

Bulgaria – ‘Gotse Delchev’ Ensemble
Chile – Ballet Folklorico ‘Tupa Marka’
Colombia/UK – ‘Talentos’ Dance Company
India – Heritage Dance Company
Mexico – Ballet ‘La Grana’ Beatriz Ramirez de Autlan,
 Jalisco ■ Mariachi Oscar Rosales ■ Chirimea
 Lopez Pena
Peru/UK – ArtPerUK
Philippines – ‘Baranggay’ Folk Dance Troupe
 ‘Lahing Kayumanggi’ Dance Co.
UK – Balbir Singh Dance Company ■ Eliot Smith
 Dance ■ Fosbrooks ■ Newton Aycliffe Pipe
 Band ■ ‘Absolutely Legless’ musicians ■
 Rebecca Perez Flamenco ■ Jenny & Ricardo Oria
 Tango ■ Tap Shoes & Tutus ■ Respect Theatre
 ■ Billingham Ice Skaters
Concerts presented by Dianne Newman
BIFF Creative Team – Olga Maloney, Danielle Cutler,
 Kathryn O’Donnell.

HOW TO BOOK

ONLINE: www.billinghamfestival.com

You can book your Festival tickets online using your Credit/Debit Card with Paypal Secure Payment or at the Billingham Town Arena during the Festival week.

‘PAY WHAT YOU DECIDE’ INFORMATION (PWYD)

In 2023 by the decision of Billingham Festival Board of Directors, taking into consideration the current ‘cost of living’ difficulties, most Festival Arena performances are priced on a ‘Pay What You Decide’ basis, which means you don’t have to pay until after you have seen a show!

We want to encourage more people to come and see the festival shows. ‘Pay What You Decide’ allows you to pay what you can afford, rather than a fixed ticket price.

Tickets are available to reserve in advance at £1 per ticket, which will guarantee you a seat at the Festival Arena and priority entry to the Arena. There is no obligation for you to pay until after you have seen the show. You can then decide on a price which you think is suitable based on your experience and what you can afford.

All money collected will help Billingham Festival to secure its future. Please ensure you have arrived and collected your tickets **15 minutes before the show starts** in order to secure your seats. At the end of the show, you can decide what to pay, either by cash or by card at the Festival Box Office located at the entrance/exit gate of the Arena.

BOOK DIRECTLY AT:

Forum Theatre, Billingham www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk or

Box Office: 01642 552663. Mon – Sat 10am - 6pm

Middlesbrough Town Hall www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk or

Telephone 01642 729729

NOTES:

- Once purchased tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded.
- In case of inclement weather, if the outdoor festival arena concert is cancelled one hour before the start, the reserved tickets will be refunded.
- Once a concert has started and has to be abandoned due to unforeseen circumstances, beyond the control of the Organising Committee, there will be no repeat performance.
- In the event of unforeseen circumstances the Festival Organising Committee reserves the right to make alterations to the published programme of events and appearing groups.

For any queries please email: info@billinghamfestival.co.uk

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Billingham International Folklore Festival of World Dance

12th-20th August 2023



Telephone 01642 553220

www.billinghamfestival.com



BIFF Children’s Club

Date	Time	Group	Venue
Sun 13th Aug	11am	Philippines	*Function Room
Mon 14th Aug	12pm	Colombia	*Function Room
Tues 15th Aug	11am	India	*Function Room
Wed 16th Aug	11am	Chile	*Activity Hall
Thur 17th Aug	12.30pm	Mexico	*Activity Hall
Fri 18th Aug	11am	Bulgaria	Festival Arena
Sat 19th Aug	11am	UK	*Activity Hall
Sun 20th Aug	11am	Peru	*Function Room

*Function Room and Activity Hall are located at the Forum Leisure Centre, please ask at reception for directions

£1 per day; £5 for all 8 days

International Youth Dance Workshops

Date	Time	Group	Venue
Sun 13th Aug	12pm	Philippines	*Function Room
Mon 14th Aug	1pm	Colombia	*Function Room
Tues 15th Aug	12pm	India	*Function Room
Wed 16th Aug	12pm	Chile	*Activity Hall
Thur 17th Aug	1.30pm	Mexico	*Activity Hall
Fri 18th Aug	12pm	Bulgaria	Festival Arena
Sat 19th Aug	12pm	UK	*Activity Hall
Sun 20th Aug	12pm	Peru	*Function Room

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Age 7-14

£5 per day; £20 for all 8 days

CALLING ALL EXPLORERS!

Find the clues hidden in Billingham Town Centre before anyone else does!
 Free activities and challenges every day!

- The trail will include new activities and challenges every day from 13th–20th August, during festival week.
- Each day a new activity card will contain the trail clues and a set of instructions for a range of different, fun activities linked to our Festival Theme.
- There will be a daily challenge to complete and hand in the following day before collecting their next set of instructions. This may be linked to Salvador Dalí’s melting clocks, time in general or to one of the visiting groups, e.g. fact-finding, drawing, a word-search or even moving in the style of!
- (Please share your photos and videos with us Social Media pages with hash tag #biffimtrail).
- On the last day of the festival, all children who have taken part in the trail will be invited to our concert at the Festival Arena, where they will have the opportunity to meet the groups.

Time Trail 4 Kids!



Collect your daily Trail Activity Card from the Children’s Club in Billingham Forum from 11am-1pm or from Festival Hub at Barclays from 1-2 pm each day.



Adult Dance Workshops

Date	Time	Group	Venue
Fri 11th Aug	4pm	Chile	*Activity Hall
Sat 12th Aug	5pm	Bulgaria	*Studio 3
	4pm	Mexico	
Mon 14th Aug	5pm	Philippines	*Studio 3
	4pm	Colombia	
Fri 18th Aug	5pm	India	*Studio 3
	4pm	Peru	

*Activity Hall and Studio 3 are located at the Forum Leisure Centre, please ask at reception for directions

£5 per session; £25 for all 7 sessions

Billingham International Folklore Festival of World Dance

Presents...



IT'S FREE!

Time & Rhyme!

with Kath O’Donnell

CALLING ALL 8-16-YEAR-OLDS!

Are you a budding poet? Maybe you’re a poet and you didn’t know it!

Come to Billingham Library and have fun making up poems about time and memories.

Stand a better chance of winning our Poetry Competition!

BOOK EARLY AS SPACES LIMITED

Billingham Library

Friday 11th & 18th August
 1pm-3pm (max 20 per session)

⇒ Top 3 poets will read their poems at the Closing Ceremony on Sunday 20th August

⇒ The winning poem will be interpreted through dance by one of the visiting International Dance Companies.

TO BOOK please email: info@billinghamfestival.co.uk

DAY BY DAY PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 12TH AUGUST

1:30pm	Parade of Nations – Through Billingham Town Centre	Billingham	FREE
2:00pm	Opening Ceremony, Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band, Tap Shoes & Tutus, 'Union Reel' Opening Dance. Opening Gala Concert featuring all International Dance Companies.	Festival Arena Billingham	PWYD*
8:00pm	International Concert featuring India, Philippines, Chile & Bulgaria	Festival Arena Billingham	PWYD*

SUNDAY, 13TH AUGUST

2:00pm	Philippines	Middlesbrough Mela	FREE
3:30pm	Colombia	Bandstand B'ham	FREE
4:00pm	Family concert featuring Tap Shoes & Tutus, Colombia, Chile & Mexico	Festival Arena	All Seats £1

MONDAY, 14TH AUGUST

1:00pm	Philippines	Bandstand B'ham	FREE
2:00pm	International Concert featuring: Respect Theatre, Philippines, India, Bulgaria & Colombia	Festival Arena	PWYD*
8:00pm	International concert featuring: Colombia, Philippines, India	Festival Arena	PWYD*

TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST

1:00pm	India	Bandstand B'ham	FREE
2:00pm	International Concert featuring: India, Colombia, Chile, Bulgaria	Festival Arena	PWYD*
7:30pm	'The Two Fridas' featuring Mexico & Philippines, with participation of Chile & Colombia	Middlesbrough Town Hall Courtyard	All Seats £5

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST

1:00pm	Chile	Bandstand B'ham	FREE
2:00pm	Bulgaria & Mexico	Darlington Town Centre	FREE
2:00pm	Family Concert – 'Juanita's Magic Quest' by Colombia, with participation of Philippines, Chile & The Taste of Africa	Festival Arena	PWYD*
8:00pm	International Concert featuring: India, Bulgaria, Mexico & Philippines	Festival Arena	PWYD*

THURSDAY, 17TH AUGUST

12:00 noon	India	Low Grange Com Centre, B'ham	FREE
1:00pm	India	Port Clarence Labyrinth	FREE
1:00pm	Peru	Bandstand B'ham	FREE
2:00pm	International Concert featuring: Peru, Mexico, Bulgaria & Chile	Festival Arena	PWYD*
8:00pm	'Day of the Dead' celebration by Mexico, with participation of Peru & Chile	Festival Arena	PWYD*

FRIDAY, 18TH AUGUST

1:00pm	Bulgaria	Bandstand B'ham	FREE
2:00pm	International Concert featuring: India, Peru, Bulgaria & Mexico	Festival Arena	PWYD*
7:30pm	World Dance Gala Concert featuring all international dance companies	Forum Theatre Billingham	All Seats £12 Concs £10

SATURDAY, 19TH AUGUST

1:00pm	India	Bandstand B'ham	FREE
2:00pm	International Concert featuring: Fosbrooks, Chile, Philippines, Peru & Mexico	Festival Arena	PWYD*
8:00pm	'A World of Weddings' concert featuring all international dance companies	Festival Arena	PWYD*

SUNDAY, 20TH AUGUST

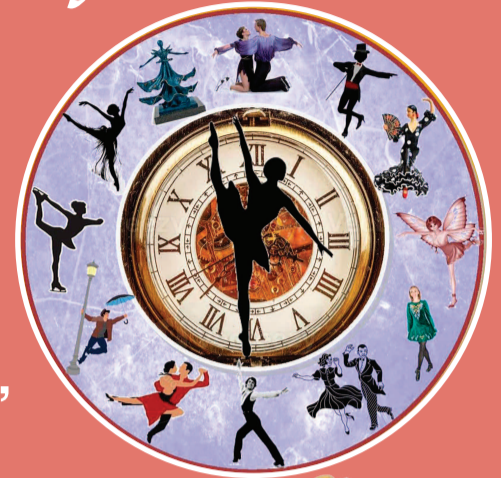
4:00pm	Farewell Gala Concert & Closing Ceremony featuring all international dance companies	Festival Arena	PWYD*
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NOTE: *PWYD – Pay What You Decide – Please see the information on 'How to Book' part of this leaflet.

The Dance of Time

is the theme of
Billingham Festival
2023.

Inspired by
Salvador Dali's
'The Dance of Time'
Sculptures



Juanita's Magic Quest

Wednesday 16th August, 2pm, Festival Arena

Special performance
for children and
families telling a story
of the world coming
together to help and
heal a friend.



Presented by Talentos (Colombia) with
participation of Africa, Chile and Philippines.

Mexican Day of the Dead

Thursday 17th August, 8pm, Festival Arena



Presented by
Ballet La Grana,
Mexico with live
mariachi music.

With participation of dance companies from
Chile and Peru.

Celebration of Mexican Day of the Dead will
also take place at Preston Park Museum on
Wednesday, 9th August.

The Two Fridas

Tuesday 15th August, 7.30pm,
Middlesbrough Town Hall Courtyard



'The Two Fridas' is a Dance Theatre
Performance inspired by two outstanding
female artists: Frida Kahlo and Amrita Sher-
Gil. Living and creating on opposite sides of
the world, Frida's and Amrita's stories and
paintings echoed each other, creating an
invisible parallel between them.

Featuring 120 dancers and musicians, this
spectacular piece has been created by Ballet
La Grana (Mexico) and Baranggay/LK Dance
Company (Philippines with participation from
Ballet Tupa Marka (Chile) and Talentos
(Colombia).

WORLD DANCE GALA

FT. DANCE COMPANIES FROM CHILE,
GEORGIA, GHANA, MEXICO,
PERU AND PHILIPPINES



THE ODE TO TIME

BY BALLET FOLKLORICO TUPA MARKA CHILE

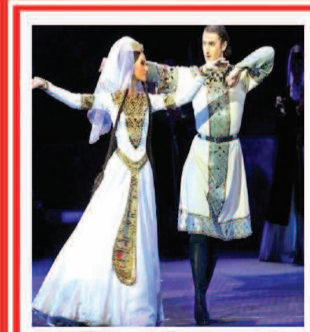
FRIDAY, 18TH AUGUST 2023 AT 7.30 PM
THE FORUM THEATRE BILLINGHAM

ALL TICKETS: £12
CONCESSIONS: £10

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A World of Weddings

Saturday 19th August, 8 pm, Festival Arena



Concert featuring
Traditional
Wedding and
Courtship Dances
from Mexico,
Bulgaria, Chile,
Peru, Philippines
and India