

# CARLISLE FRINGE

A Festival of Comedy, Music, Theatre and Cabaret

18th - 28th Aug 2017

# WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION!

Carlisle Fringe is back for a second year and we have taken over the city. This year's programme has even more venues taking part.

We urge you to get out and support these brilliant events so that we can guarantee that more events like this happen in Carlisle.

## Box Office

You can buy tickets from our box offices at the Old Fire Station and the Tourist Information Centre, by calling us on 01228 812611 or online at [www.carlislefringe.co.uk](http://www.carlislefringe.co.uk)

## Tickets

£8.50 (concessions are £5.00) for Fringe events, and some events are individually priced. All Street Fest events are free.

## Classification

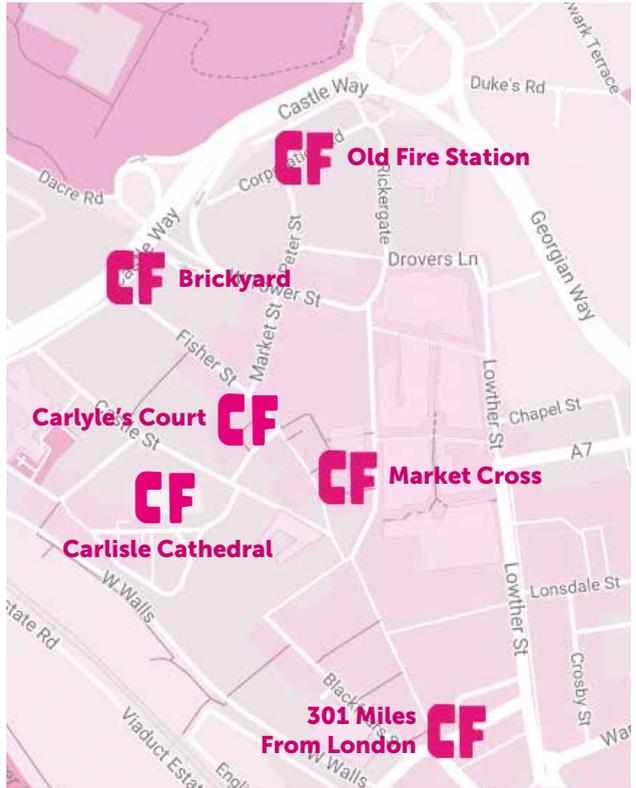
All shows are suitable for children and young adults except where they explicitly state that they are not.

## Wheelchairs

All venues are accessible for wheelchair users except where we state that they are not.



Carlisle Fringe is produced by Electric Theatre Workshop Ltd, which is registered as a charity, number SCO42897. Tickets for events are subject to availability and all tickets are non-transferable or returnable.



**Old Fire Station** Peter St. CA3 8QP - 01228 817358  
**Brickyard** 14 Fisher Street. CA3 8RN - 01228 512220  
**301 Miles from London** Carlisle Station - 01228 593301  
**Market Cross** Castle Street. CA3 8JA  
**Carlisle's Court** CA3 8RY  
**Carlisle Cathedral** 7 Abbey St, Carlisle CA3 8TZ - 01228 548151  
**Talkin Tarn** Brampton, CA8 1HN - 01697 73129  
**Lanercost Priory** Lanercost, CA8 2HQ - 03703 331181

BRICKYARD old fire station 301 MILES TULLIE HOUSE

**Symbols**

	Limited Accessibility		Club Night
<b>FREE</b>	Free Show		Bar Open
<b>FOR KIDS</b>	Kids will love it		Comedy
<i>Adults Only</i>	Over 18's		Music
	Food Served		Family
	Cabaret		Theatre



**Champagne Supernova**

Electric Theatre Workshop  
Old Fire Station  
Fri 18th: 7.00pm & 9.00pm  
£14.50



**Broadway Baby**



**This is Cabaret**



**The Scotsman**



**Daily Record**

From the makers of the award winning and jaw dropping *Le Haggis*, is the world premiere of their newest show, presented in their usual fast paced, high energy and unadulterated and unabashed 70 minutes of complete and utter nonsense.

Brimming with Northern pride, and bursting at the seams with mad-cap variety in a theatrical cocktail of steamy, saucy hedonism.

If you like a good night out, you have to check out this award winning company.

## FRI 18<sup>TH</sup> AUG



### How to Catch A Dragon

Carlisle Fringe  
Market Cross  
Fri 18th: 12.00pm &  
4.00pm



Think you've got what it takes to track down and tame the craftiest creature in Carlisle? Then grab your net, we're going on a dragon hunt! One of Dr Gernhardt's dragons is loose in Carlisle and we need your help to catch it. And be quick! We heard he's a foodie...

A family favourite for dragon enthusiasts everywhere.



### Launchpad

Brickyard Productions  
Brickyard  
Fri 18th: 8.00pm  
£5.50



Launchpad returns to bring you another taster of the best in local and up-and-coming talent for a Carlisle Fringe special.

**The Chadelics:** classic indie rock from Cumbria

**Rooms:** alt-rock featuring members of COLT 45 and Youth Salute

**Flynt:** Cumbrian indie-pop

**The Twitchers:** alternative indie from South Cumbria

Access to this venue is for ages 14+

## SAT 19<sup>TH</sup> AUG



### Grow Your Own

Fairly Famous Family  
Market Cross  
Sat 19th: 11.00am &  
4.00pm

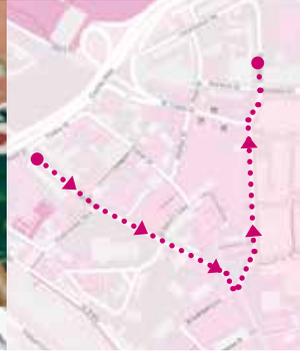


These comedy gardeners bring you skillful, wholesome, fresh, 5-a-day fun.

Grow Your Own is a show packed full of tasty fruit and vegetable themed juggling and comedy cookery.

Even Peter Rabbit himself makes a thrilling appearance! Interactive, colourful, and completely organic, Grow Your Own always harvests big audiences!

# CARLISLE PAGEANT



## Carlisle Pageant

Tullie House  
Sat 19th: 2.00pm

FREE  FOR KIDS

A celebration of Carlisle's history and heritage. Activities are planned within the city centre between 11am and 4pm.

A community parade will start at 2pm and will include giant puppets depicting key historic characters.

This year's parade route will start from Tullie House and will end outside the Old Town Hall.

## How to get involved in Pageant

Taking part in Pageant is easier than ever and you can get involved by doing any of the following:

1. Make a flag and join the Pageant
2. Dress up as a character from the past
3. Make a flag at the Flag making session
4. Pick a spot to watch the parade from
5. Volunteer to hold a puppet!

*If you want to find out more – give us a call on 01228 812 611 or email [megan@carlislefringe.co.uk](mailto:megan@carlislefringe.co.uk)*

## Flag making workshops

Tourist Information Centre  
Sat 19th: 10.00am - 12pm

FREE  FOR KIDS

Saturday morning creative fun for all the family!

We'll be at the Tourist Information Centre waiting for you to design your own personal flag. Make it as colourful and bright as you want then join us in the flag procession as part of the Pageant at 2pm!

We supply the flag making tools, so just bring yourself, mums and dads, and join in on the fun!



**You Can't Polish A Turd**

Kelly Convey  
Old Fire Station  
Sat 19th: 8.00pm



*"There's a winning authenticity to her material"*

**Chortle**

*"1 of 9 Hilarious Women to look out for in 2017"*

**Metro**

One woman's journey from Chav to must-have. An uncensored insight into the inner workings of a modern day woman. Kelly has no filter when it comes to her opinions on sex and society, sharing them in her hilarious, wholehearted performance. With a face like butter wouldn't melt and a mouth like a white van man, Kelly brings a side-splitting and strangely refreshing mix of feminine and ladette style to subjects women rarely talk about in public.



**Room in the Elephant**

Slash Theatre  
Old Fire Station  
Sat 19th: 4.00pm



*"Comedy Gold full of surprises' with an ending that's 'a total hoot!'"*

**Total Theatre**

We like to think of it as a 'daring expose revealing the state of contemporary masculinity in a post-feminist milieu', but Total Theatre seem to think it's "Comedy Gold".

Two young men struggling to come up with ideas for a show decide it will be an exact re-enactment of their current conversation. An older man arrives and states this sounds like some "awful, self-referential bullshit". This simple premise leads to mind-boggling shifts in understanding where and when the show is set, and who these men actually are.



**Eleanor Conway's Walk of Shame**

Old Fire Station  
Sat 19th: 6.30pm



*"Reminiscent of early Graham Norton (albeit sexier)"*

**The List**

*"Ludicrous, humorous and alcohol sodden"*

**Broadway Baby**

'Walk of Shame' is Eleanor Conway's critically acclaimed debut show about sex, sobriety, Sambuca and the modern addict that lies within us all. This debut premiered at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival to critical acclaim and is currently on a sell-out international tour.



### Dumfries Community Choir

Market Cross  
Sat 19th: 1.30pm

FREE  FOR KIDS

One of Scotland's most dynamic community choirs will help get you in the party mood with their eclectic mix of uplifting songs.

They have played across the UK to thousands of different audiences and have become one of the most well-known vocal ensembles in the country. Their afternoon set will make you feel pretty good!

The set includes songs by Pearl Jam, Stone Roses, Guns n Roses, David Guetta, Modest Mouse and The Clash.



### 1950's Street Party

Carlisle Fringe  
Market Cross  
Sat 19th: 12.00pm

FREE  FOR KIDS

Carlisle will turn back the clock as we have a two-hour street party to launch the entire Festival. The tables will be set and all you need to do is come along, bring a picnic and your mates and join in with our 1950's themed street party.

Picnic boxes will be available from some of the market stalls, and you can bring some of your own food to share.

We will have prizes for the best costumes, and for the biggest quiff!



### Unity Sessions + KSK

Brickyard  
Sat 19th: 10pm- 3am  
£6 Online/£8 on the door

 Adults Only  

Unity sessions, one of Cumbria's best known Sound Systems, electronic music producers and DJ's, are hooking up with Kryptonik Sound Collective, Scotland's premier dealer in all things D&B, Jungle and Dubstep, for a filthy one night stand in the Brickyard.

From 10pm – 3:00am the Unity rig will pulse with the braw vibe inducing basslines you've come to know and lust, with a mix of D&B, Jungle, Techno and fat House. KSK cross the border and bring three of the Scotland's slickest DJ's, OhMyJosh, Stereo Kriminal, and Shankz in this Unity Session & KSK collaboration event...

# SUN 20<sup>TH</sup> AUG: THE SUNDAY SESSIONS

## **Stoney Broke** - 11.00am

Dynamic, Scottish, singer-songwriter Stoney Broke creates an eclectic inspired musical style, to create an original and unmistakable sound.

## **Chasin' The Train** – 11:45am

Chasin' The Train play out-of-the-ordinary blues and blues-based music.

## **Rhythm in Shoes** – 12:30pm

Rhythm in Shoes cover a wide range of genres and styles with ease and combine it with a live stage show that brings any crowd onto the dance floor.

## **Black Mango** – 1:15pm

Reminiscent of late 80's/90's guitar driven sound with a modern twist. Their soaring melodies, catchy choruses, and foot stomping bangers are sure to get the crowd going.

## **Pam Taylor** – 2:00pm

Pam is an American roots musician born and bred in the South, well versed in the blues. Her debut album Hot Mess hit #1 on the Roots Music Report, making a name for herself in the blues world.

## **Youth Salute** – 2:45pm

Youth Salute are an alternative rock band from Cumbria. In 2016, the band released their biggest and best release to date via Leeds based record label, Spoken Records.

## **No Thrills** – 3:30pm

Established 1998, No Thrills is a home grown Cumbrian punk band, playing a vast catalogue of self-penned, original material tackling the subject matter from self-belief to anti-war songs.

## **LOKA** 4:15pm

LOKA are four music loving friends who enjoy singing and entertaining. Their repertoire is eclectic from traditional to contemporary.

## **The Ogres of Go-Go** - 5.00pm

Gentlemen's country apperaliser boogie mixed with foreboding waltz/funk meandering.



## **The Sunday Sessions**

Market Cross  
Sun 20th: 11.00am



Carlisle Fringe's first, 'Sunday Session', invites you to the city centre for a full day of free-to-view music, live from our main stage. Feed your soul, rock your socks off and get locked in, for a city centre music take over from 11am – 5pm. Carlisle Fringe present local and emerging talent from across Cumbria and South West Scotland.





**Sparky and the Wailer**

Market Cross  
Mon 21st: 12.00pm

FREE 

Sparky and the Wailer are a new Cumbrian piano and vocal duo on the blues scene comprising Alex Clarke (Sparky) the man proficiently tickling the ivories and Stephen Bailey (the wailer) providing some strong vocal lines to create an uncomplicated blend of piano and voice reminiscent of the old days.



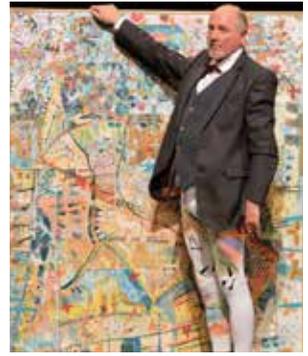
**A Midsummer Night's Dream**

Chaos Collective  
Carlyle's Court  
Mon 21st: 7.00pm

FREE 

A story of order and disorder, reality and appearance and love and marriage. Theseus, Duke of Athens, and Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons are to be married and great celebrations are planned.

Chaos Collective - The Lake District's newest Theatre Company, showcasing contemporary outdoor Shakespeare in scenic locations. This summer Chaos are bringing highly energetic and thoroughly fantastical productions of Shakespeare's magical comedies to venues in and around Cumbria. This show will be presented in the outdoors so we recommend bringing a deck chair, a warm blanket and a flask of tea.



**Slapstick & Slaughter**

Desperate Men  
Market Cross  
Mon 21st: 11.00am & 2.00pm

FREE  FOR KIDS

*"Small but perfectly formed and darkly comical epic, packed tighter than a kitbag with visual surprises, guffaws of laughter and a disarming humanity."*

**Bristol 247**

Two men recklessly attempt to confront the absurdity of war in just 35 minutes, using their bodies, their voices and the surrealist toolbox of DADAism. Playful, physical and blackly comedic, the new show SLAPSTICK & SLAUGHTER examines how the barbaric chaos of World War One manifested itself in the nihilistic, nonsensical art that grew from it.



**Poet of the Impossible**

Lorenzo Novani  
Old Fire Station  
Mon 21st: 8.00pm



**Broadway Baby**

*"Whatever he does the audience is engrossed and the final moments are almost a miracle"*

**Fringe Review**

Thought reading, visual illusion and the most incredible card magic. Renz is an amazing Magician. He also happens to write spellbinding poetry. Magic and verbal wizardry come together in "Poet of the Impossible" to take you on a journey into Magic's mysterious past, and most importantly, stun you with displays of the impossible that defy explanation and gravity. Expect audience involvement and moments of wonder.



**Bones**

Gritty Theatre  
Old Fire Station  
Mon 21st: 4.00pm



*"Funny, upsetting, shocking, very, very moving... a must see"*

**Ed Fringe Review**

*"Utterly convincing... ambitious, impressive, and humbling"*

**Broadway Baby**

Mark, 19, cares for his drug-addict mum and her baby. He has to make a choice that could change things forever, as he is living a life he never signed up for. But how far will he go? A poignant, emotionally charged monologue about trying to find your place in a world that doesn't want you. Mark's tale will chew you up, spit you out, and make you wonder why you cared in the first place.



**Urban Astronaut**

Highly Sprung  
Market Cross  
Mon 21st:  
1.00pm & 3.00pm



Urban Astronaut provides a glimpse of a future that might be...where problems surrounding air pollution have grown to a crisis point, is there any way back? Combining stunning design and a unique travelling flying machine with simple storytelling and a moving dance performance, Urban Astronaut searches for a solution to the environmental disaster that is present in our near future. The answer is found in a simple encounter with a young girl who provides the one thing the astronaut has lost...hope.



**Give Me Your Love**

Ridiculusmus  
Old Fire Station  
Mon 21st: 6.30pm



Hot off their Edinburgh Fringe season Indie Theatre legends David Woods and Jon Haynes AKA Ridiculusmus are back with the story of ex-soldier Zach who has withdrawn into a cardboard box in a kitchen in West Wales. His friend leuan arrives offering recovery – in the form of an ecstasy capsule which he claims to have used to successfully treat his own post-traumatic stress. Parachuted into their recently fractured pasts, Zach and leuan swing between dreamboat heroism and woozy enlightenment whilst engaging in disorderly conversation about patriotism, conflict and supermarket shopping.



**Mr & Mr Burn**

Ramshacklicious  
Market Cross  
Tue 22nd:  
11.00am & 4.00pm



Meet Mr. & Mr. Burn, an explosive, chaotic, offbeat double act with a touch of disaster about them. One part strange function room musician, the other part, the not so tuneful crooner. Listen as they fill the air with some sweet swinging, brass heavy music, performed from their small but decadent mobile bandstand. But will they get through their concert without setting their whole world on fire?



**Celtivation**

An Dha  
Old Fire Station  
Tues 22nd: 1.00pm



*“lively, fun and entertaining to all”*  
**Afterdark Magazine**

*“A stunning duo”*  
**BBC Radio Scotland**

Traditional and not-so-traditional folk music, original tunes and the tales of the lives two musicians. Join multi-award winning fiddle & cello folk duo An Dhá as they explore and shape the roots of traditional music into their own unique style. Enjoy “gorgeous” airs and “upbeat” reels infused with “jazz-inspired flair” from their new album *Celtivation*. An Dhá means ‘The Two’ in Gaelic; two musicians, a Fiddle and a Cello, on a journey exploring life and music together.



**Help! I Think I  
Might Be Fabulous**

Alfie Ordinary  
Old Fire Station  
Tue 22nd: 6.00pm



*"Funny, extraordinary and  
of course, fabulous"*

**Brighton Argus Review**

With confetti cannons, puppets and sequins, this "Side-splittingly funny, extraordinary and of course, fabulous" camp show sees Alfie, the son of a drag queen, discussing his time at Madame LeCoq's Preparatory School For Fabulous Boys and specifically his friendship with Jon, a younger closeted 'muggleborn' fabulous boy. Through live music and puppetry, Alfie encourages Jon to be himself with the help of Whitney Houston and Bette Middler.

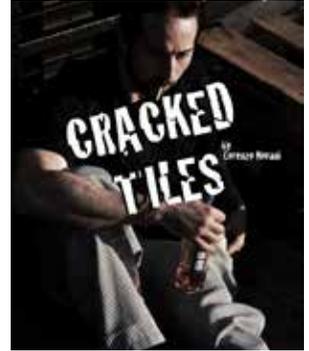


**Cosmic**

Megan Milligan  
Market Cross  
Tue 22nd: 3.00pm



The faeries have been sent back from the moon to explore the City Centre. Help the faeries impress the moon by showing them your favourite thing about Carlisle. Together, they might teach you their song. But can you find all four?



**Cracked Tiles**

Lorenzo Novani  
Old Fire Station  
Tue 22nd: 8.00pm



*"Outstanding"*  
**Fringe Review**

A year ago he inherited his father's crumbling empire, a run-down Glasgow chip shop. The sale of the shop now looms but Riccardo isn't ready to leave; he has just discovered a compelling oddity in the family business records. Perplexed and burning with curiosity, he now finds himself with no choice but to revisit family history asking questions of his father he never would have dared ask before. Do the shop's grease-stained walls hold the answers? Prepare to laugh and cry, this award-winning tragicomedy is about to take you on a rollercoaster ride of emotions.

## THUR 24<sup>TH</sup> AUG



### International Market

Market Cross  
Thur 24th-Mon 28th:  
9am-6pm



The return of this popular market with gifts, flavours and aromas from all over continental Europe and beyond. Stalls will be open Thursday - Saturday between 9am and 6pm, Sunday between 10am and 5pm and Bank Holiday Monday between 9am and 5pm.

## FRI 25<sup>TH</sup> AUG



### Open Mic Night

301 Miles from London  
Fri 25th: 5pm – 8:30pm



Join us in the 301 miles Bar as the monthly Open Mic Night express rolls up to platform 4. Join us between 5pm until 8:30pm as Cumbria's emerging and local talent take the stage...all aboard the hype train.



### Pride & Prejudice

Chapterhouse Theatre  
Lanercost Priory  
Fri 25th: 7.30pm  
£15.00 / £13.00 & £11.00



Take a step back in time with Chapterhouse Theatre Company to meet Elizabeth Bennet, Jane Austen's most loveable heroine. When Elizabeth meets the rude and abrupt Mr Darcy, she loathes him at first sight. But is there more to him than meets the eye? Brought to life by award winning writer Laura Tuner, this brand-new adaptation celebrates the 200th Anniversary of Jane Austen's death and promises to be the most splendid evening of the summer. So, join friends and family as you picnic under a beautiful summer sky and lose yourself in this unforgettable love story.

## SAT 26<sup>TH</sup> AUG



### King Arthur

Prism Arts  
Carlisle Cathedral  
Sat 26th: 11.30am

FREE  FOR KIDS

*"The legend of King Arthur and the grim riddling baron"*

Performed by Prism Arts Youth Theatre.  
Come and help the magnificent King Arthur battle to save the land in a story we will tell for generations to come.



### The Great Fair Proclamation

Market Cross  
Sat 26th: 10.00am

 FREE

The Proclamation is a declaration of the City Council's rights to hold an annual Fair in August, originally granted to the citizens of Carlisle in 1352 by Edward III.

A procession including The Mayor of Carlisle will make its way from St Cuthbert's Church to the Market Cross.

## SUN 27<sup>TH</sup> AUG



### Patchwork Opera

301 Miles from London  
Sun 27th: 11am - 6pm  
Words

FREE  FOR KIDS

The Patchwork Opera is a group of writers, musicians and visual artists who believe that the diverse is ordinary and the ordinary is magical. Drawn from Speakeasy, Wigton Writers Tolivar Productions, and their friends, The Patchwork Opera is liminal, lyrical and louche. Not your usual stuff.

*Carlisle Fringe wishes to thank Stuart Walker, Galina Walls, and Jenny Woolgar for the use of their images in this brochure.*



### Carlisle Foodies Fest

Friday 21 - Sunday 23 July • Carlisle city centre

### Dotty the Dragon open-air theatre

Thursday 27 July • Talkin Tarn

### A Midsummer Night's Dream open-air theatre

Thursday 10 August • Talkin Tarn

### Carlisle Fringe

Friday 18 - 28 August

Carlisle city centre and other venues

### Cumbria Pride

Saturday 16 September • Carlisle city centre

### Fireshow

Saturday 4 November • Bitts Park

### Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sunday 19 November • Carlisle city centre

### Carlisle Christmas Markets

Thursday 23 November - Sunday 3 December

Carlisle city centre

### Winter Wonderland & Santa's Grotto

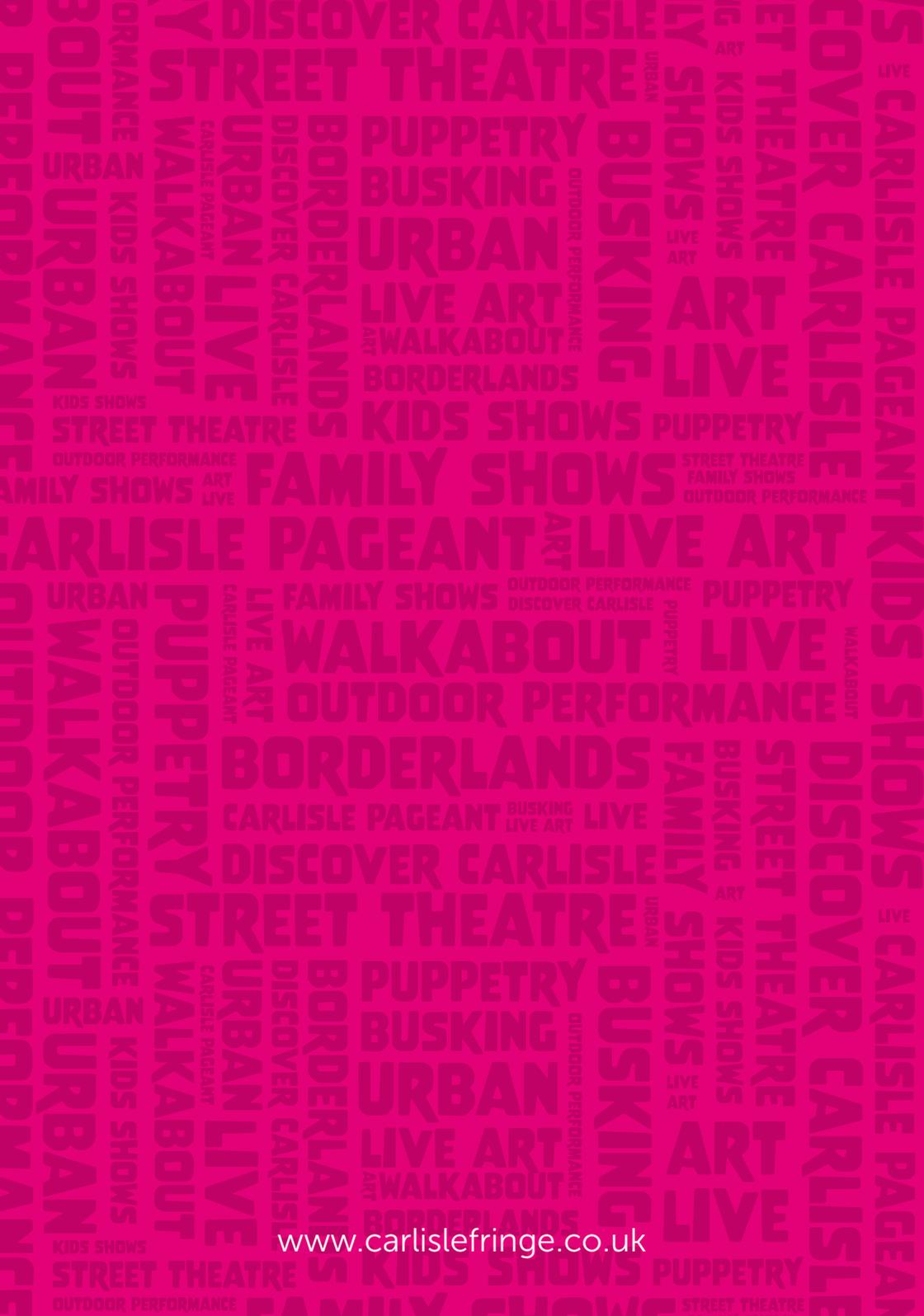
Saturday 16 - Thursday 21 December

Carlisle city centre

[www.discovercarlisle.co.uk](http://www.discovercarlisle.co.uk)



Celebrity chef Jean-Christophe Novelli will be taking part in Carlisle Foodies Fest



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