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HIGHLY SPRUNG THEATRE

OUTDOOR THEATRE IN SOLIHULL PARKS

# FRESH AIR THEATRE

30 JUNE - 31 AUGUST 2024

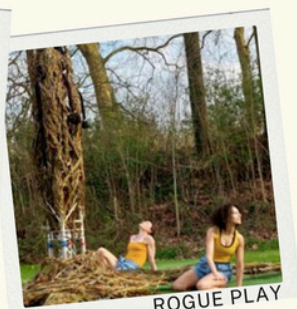
FREE  
EVENTS



MOTIONHOUSE



AUTIN DANCE THEATRE



ROGUE PLAY

Fresh Air Theatre is a brand new cultural festival from Solihull Culture coming to parks across Solihull Borough this summer.

This exciting programme of events will feature free performances from world class theatre, dance and physical theatre companies.

Find out more online at [www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk](http://www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk)

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## The Boogaloo Babes

**The Boogaloo Babes** are Solihull's very own vintage vocal harmony trio. Anya, Sophia and Donna perform a selection of nostalgic songs, guaranteed to put a smile on anyone's face! Bring a blanket & a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of music in the park with 2 x 45 min sets.

**Sun 30 June 2pm – Hillfield Park**

**Sun 21 July 2pm – Knowle Park**

**Sat 31 August 2pm – Dickens Heath Park**



## HENGE

Creators of world class dance-circus productions, **Motionhouse** use dynamic parkour and rhythmic beats in this thrilling show. Watch a set of gigantic neolithic stones transform before your eyes to create new structures and shapes for the performers to play on and explore. Lively and joyous, exhilarating and exciting, HENGE is a must-see for audiences of all ages.

**Sun 28 July 1pm & 4pm – Shirley Park**



## The Crow House

A derelict house appears in the street, home to a furious bird who squawks at anyone who approaches. Three unique characters arrive, each vying to take over the house in a lively battle of acrobatics, trapeze, hat juggling, slapstick and audience participation. This 50-minute silent movie-inspired show from **Circo Rum Ba Ba** is as exciting as it is silly!

**Mon 29 July 11am & 2pm – Bentley Heath Rec. Ground**

**Tue 30 July 11am & 2pm – Damson Lane Park**

**Wed 31 July 11am & 2pm – Lanchester Park**



## Sampad Shirley Takeover

**Sampad** bring an eclectic blend of dance and music to Shirley Park in Solihull along with a selection of fun workshops, with something suitable for all ages. Get ready for an amazing showcase of South Asian culture in celebration of South Asian Heritage Month!

**Sun 11 August 12pm to 6pm – Shirley Park**





## Forests

A willow tree, fiery acrobatics and dance feature in this high energy, spectacular family-friendly show. **Forests** by **RoguePlay** packs a powerful punch, challenging forestry practices, the destruction of the rainforests, and the displacement of indigenous peoples. Each 11am performance will be followed by an interactive family workshop.

**Sat 3 August 11am & 2pm – Lavender Hall Park**

**Sun 4 August 11am & 2pm – Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens\***

**Wed 14 August 11am & 2pm – Elmdon Park**

**Thu 15 August 11am & 2pm – Dorridge Park**



## The Chelmsley Tale

The Chelmsley Tale is sharing to audiences across Solihull the fairy tales associated with the origins of Chelmsley Wood. Meet characters such as Chelmund, and the Woodlings, discover mischievous forest sprites and hear about the battle of the river Cole. This piece of family-friendly theatrical storytelling has been commissioned to celebrate the stories of Chelmund.

**Mon 19 Aug 10am - Lanchester Park**

**Tue 20 Aug 10am - Kingshurst Park**

**Wed 21 Aug 10am - Jacey Park**

**Thu 22 Aug 10am - Lavender Hall Park**

**Fri 23 Aug 10am - Dickens Heath Park**

**Mon 19 Aug 2pm - Meriden Park**

**Tue 20 Aug 2pm - Marston Green Park**

**Wed 21 Aug 2pm - Green Lane Park**

**Thu 22 Aug 2pm - Bentley Heath Rec.**

**Fri 23 Aug 2pm - Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens\***



## CastAway

**Highly Sprung's** CastAway is a stunning 30-minute outdoor performance that explores the impact of today's throwaway society on our waterways. Featuring a unique gyrosopic flying machine, the all female cast immerses audiences in an underwater world where performers dive, twist and float over 26 feet in the air to delight, inspire and captivate audiences of all ages.

**Sat 17 August 11am & 2pm – Tudor Grange Park**

**Sun 18 August 11am & 2pm – Lavender Hall Park**



## The Other Side

The Other Side is a highly physical 30 min outdoor performance that tackles the ideas of bridging differences and divides in order for all to benefit. Watch the performers realise that the only way to succeed will be by finding a way to work together, support each other, and lift one another up. **Ascension Dance** is a contemporary Dance company based in Coventry, inspired by movement from parkour and freerunning.

**Saturday 24 August 11am – Knowle Park**

**Saturday 24 August 3pm – Olton Jubilee Park**



## Out of The Deep Blue

This beautiful spectacle from **Autin Dance Theatre** tells the magical story of Eko, a sea giant who rises from the deep ocean and encounters a courageous young girl named Violet. Out of The Deep Blue is a 50-minute physical theatre performance, featuring a gigantic 13-foot tall puppet, made up of a 25 minute promenade and a 25 minute static theatre show.

**Wed 28 August 11am & 2pm - Elmdon Park**



## Parade - The Giant Wheel

Parade - The Giant Wheel is a 50-minute moving performance from **Autin Dance Theatre**, inspired by the beauty, power, and impact of people from different walks of life coming together. Featuring a community cast from Solihull, and a 12-foot tall giant wheel, which carries the performers up high, spinning them around and upside down, Parade is about celebrating different journeys whilst honouring our shared life struggles.

**Thu 29 August 1pm & 3pm – Solihull Town Centre**

All events are free\* to attend. There's no need to book - just turn up!

\* Events at Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens require an entry fee to the gardens.