

STORIES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

9–15 NOV 2015

# Hastings Storytelling Festival

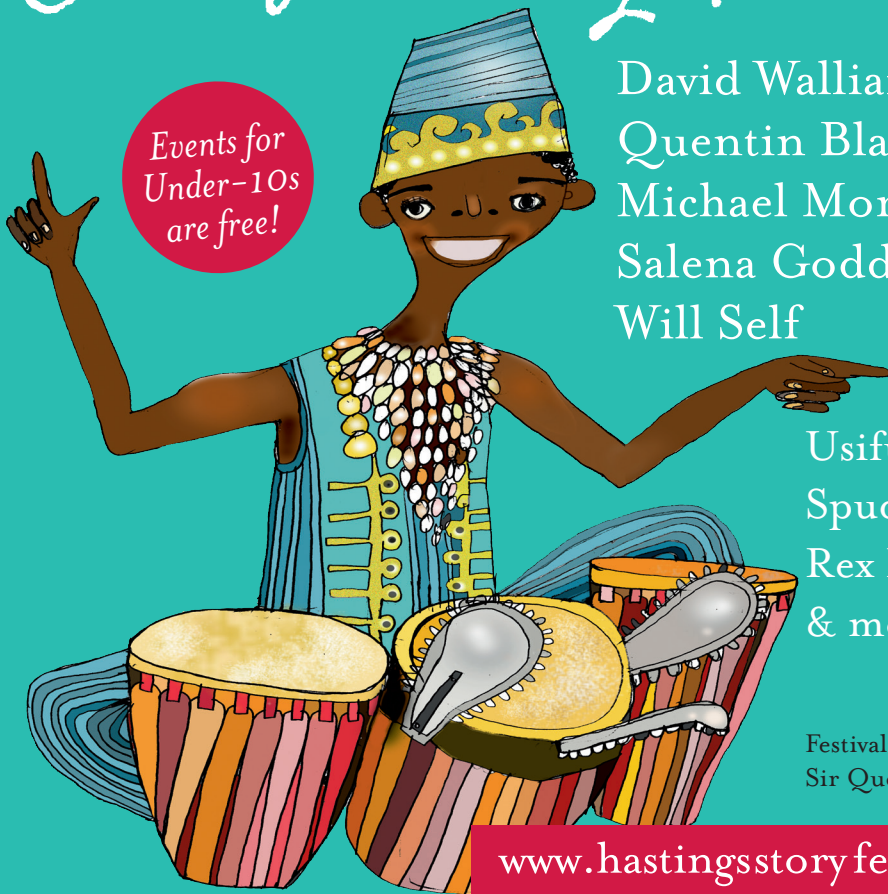
Events for  
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David Walliams  
Quentin Blake  
Michael Morpurgo  
Salena Godden  
Will Self

Usifu Jalloh  
Spud & Yam  
Rex Dinosaur  
& more!

Festival Patron:  
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# Welcome to Hastings Storytelling Festival 2015

**This year some amazing storytellers join us to celebrate the festival's fifth birthday.**

Author and actor, DAVID WALLIAMS, reads from his books and is joined for a Q&A by Festival Patron, SIR QUENTIN BLAKE. Much-loved children's novelist, MICHAEL MORPURGO reveals the true tales behind his animal stories.

Spoken word artist, SALENA GODDEN, talks about her Hastings inspired memoir, and author and social commentator, WILL SELF, reads extracts from his work and answers questions.

Throughout the week, stories unfold in venues across town: NATASHAS DANCE PROJECT exposes the disturbing story of human sex trafficking. Storyteller in Residence, USIFU JALLOH, brings yarns from Sierra Leone to Hastings' schools, while delicious tales are cooked up at the GLOBAL STORYTELLING CAFÉ. NANA TSIBOE entertains young audiences at the Hastings Children's Library, the FABULARIUM pays a visit to North East Hastings and, of course, the whole event is rounded off with our FREE CHILDREN'S DAY & PARADE.

**JESSIE WALLACE**  
as The Fairy Godmother

**BEN WATSON** as Buttons    **DAISY STEERE** as Cinderella

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# MON 9 & TUE 10 NOVEMBER



## The Fabularium presents The Town Band of Bremen

Meet the amazing, yet mismatched, musical family who are journeying to play the gig of a lifetime in the land of the free, to become The Town Band of Bremen. After a dreadful robbery that left their Master penniless and without the means to tend to his animals, the band are now travelling from place to place upon their old trusty cart, sharing stories and singing songs, with many a mishap along the way!

**Time:** Mon 9 Nov 7pm

**Venue:** Downs Farm Community Centre  
TN35 5EE

**FREE**

**Time:** Tues 10 Nov 7pm

**Venue:** Sandown School TN34 2AA

**FREE**

## The Global Storytelling Café

Enjoy delicious and nourishing tales while cooking together in this interactive storytelling experience for children.

Food to share, exciting stories and Kathak dance – what could be better?

**Downs Farm**

**Community Centre**

**TN35 5EE**

Mon 9 Nov **FREE**

10am–3pm

Tel: 07749 584388

**Sandown School**  
**(pupils only)**

Tue 10 Nov

9am–3.15pm



Big Local North East Hastings has supported the events on this page.

WED 11 NOV



## SALENA GODDEN

Salena's Jamaican mother and Irish jazz musician father inspired the word she uses to describe her mixed heritage: Jamish. In her memoir, *Springfield Road*, the writer, poet and musician tells how she discovered her personal identity whilst growing up in 1970s Hastings.

**Time:** 7pm

**Venue:**

University of Brighton  
in Hastings,  
Priory Square TN34 1EA

**FREE**



THU 12 NOV

## THE NATASHAS PROJECT

This unique and searching dance piece sensitively reveals the story of the devastation caused by human trafficking for sexual slavery.

The average age of a girl trafficked for sexual exploitation is 13, in a global crime that generates billions of dollars every year.

There will be a Q&A session with the dancers and choreographer in the afternoon before the evening performance at 7pm.

**Time:** Q&A: 4–5pm / Performance: 7pm

**Venue:** Kino Teatr, Norman Road  
TN38 0EG

**Tickets:** Q&A: FREE / Performance: £6





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# FRI 13 NOV



## MICHAEL MORPURGO WITH SIR QUENTIN BLAKE



Following an introduction from Festival Patron, Sir Quentin Blake, Michael Morpurgo, author of *War Horse*, *Private Peaceful* and many other much-loved children's novels, talks about how he became a writer and the true stories behind some of his animal novels.

This will lead to a Q&A.

Local books and illustrators' stalls will be in The Atrium.

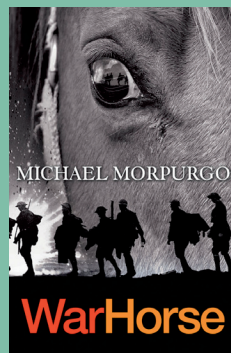
**Time:** 4pm

**Venue:**

Sussex Coast College Hastings  
TN34 1BA

**Tickets:** £10 (17+yrs) / £5 (10-16yrs)  
FREE for under 10yrs – 2 per adult  
available from

[www.michaelmorpurgo.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.michaelmorpurgo.eventbrite.co.uk)  
or from Hastings Tourist Information Centre





SAT 14 NOV

DAVID WALLIAMS  
WITH SIR QUENTIN  
BLAKE

Supported by the delightfully  
quirky JANE BOM-BANE,  
with her harmonium and  
automated hats!

David Walliams rose to fame with Matt Lucas in *Little Britain* and is a much-loved actor and author of several hugely popular children's books, including *The Boy in the Dress*, *Mr Stink*, *Gangsta Granny* and *Grandpa's Great Escape*. David will participate in a Q&A session along with Festival Patron, Sir Quentin Blake, and will read extracts from his stories as well as signing books.

Proceeds from David's performance will enable Hastings Storytelling Festival to keep children's events free for under 10 year olds.

**Time:** 2pm

**Venue:** White Rock Theatre  
TN34 1JX

**Tickets:** £10 / FREE for under 10yrs

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## SAT 14 Nana Tsiboe

Popular local Master Drummer and storytelling Griot, Nana Tsiboe, will tell traditional Ghanaian animal stories using the djembe and mbira.

**Time:** 10.30am  
**Venue:** Hastings Children's Library  
TN34 1HE  
**FREE**



## SAT 14 NOV WILL SELF



**Supported by comedian and poet, Kate Tym.**

Author, political commentator and TV personality, Will Self, appears on British television (inc. *Have I Got News for You*, *Shooting Stars*, *News Night*, *Question Time*) and is a frequent

contributor on BBC Radio 4. His satirical, grotesque and fantastical fiction spans subjects including mental illness, illegal drugs and psychiatry. Self is increasingly concerned with the politics of urbanism.

**Time:** 7.30pm (doors open 6.45pm)  
**Venue:** St Mary in the Castle TN34 3AF  
**Tickets:** £15

[www.willselfhastings.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.willselfhastings.eventbrite.co.uk)  
or from Hastings Tourist Information Centre

# SUNDAY 15 NOV: CHILDREN'S



**Rex Dinosaur** roams the Stade at Children's Day, controlled (just about) by his keeper.



**Norwich Puppet Theatre** bring to life the tale of The Pied Piper with delightful wooden puppets.



**Spud & Yam** weave sing-a-long songs into their lively Irish and Caribbean stories.



**Usifu Jalloh**, The Cowfoot Prince, our festival Storyteller in Residence, thrills with animal stories from Sierra Leone.

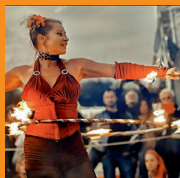


# DAY & PARADE

Come and hula-hoop with **Dreamspin**.



**Richard Storybeard** tells stories all afternoon inside his yurt.



**The Children's Parade** departs at 3pm (approx. 30min), with banners and whistles a-plenty. Dress as an animal or bring an animal banner and join in!

## Make your own banner for the Parade

Come along to St Leonards Children's Centre for a free animal banner making workshop with local artist Sarah Evans. Sarah has also been running free workshops in local schools in the lead-up to the Festival.

**Friday 13 Nov**  
**FREE**

10-11.30am Tel: 01424 200604



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For full timings, check blackboards on the day and visit our website: [www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk](http://www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk) and Facebook: 18HoursEvents



Children's Parade at 3pm

12-4pm  
The Stade  
FREE

## Storytelling Hub

We are creating a 'story hub' on our website. We are planning a Story Conference in 2016.

Visit our website for up-to-date news.  
[www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk](http://www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk)



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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CHANGE

<b>Mon 9</b>	GLOBAL STORYTELLING CAFÉ Downs Farm Community Centre	10am–3pm FREE
<b>Mon 9</b>	THE FABULARIUM Downs Farm Community Centre	7pm FREE
<b>Tue 10</b>	THE FABULARIUM Sandown School	7pm FREE
<b>Wed 11</b>	SALENA GODDEN University of Brighton	7pm FREE
<b>Thu 12</b>	THE NATASHAS PROJECT Q&A Kino-Teatr	4pm FREE
<b>Thu 12</b>	THE NATASHAS PROJECT PERFORMANCE Kino-Teatr (for adults)	7pm £6
<b>Fri 13</b>	MICHAEL MORPURGO WITH SIR QUENTIN BLAKE Sussex Coast College	4pm £10   £5
<b>Sat 14</b>	NANA TSIBOE Hastings Children's Library	10.30am FREE
<b>Sat 14</b>	DAVID WALLIAMS WITH SIR QUENTIN BLAKE White Rock Theatre	2pm £10 – SOLD OUT
<b>Sat 14</b>	WILL SELF St Mary in the Castle (for adults)	7.30pm (doors open 6.45pm) £15
<b>Sun 15</b>	CHILDREN'S DAY FESTIVAL & PARADE The Stade Open Space	Noon–4pm FREE

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