added an extra date onto **The Revolutionary Minds** tour especially for Hastings.

Author of many books for children, teenagers and adults, and the recipient of multiple honorary doctorates, Benjamin has teamed up with renowned producer **The Sea** (Toots & The Maytals, Rodney P, Massive Attack, The Wailers, Buju Banton) to create the incredibly timely album *Revolutionary Minds*.

The album explores the political and economic corruption, changing climate, rampant racism and fascist patriarchy of today's world.

The five strong band provide rich, upbeat, hypnotic dub rhythms for Benjamin's vocal and lyrical mastery. Backing vocalist **Amy True** is an artist in her own right - fast becoming one of the UK's most influential lyricists.

Revolutionary Minds is a soundtrack for the modern revolutionist; it will make you feel empowered, hopeful, galvanised to make a difference and make you dance; it's a dub thing.



With support from London-based, British-Nigerian poet **Theresa Lola**, the new Hammer and Tongue national slam champion.



7.30pm
White Rock Theatre, TN34 1JX
£20*/ Conc: £17* / Under 16s £10*
whiterocktheatre.org.uk

* online booking fee applies (no booking fee for groups of 8+ or White Rock Friends)
Call 01424 462288 to buy fee-free

SUNDAY 12 NOV: CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING CARNIVAL DAY



All day:
Richard Storybeard
Enchanting stories
in a cosy yurt.



**12pm: A Heart at Sea
by Half a String**

Another chance to see this
haunting tale of whales, caves
and pirates (see Tuesday).

**12pm: Kala Chethena
Kathakali Co.**

View costumes and
makeup being
created as part of
this incredible
performance from
some of Kerala's
finest Kathakali
performers.



**12.30/ 2.15/
3.30pm:**
**The Flying Foxes
by Circo Rum Baba**

These winged foxes
on stilts will keep you
amused with their
batty antics!



1pm: Out of the Bag

Workshop for younger children – an
interactive tale where nothing is quite
what it seems.

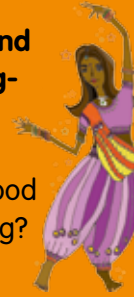
**1.15pm: Little Ida's Flowers
by Idolrich Puppet Theatre**

Theatrerotto brings a
Victorian playroom to life
with magical puppetry in
this enchanting Hans
Christian Andersen tale.



**2pm: Bollywood and
Kathak Storytelling-
through-dance
Workshop**

Why not try Bollywood
and Kathak dancing?
Fun for all ages.



2.15pm: Wild Tapestry

A puppet goes on a journey
to find the toymaker
who created
her. For older
children,
young people
and adults.
After-show
storytelling
workshop.



2.30pm: Carnival line up

**3pm: India Reimagined
Carnival Parade**

Join our biggest ever
carnival parade, with:
– Internationally renowned
bhangra drummers
The Dhol Foundation
leading the Parade

- Amazing carnival costumes including **guest carnivalists from the Isle of Wight**
- **Wycombe Steel Orchestra**
- **Dende Drummers**
- **Sambalanco**
- **Pan Up Steel Band**
- Plus **children from 9 local schools**

3.45pm: Drum-off
to close the day



12-4pm
The Stade
FREE

Drum
workshop
at 12pm
with Dende

Carnival
Parade
at 3pm



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Next year our theme will be Hastings
because Hastings is great!

Expect lots of local stories
told in interesting ways and
venues across the town.

Please feel free to contact us with your
feedback and ideas.

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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Mon 6	GLOBAL STORYTELLING CPD with Lis'n'Tell & 18 Hours Sandown School	1.30pm FREE
Mon 6	DEOOL BOLLYWOOD MOVIE Electric Palace Cinema	7pm £8/£7
Tues 7	A HEART AT SEA BY HALF A STRING Sandown School	4.30pm FREE
Tues 7	AUTHOR TALK: UMI SINHA University of Brighton in Hastings	7pm FREE
Wed 8	KATHAKALI STORYTELLING: KALA CHETHENA CO WITH DELAINE LE BAS & JULIET RUSSELL'S VOCAL EXPLOSION Hastings Museum & Art Gallery	6.30pm FREE
Thu 9	LAUREN CHILD White Rock Theatre	5pm Adults £10 / Children £5*
Fri 10	CURRY CABARET St Mary in the Castle	7.30pm £20 incl. food
Fri 10	LIGHTWEIGHT BY IMPOSSIBLE THEATRE Robertson Street	4-8pm FREE
Sat 11	BOLLYWOOD DANCE WORKSHOP <i>Venue to be confirmed: check www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk</i>	2pm FREE
Sat 11	BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH & THE REVOLUTIONARY MINDS & THERESA LOLA White Rock Theatre	7.30pm Adults £20 / Concs £17 / Under-16s £10*
Sun 12	CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING CARNIVAL DAY The Stade	Noon-4pm FREE

* Additional booking fee applies
to online bookings



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