



Norfolk & Norwich Festival 08

Children's Festival

2-17 May 2008

Ticket hotline **01603 766400**
www.nnfestival.org.uk

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The festival is coming!

During the five days leading up to the festival, a series of foot-stomping, lunch-stopping street bands will bring an eclectic range of music to Norwich city centre (all part of our new sponsorship of free events at the festival by May Gurney, known as MG FREE). Starting outside City Hall at 12.30pm they will process past the Forum and down to Gentleman's Walk before getting lost in the lanes and backstreets to get us all in the festival mood! As the festival approaches, check the website for details.

Festival Fanfare Friday 2 May

MG FREE

Pa-BOOM
6.00pm

Mascletà

MG FREE event

City centre
Free and unticketed

Starting the festival off with a bang is the first festival *mascletà*, a daytime firework display that makes its impact with sound rather than light. A barrage of gunpowder percussion, rocket whistles and clouds of smoke will let you know the festival has begun wherever you are in the city. The best vantage

point will be outside City Hall. And listen out for the festival salute at 5.30pm each festival night, marking the end of the working day and the start of festival fun. Come on, *feel the noise!*

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All ages Saturday 3 May

MG FREE

Friches Théâtre Urbain
10.00pm

Mephistomania

MG FREE event

Starts by the West Door,
Cathedral Close
Free and unticketed

Please note start time – this is the correct time, although published at 10.15pm in other places

Parisian company Friches Théâtre Urbain specialises in large-scale, outdoor promenade performances – *Mephistomania* is a stunning spectacle that will weave its way through the streets of Norwich. Follow the colourful dervishes on tall stilts as they reveal the famous story of Faust.

This incredible procession is an explosion of pyrotechnics, street theatre, music and wild dancing.

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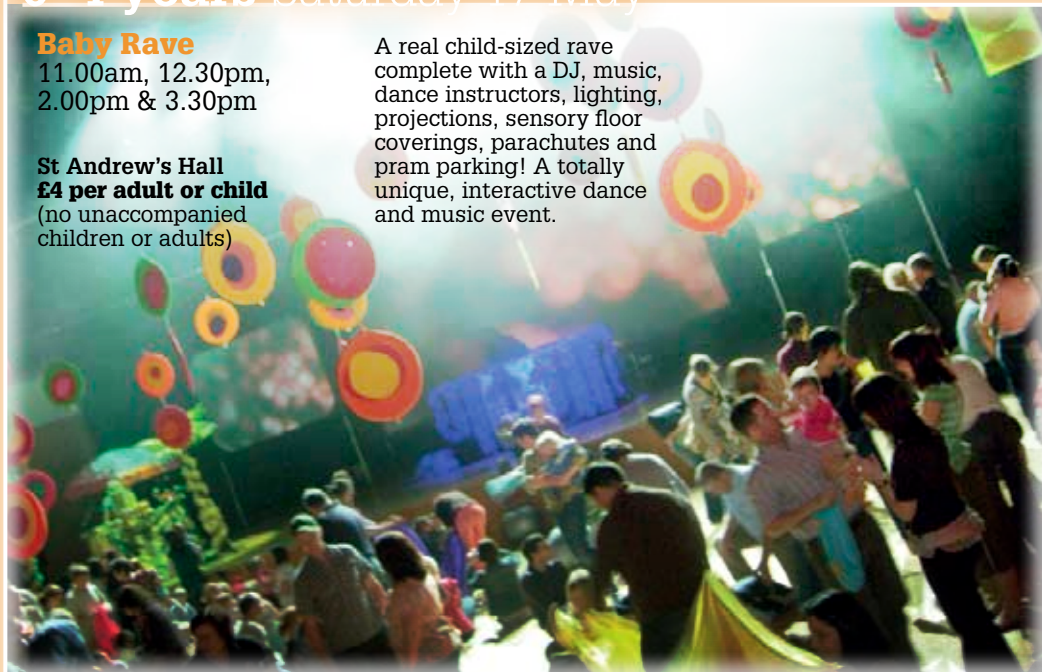
0-4 years Saturday 17 May

Baby Rave

11.00am, 12.30pm,
2.00pm & 3.30pm

St Andrew's Hall
£4 per adult or child
(no unaccompanied
children or adults)

A real child-sized rave complete with a DJ, music, dance instructors, lighting, projections, sensory floor coverings, parachutes and pram parking! A totally unique, interactive dance and music event.



3-9 years Monday 5 May

Theatre of Widdershins

11.00am & 2.00pm

The Elves and the
Shoemaker

Norwich Puppet Theatre
Tickets £5

It's a well-known fact that no one makes shoes like an elf! This well-worn tale has been reheeled by Theatre of Widdershins in its own inimitable style. Beautifully crafted sets and puppets, sublime music, a kaleidoscope of miniature shoes and a comic mouse.



3-9 years Saturday 17 May



Tall Stories

11.00am & 2.00pm

Monster Hits

**Norwich Playhouse
Tickets £5**

Staying with grumpy Grandpa for the first time, William tries to go to sleep in his spooky attic room. But monstrous music is coming out of the darkness – how will he get to sleep when there are monsters hiding in the walls? But is it *really* so bad? Storytelling, comedy and songs create a riotous world where friends are found in unlikely places...

All ages Sunday 11 May



Circo de la Sombra (Circus of Shadow)

5.00pm

**Theatre Royal Norwich
Tickets £13, £10, £5**

This energetic take on the traditional travelling show is bursting with all the energy of the circus, as performers fall from doorways, climb on ceilings, disappear into cupboards and pop up on the roof!

Presented in association with
Crying Out Loud

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Catalan Language and Culture

UK première

7+ Sunday 4 May

Endellion String Quartet

3.00pm

The Secret World of Strings: A Family Concert

Norwich Playhouse
Tickets £5

Endellion String Quartet
Andrew Watkinson and Ralph de Souza violins
Garfield Jackson viola
David Waterman cello

Let the world-famous Endellion String Quartet and presenter Lucy Forde take you and your family on a musical journey of discovery where the secrets of this fantastic musical ensemble are revealed. In *The Secret World of Strings* these remarkable

individuals demonstrate how they become one music-making machine.

Performance supported by

John Lewis



11+ Saturday 10 May

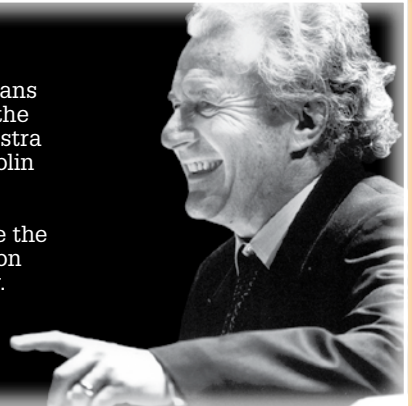
Chamber Orchestra Anglia with Sir Colin Davis

10.30am – 1.30pm
and 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Performance 4.00pm

Open workshop

St Andrew's Hall
Free and unticketed

The young players of Chamber Orchestra Anglia's young musicians scheme (coCOA) and the UEA Symphony Orchestra work again with Sir Colin Davis and Chamber Orchestra Anglia to rehearse and complete the work begun last year on Elgar's first symphony.



All ages Thursday 1 May

Black Shuck: A Songscape

2.00pm & 7.00pm

Great Yarmouth Hippodrome
Tickets £3 (adults),
£1 (children under 12),
Coach service available
from Norwich:
£3.50 per person

Don't miss the results of our amazing Creative Partnerships work with Norwich and Great Yarmouth schools as they present *Black Shuck*, the story of the famous ghost dog of eastern England, at the Great Yarmouth Hippodrome.



All ages Saturday 10 May

MG FREE

City of Secrets

From 11.00am

MG FREE event

**Hidden places all
over Norwich
Free and unticketed**

Presented in association
with Without Walls



This year's family day is an artistic treasure hunt where you are the hunter. Pick up a treasure map and start the search! For one day only you could discover up to 50 free, secret performances in places all over the city. Hidden in tiny parks, lurking in shopping malls, above your heads, beneath your feet – where will the next encounter be? For your first clues email opensame@nnfestival.org.uk

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All ages Saturday 17 May

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Xarxa Teatre

10.00pm

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MG FREE event

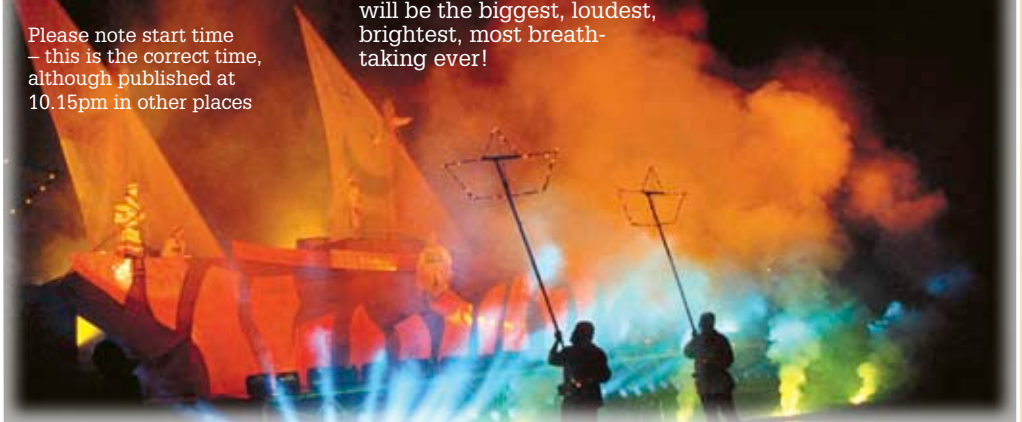
**Earlham Park
Free and unticketed**

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Xarxa (say “sharsha”) Teatre, Spanish masters of fire, explode into the festival with a huge and spectacular pyrotechnic show where fire turns into water! The Spanish really know how to put on a show – this year’s Festival Finale will be the biggest, loudest, brightest, most breathtaking ever!

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11+ Friday 2 – Saturday 17 May*

NoFit State Circus

3–5, 11 and 17 May,

3.00pm

2–3, 7–10, 13–17 May,

8.00pm

* NB: no shows on
Tuesday 6 or Monday
12 May

Tabù – standing on the
edge of the wilderness

Co-commissioned by the
Norfolk & Norwich Festival

**Earlham Park
Tickets £15, advance-
booked under-26s £5
Standing and unreserved**

World première

Cutting-edge circus,
performance, live music
and video combine to
create *Tabù* – an explosion
of furious entertainment
and choreographed
mayhem. Leave your circus
preconceptions behind and
join us for a turbo-charged,
life-changing, 90-minute
rollercoaster ride...

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Booking Information

Book in person

At the Theatre Royal box office,
Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RL.
Opening hours 9.30am–6pm,
Monday–Saturday and Bank Holiday
Monday 5 May.

Book online (24 hours)

At www.nnfestival.org.uk
or www.theatreroyalnorwich.co.uk

Book by telephone

01603 766400 during box office opening
hours (see times above).

Charges

No booking fees charged for any type
of transaction. A 75p charge for postage
is made on tickets mailed in advance.

On the day

Tickets for afternoon performances
go off sale at Norwich Theatre Royal at
6.00pm the day before. Tickets for evening
performances go off sale at Norwich Theatre
Royal at 3.00pm on the day of the performance.
Any remaining tickets will be sold on the door,
30 minutes prior to each event.

Refunds/exchanging tickets

If you cannot use tickets you have already
paid for, we can exchange them for another
performance (seven days' notice required).
Alternatively, tickets can be offered for resale
to personal callers where similar tickets are
otherwise unavailable. To exchange or resell
tickets, the originals must be returned to the
box office. Both services are subject to
a handling charge of £1.75 per ticket.

For a copy of the festival brochure
visit www.nnfestival.org.uk or call
01603 877750.

NNFestival 2008

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We hope you enjoy these family-friendly
events, but they are just the tip of the festival
iceberg. Peer below the surface and you'll
find music of all kinds – amazing dance and
theatre, and fabulous one-off events in your
very own annual international festival. This
year it's bigger and better than ever, so don't
just give the kids a treat, but book a babysitter
now and make sure you get out yourselves!

Visit www.nnfestival.org.uk for details and
to book online.

