

1-18 July

**FREE OUTDOOR
EVENTS**

LIVE & ONLINE SHOWS

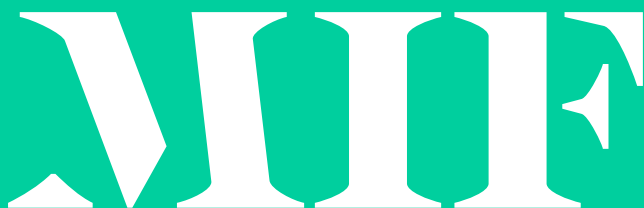
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YOUR CITY YOUR FESTIVAL



Manchester
International
Festival
2021 1-18 July
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WELCOME TO MIF21!



Manchester International Festival is back! Join us in July at places and spaces across Manchester for a huge celebration of your city – with lots to do every day and night from 1 to 18 July.

There's a packed programme: dance on Deansgate, art in the Arndale, poetry on the pavements, music in Cathedral Gardens, Big Ben in Piccadilly Gardens and more, including lots of free events.

We've got shows by big global names from across the arts, and events made by and for the people of Manchester. You can join us at venues across the city – or enjoy the Festival online.

Discover MIF21 and book tickets at mif.co.uk – and then join us in July. We can't wait to see you.

GET INVOLVED

Thousands of people take part in MIF, both during the Festival and all year round. Discover how you can join them at mif.co.uk/get-involved

THE FACTORY

Manchester is building The Factory, a world-class cultural space in the heart of the city – and the future year-round home for MIF. Read all about it at mif.co.uk/the-factory

COVID-19 SAFETY

MIF21 will be fully COVID-safe, in line with all Government guidelines – we've been awarded the 'We're Good to Go' industry standard for COVID-19 safety. Read more about how we're keeping you safe at mif.co.uk/visit



FESTIVAL SQUARE

Cathedral Gardens

2–18 July

FREE – NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Celebrate your city and your Festival at the home of MIF in Cathedral Gardens. There'll be great food and drink, free live music and DJs, tours and more – open from 12noon daily and always free.

LIVE MUSIC & DJs

Festival Square's three stages will host live music and DJs night and day – from nights curated by Jamz Supernova, Mr Scruff, Homoelectric, Dave Haslam and many others to a Festival-long celebration of Manchester musicians.

We'll be announcing the full schedule later in June at mif.co.uk

FOOD & DRINK

Eat and drink under the scorching Manchester sun! There'll be food all day every day from Heathcote&Co, Honest Crust, Eat Well MCR, Stellar and others to be announced – plus a full bar with wines, beers and more. Come hungry!

FAMILY EVENTS & MORE

There'll be free family events suitable for children of all ages on selected weekends. We'll be announcing full details in June at mif.co.uk – along with a programme of guided tours.

STAYING SAFE

Like all MIF venues, Festival Square will be a fully COVID-safe and secure site, and we'll follow all Government guidelines in place during July.



Image: Nathan Whittaker

FREE THINGS TO DO

The Festival programme is packed with free events across 18 days – including three major artworks in public spaces, all free with no booking required*.



Big Ben Lying Down with Political Books

Piccadilly Gardens, 1–18 July

FREE – NO BOOKING REQUIRED*

Big Ben has quit Westminster – to give itself to us, the people of Manchester. Come to Piccadilly Gardens to explore this colossal 42-metre replica created by Argentine pop artist Marta Minujín, then come back at the closing weekend to take a free book!



Captioning the City

Manchester city centre, 1–18 July

FREE – NO BOOKING REQUIRED

What do we notice when we walk through a city? And what does it trigger within us? Christine Sun Kim is adding vast physical captions to streets and buildings in the city centre – inviting you to experience Manchester in a new dimension. For a map of locations, visit mif.co.uk



Image: Sam Shaw

Portrait of Black Britain

Manchester Arndale, 1–18 July

FREE – NO BOOKING REQUIRED

What does it mean to be Black, living in the UK? Artist and activist Cephas Williams' major exhibition at the Arndale photographs and profiles Black people from across society living in the UK today – a reminder of the beauty in identity and diversity.

* No tickets needed to see exterior of *Big Ben Lying Down*; to go inside, book free tickets at mif.co.uk

LIVE MUSIC

From icons and legends at Manchester Central to free music day and night in Festival Square, we've got an amazing live music programme across 18 days. Here are some highlights – for much more, and to book tickets, see mif.co.uk



Patti Smith Quartet

7 & 8 July

£10 TICKETS AVAILABLE

The New York icon returns with her first shows since the pandemic.



Arlo Parks

Friday 9 July

£10 TICKETS AVAILABLE

One of the country's hottest new acts – live at MIF21 for one night only.



Damon Albarn

Tuesday 13 July

£10 TICKETS AVAILABLE

A rare live solo appearance from the longtime friend of MIF.



Rooted in Rhyme

Saturday 10 July

£10 TICKETS AVAILABLE

DJ Semtex, SVMi, Culps, Lady Ice, Rago Loco and more: the best of Manchester hip hop – live.



MIF X Salaam Festival

Wednesday 14 July

£10 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Abi Sampa, Sona Jobarteh and Muneera Williams launch a new Islamic art festival.



Homecoming Live

Saturday 17 July

£10 TICKETS AVAILABLE

A one-night showcase of the most exciting music from Africa and beyond.

DON'T MISS



Unit 5, Great Northern Warehouse

2–18 July*

Ages 8+

ALL CHILDREN £6

£10 TICKETS AVAILABLE

A group of dancers meet to make a film – but things get wonderfully weird when the camera takes on a life of its own!

Join us for this uplifting new show mixing dance, music, theatre and puppetry for children and family audiences.



Manchester Central

1–4 July

£10 TICKETS AVAILABLE

*A man – any man,
everyman – walks
alone through night
and the city...*

Cillian Murphy stars in a new film written by Max Porter, directed by Aoife McArdle and with music by Aaron Dessner, Bryce Dessner and Jon Hopkins – an MIF world premiere.

* Book at mif.co.uk for groups of four; all other group sizes, book via 0333 322 8679 or tickets@mif.co.uk

The Global Playground image: Chris Nash

£10 TICKETS



£10 TICKETS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS ON LOWER WAGES

We set aside 10% of all tickets for Greater Manchester residents on lower wages – anything around or below the real Living Wage (around £18,000 a year). If that's you, then you're eligible to book £10 tickets for many events with the code **MIF21LW10**. Please think about whether you qualify for these tickets before purchasing – and if you don't, please leave them for those who do. Read more at mif.co.uk/£10-tickets

YOUNG MIF



AGED 16-26? JOIN YOUNG MIF TODAY

Young MIF is the Festival's new community for young people aged 16-26.

Join today and you can get discounted tickets for MIF21, priced from £5 with no booking fees for you and a friend – gigs, theatre, exhibitions, discussions and much more. Join online for free by visiting mif.co.uk/young-mif

ESSENTIALS

All you need to know about Manchester International Festival...

WHEN IS IT?

Thursday 1 to Sunday 18 July

WHERE IS IT?

All over Manchester

WHAT'S ON WHEN?

Find full listings at mif.co.uk

DO I NEED TO BOOK?

COVID-19 guidelines means you'll need to book for some events, but many others don't require tickets – for full details, see mif.co.uk

HOW MUCH ARE TICKETS?

Many events are free. For others, ticket prices vary – but there are big discounts for Young MIF members and £10 tickets for Greater Manchester residents on lower wages (subject to availability, transaction fee applies)



WHERE CAN I BOOK?

Online mif.co.uk

By phone 0333 322 8679

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Most events are in Manchester city centre, which you can reach:

By train To Manchester Piccadilly, Victoria or Oxford Road stations – check routes and times at nationalrail.co.uk

By Metrolink All tram routes pass through the city centre – plan your journey at tfgm.com/plan-a-journey

By bus Use the journey planner at tfgm.com/plan-a-journey – and get around the city centre on TfGM's free bus services

By bike There are cycle lanes on many local roads – see [tfgm.com/cycling](https://www.tfgm.com/cycling)

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