



What's on guide



Cumbria

Family Arts Festival

9 October - 8 November 2015

www.familyartsfestival.com

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Family Arts Festival



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Welcome to the second **Cumbria Family Arts Festival** organised by Cumbria Family Arts Network. We are a collection of cultural organisations that are working together to increase awareness of arts activity for families in Cumbria. Our theme for this year's festival is **Creative and Curious**. By picking up this booklet you've already demonstrated that you're curious – flick through the pages and you'll see plenty of opportunities to get creative. It couldn't be easier!

The festival stretches across a whole month – and there's a wide range of venues offering activities for tots, teens, mums, dads and grandparents! We've also launched CFAN Presents, a new platform that allows us to introduce and support two new shows by two very different companies. Ian Douglas, Storyteller brings you **Madam Bridget's Caravan Of Curiosity**, a trick show of gypsy magic told through stories, songs and imaginative costumes while Prism Arts' Studio Theatre are touring **Raining Dragons and Trolls**, a fantasy tale of adventure with music and puppets. Dotted throughout the festival period, you'll also find a series of **Creative and Curious Experience days**. Held in various locations, these FREE activity days offer families the chance to work with poet, Emma McGordon. Emma will be looking at maps and encouraging families to get curious about where they are from and creative about where they are going...

For those aged 5 and upwards there's even the chance to gain an Arts Award by completing our Discover sheet at selected venues. See staff at individual venues for details.

Activities have been programmed to cover different locations, tastes and budgets so we hope you'll find something you like.

Like the googly eyes on the front? This shows that we are part of the national Family Arts Festival, supported by the Family Arts Campaign.

Feeling inspired? Go get curious and creative!
Best wishes,

The Cumbria Family Arts Network





CFAN PRESENTS:

Creative and Curious days

Emma McGordon will be in her role as a WordMerchant trading words and stories from across the county. Focusing on the idea of maps both literal and personal, Emma hopes to make you curious about where you've come from and creative about where you're going.

You can keep up to date with the WordMerchant and all the Creative and Curious things she gets up to on her Facebook page Emma McGordon. WordMerchant

Sat 17 October
Highfield Community Centre
Cockermouth

Sat 31 October
Florence Mine
Egremont

Sun 18 October
Pencil Museum
Keswick

Sat 7 November
The Rum Story
Whitehaven

All these events are FREE and run from 10am-4pm. For further information and to book places call Rosehill on 01946 692422





CFAN PRESENTS:

MADAM BRIDGET'S CARAVAN OF CURIOSITY

A trick show of gypsy magic told through traditions of storytelling and live music!

After years of travelling the road and entrancing audiences, Madam Bridget has returned to her roots, as a world famous fortune teller and palm reader. Madam Bridget invites you to step inside her little caravan where she will regale you with stories, songs, sleight of hand and mind reading that will leave you feeling completely agog.

Sat 7 November at 2pm
Howgill Family Centre
Birks Road
Cleator Moor
CA25 5HR
Call: 01946 692422

Sun 8 November at 3pm
Florence Mine
Egremont
CA22 2NR
Call: 01946 824946

Sat 7 November at 6pm
The Kirkgate Centre
Kirkgate
Cockermouth
CA13 9PJ
Call: 01900 826448

All venues
£3 per ticket
£10 for a family of 4
Suitable for ages 5+





CFAN PRESENTS:
Prism Arts Studio Theatre
Raining Dragons and Trolls



Caught by a savage storm while out playing, Nula and Elgar are driven into a dark cave. They don't see the warning inscribed over the entrance: Never Enter. Here, they meet the Dragon that Holds the World, who sends them on a difficult quest: to travel to four far flung places of the world, find the four lost elemental dragons, and return them to the Castle of the Four Turrets. To do this, they must convince those they meet to change their ways before environmental damage is irreversible.

Two children. Four dragons.
And only seven days to save the world...

Inspired by the BBC Ten Pieces of classical music, Raining Dragons and Trolls is an environmental tale, told through puppetry and live performance.

Running time: 45 minutes.
Suitable for 4+.



Fri 9 October
Brewery Arts Centre
Kendal
1.30pm and 6pm
Tickets: £5
01539 725133

Mon 2 November
Old Fire Station
Carlisle
2pm and 6pm
Tickets: £3
01228 598596

Fri 23 October
Theatre by the Lake
Keswick
1.30pm
Tickets: £3
017687 74411



The cast of Raining Dragons and Trolls

Prism Arts
Carlisle Business
Interaction Centre
4-5 Paternoster Row
Carlisle, Cumbria
CA3 8TT
01228 888630
prismarts.org.uk

Big Draw Theme A Medieval Quest

Thurs 1 October - Sat 31
October

Be inspired by knights, princesses, castles and even dragons to create a unique Big Draw experience.

Free Entry to Harbour Gallery

Drop in events:

Learn to juggle like a jester
Medieval Catapults
Tiaras

Of Myths and Legends

Fri 9 October - Sun 1 November
10am-4.30pm

Go on a journey and get creative. Go back in time to when Kings and Queens lived in castles. Let your drawings and creations tell the story of medieval myths and legends from long ago.

Free Entry to Harbour Gallery

Half Term Workshops Medieval Castles

Sat 24 and Sun 25 October
1pm-4pm

Using coloured clay, lollipop sticks and cardboard, create your very own medieval home fit for a King or a Queen
£3.50 suitable for 3-12 years



Halloween workshops Spooky Masks

Fri 30 October
1pm-4pm

Who can make the scariest mask with this Halloween fun family activity? Come and create your very own scary monster mask.

£3.50 each

suitable for ages 3-12 yrs
Competition for the best fancy dress outfit, the scarier the better!

Evening of storytelling and spooky puppet tales

Fri 30 October
5pm-7pm

Spooky puppet tales from Old Mother Hubbard and Toby the dog, not all is as it seems! Themed buffet supplied by Wellington Bistro.

**£7 per child. Bring up to 2 adults per child for free.
£4.50 for adult buffet.**

**Suitable for ages 4-9 yrs
must be accompanied by an adult.**

Pre booking advisable

**Half Term
Workshops
Printmaking
Medieval
floor tiles**

Sat 31 October

1pm-4pm

Create your very own unique medieval art work using relief printing techniques. Messy fun, old clothes are recommended!
£3.50 suitable for ages 3-12 yrs



**Half Term Workshops
Stick jesters and
Wooden spoon dragons**

Sat 31 October

1pm-4pm

Come and be crafty and creative with our Wooden spoon dragons and colourful stick jesters. A fun set of activities that turn paper, craft sticks, wooden spoons and felt into your very own medieval story.

£3.50 each

suitable for ages 3-12 yrs

**The Beacon Museum
West Strand
Whitehaven
CA28 7LY**

01946 592302

thebeacon-whitehaven.co.uk

**Museums at Night
Theme: Medieval Fright
Night Drop In!**

Sat 31 October 6pm-8pm

Themed storytelling event; The Plague Doctor introduces a sinister twist on Halloween! Listen to the plague victim's tales of misery. Not for the faint hearted.

£7 per child. Bring up to 2 adults per child for free.

£4.50 for adult buffet.

Pre booking advisable max of 20 places. Gallery takes approx 45 mins.

Suitable for adults and children aged 10yrs+ Children must be accompanied by an adult





Cumbria Cultural Learning Network (CCLN)

What is CCLN?

Cumbria Cultural Learning Network is a group of organisations who work together to provide cultural learning opportunities for all.

Who are we?

CCLN is expanding and now includes:

- museums
- galleries
- libraries
- archive centres
- historic sites and properties
- heritage attractions
- sacred spaces
- theatre and arts centres
- natural heritage
- landscape and sea

What do we do?

CCLN develop, deliver and promote cultural learning services available to learners of all ages and abilities.



What do we offer?

Active, hands-on, enquiry based learning activities, outreach services, loans boxes, support for cross curricular projects, STEM, Arts Award, Inter-generational, family and community learning... and so much more.

If you would like to learn more about the opportunities available to you, please contact:

Mary Ann Lancaster
CCLN

Cultural Learning Co-ordinator
0771 414 9351

malancaster@btinternet.co.uk

Drawn to Earth!

**Fri 30 October
from 11am - 4pm**

Lead artist Irene Sanderson will focus on the abandoned Florence Mine, its relics and the accounts of those who worked there bringing up the ore. Materials will be provided, including pastels and pencils made with the mined haematite now being processed and marketed as 'Egremont Red' by Florence Paintmakers.

Drop in sessions for all age groups but children should be accompanied by an adult.

Disabled access and toilets.
Plenty of free parking available.
Refreshments available - tea, coffee, juice, ice-cream.

No charge but donations towards the cost of materials will be welcome.



FLORENCE ARTS CENTRE



**Florence Arts Centre
Florence Mine
Egremont
Cumbria
CA22 2NR
01946 824946
florencemine.com
info@florencemine.com**

Howgill Arts, part of Howgill Family Centre, has been providing artistic activities for children and their families in Copeland for over 12 years. We offer a wide reaching and varied programme which include classes for adults, community based activities and large scale events.



The Curious Case Of The Magic of Memory

Enter our magical marquee and take inspiration to discover your own precious memories. Create your own curious keepsake to treasure.

All art work created at these events will be recorded and may be used as part of an upcoming exhibition at the Whitehaven Foyer in 2016.

Venues and times

Tue 27 October

1pm - 3pm

Howgill Family Centre

Birks Road

Cleator Moor

CA25 5HR

FREE

Wed 28 October

10 - 12pm

Greenbank Community Centre

Gameriggs Rd

Whitehaven

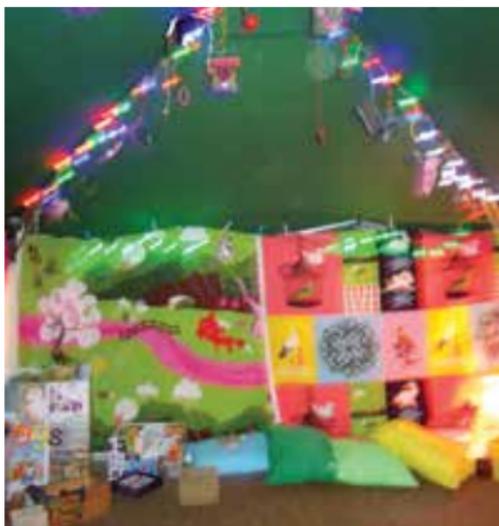
CA28 9RA

FREE

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Howgill Family Centre

Birks Rd

Cleator Moor

Cumbria

CA25 5HR

01946 817900

www.facebook.com/howgillarts

www.howgill-centre.co.uk

Drawing with Wool!

Tue 27 October

10.30am-12.30pm

& 1.30pm-3.30pm

Use wool to create a felted picture of the landscape in the style of Wainwright! Learn how to make a wet-felted picture using traditional methods.

Please book in advance.

Suitable for age 5+.

Halloween Crafternoon!

Wed 28 October

From 1pm-3pm

Drop in and discover our creepy collection, and create your own spooky masterpiece!

Non-museum visitors £1 each

Suitable for all ages.

All activities are included in normal admission prices. Get your Family 12 month pass for £15 and come as often as you like! Children must be accompanied.

For more info and booking, please contact Helen Keogh on 017687 73263 or email: learning@kmag.org.uk



**Keswick Museum
and Art Gallery**

Station Road

Keswick

Cumbria

CA12 4NF

017687 73263

www.keswickmuseum.org.uk



Family film:
GHOSTBUSTERS
(PG 105 mins)

Tue 27 October at 2.00pm

When three professors of paranormal psychology are kicked out of their cushy jobs, they flippantly decide to set up a firm as ghostbusters - paranormal pest controllers. Little do they realise how busy they are about to get when a demon awakes and takes control of a skyscraper.

"It hits the target every single time - the jokes, the chemistry onscreen, and the effects all fall into place. As entertaining today as it ever was, a classic to be treasured by all".

Empire

£4 each



Workshops: Come and explore Gamelan - the magical music of Java

Wed 28 October

Learn to play traditional and new music together. No previous musical experience necessary. Fun for all the family.

Play sessions:

10–11am & 11am–12 noon

One hour play and explore sessions for families with babies and very young children under three.

£1 per child

1.30pm–3.30pm

2 hour play session for families of all ages.

**£2 per person
(adult or child)**

No need to book, just turn up and have fun!

Gamelan playday for children

Thur 29 October

9.30–4pm

The day will include creating a new story and telling it through music which will include new and traditional pieces. We will explore the instruments, learn traditional techniques and create our own music. The day will end with a short performance to parents and friends at 4pm.

£5 for the whole day

Booking advisable

Suitable for ages 7-14yrs



**The Kirkgate Centre
Kirkgate
Cockermouth
CA13 9PJ
thekirkgate.com
01900 826448**

Music Makers - BBC Ten Pieces Screening

Tue 27 October

10am-11am & 1pm-2pm

Florence Mine Arts Centre

Building on the success of BBC Music's Ten Pieces for Primary, which has already engaged more than half of UK primary schools, the BBC is extending the ground-breaking initiative with the aim to open up the world of classical music to children aged 11 and above, inspiring them to respond creatively to the repertoire. Join us for a new cinematic film featuring stunning footage of the BBC Philharmonic performing a new selection of orchestral music, representing a wide range of styles and eras. Each piece will be introduced by celebrity presenters known to the age group, using an engaging mix of live action and animation.

Suitable for ages 11+

Free

Rosehill

Music Makers - BBC Ten Pieces Craft workshops

Tue 27 October

11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm

Florence Mine Arts Centre

Join us as we make our very own musical instruments from junk and found materials and inspired by the BBC Ten Pieces use them to create your own musical masterpieces!

£3 each; £10 family ticket (any combination of 4 but must include 1 adult) under 5s FREE



Messel Makers

Wed 28 October

1pm-4pm

Parton Village Hall

Come and celebrate all things Halloween! This family craft day will guide you and the family to create some brilliant spooky puppets! Put punch into your trick or treat this year! Join us making spooky puppets - fangs, ghosts and skeletons guaranteed! Fun for all the family.

£3 each; £10 family ticket (any combination of 4 but must include 1 adult) under 5s FREE

Rosehill Theatre

Moresby

Whitehaven

CA28 6SE

rosehilltheatre.co.uk

01946 692422



Relaxed Performance
John Buchan and Alfred Hitchcock's
The 39 Steps

Wed 21 October at 12.30pm

Enjoy the show but with a relaxed atmosphere. Relaxed Performances are designed for anyone who wants to go to the theatre, but needs a more easy-going environment. This includes adults and children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions or learning disabilities, adults with memory problems or dementia and families with young children. Follow the incredible adventures of our handsome hero Richard Hannay as he attempts to solve the mystery of the 39 Steps. Based on the classic Hitchcock thriller, this hilarious version sees four fearless actors play 139 roles.

Under 26s £5; over 26s £10
To book call Box Office on
017687 74411

Regular evening and matinée performances of *The 39 Steps* are available throughout the festival period. Please see **www.theatrebythelake.com** for performance times, dates and prices.



Family Trail

Test out your powers of observation and follow our spy-themed family trail around the theatre. Answer the questions and follow the clues. Have YOU got what it takes?

FREE

Sheets are available from Box Office throughout the festival period.

Suitable for all ages.

Mugenkyo Taiko

Drummers

Sun 25 October at 7.30pm

Originating in Japan, taiko combines monumental rhythms on huge drums with mysterious masked choreography and atmospheric lighting. Feel the energy and experience the power of this unique and captivating display – a truly spellbinding performance.

£21, £15; Students & U16s £10

**To book tickets call Box Office
on 017687 74411**



Family Backstage Tour

Tues 27 October at 11.30am

See how theatre magic is made. Join a member of our knowledgeable theatre staff and discover what happens behind the scenes to make sure the show goes on.

**£5 each, £16 Family ticket
(4 people)**

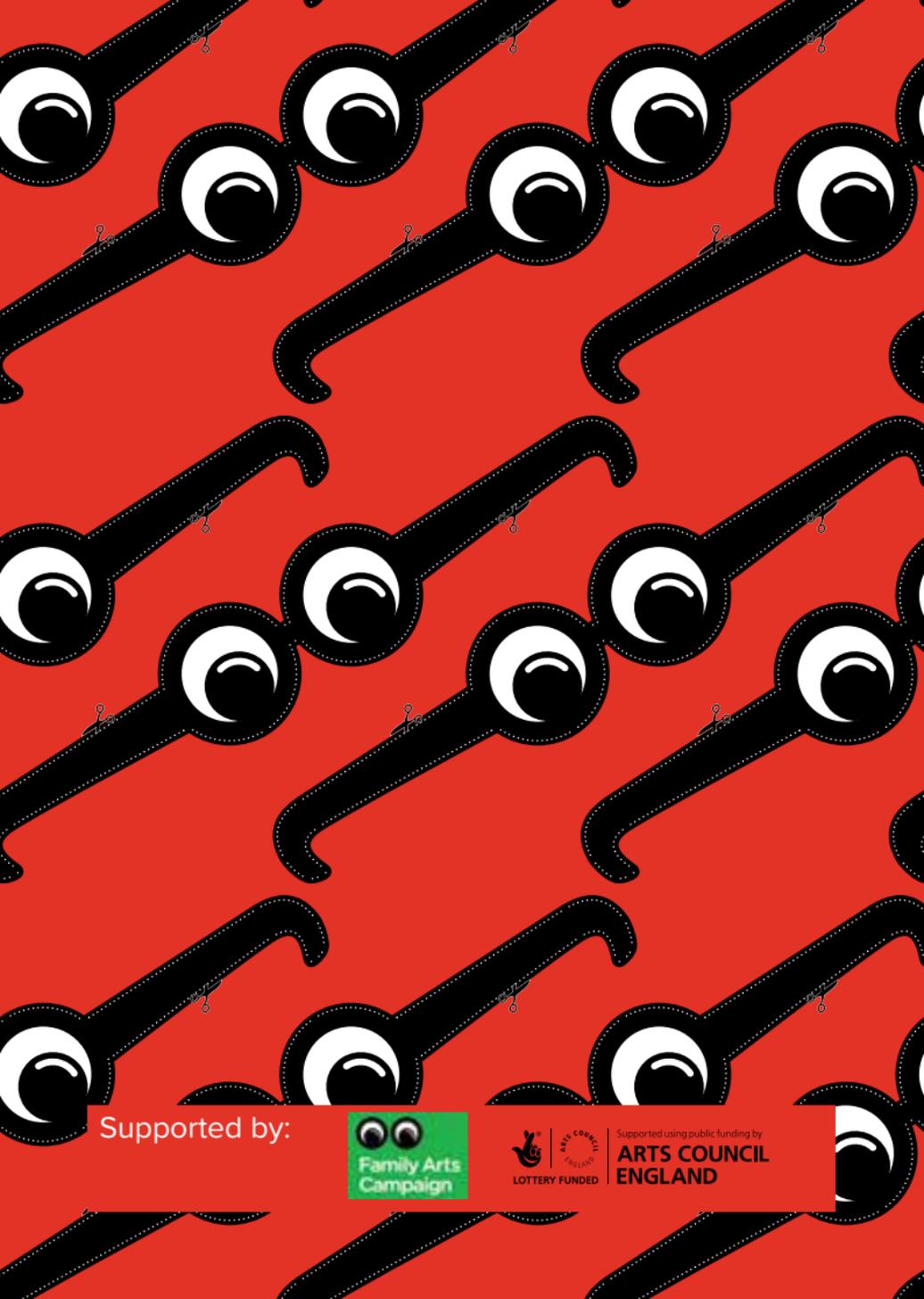
**To book tickets call Box Office
on 017687 74411**

Suitable for 6+

Places are limited



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