

**FREE  
FESTIVAL**



THE NATIONAL  
**FESTIVAL  
OF MAKING**

**8 & 9 JULY 11AM—5PM 2023**

**GET READY  
TO MAKE**

**BLACKBURN  
TOWN CENTRE**

**#FESTIVAL  
OFMAKING**

**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

WELCOME

**As Chair of the Festival of Making CIC Board of Directors, I'd like to welcome you to the 6th edition of The National Festival of Making.**

Under the direction of the Executive Directors, Lauren Zawadzki and Elena Jackson, the team have brought together over 180 artists and makers to be part of a programme bursting with things to experience, see and do. This is our first year as an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation -



a strategic fund which means we can develop plans, projects and programmes with communities, far beyond what we have been able to previously achieve. It also means that we have been able to welcome more members to our fantastic team, to deliver more and to reach more people through the work we co-create. We can and will continue to be ambitious and keep MAKING things happen in Blackburn, Lancashire and the North.

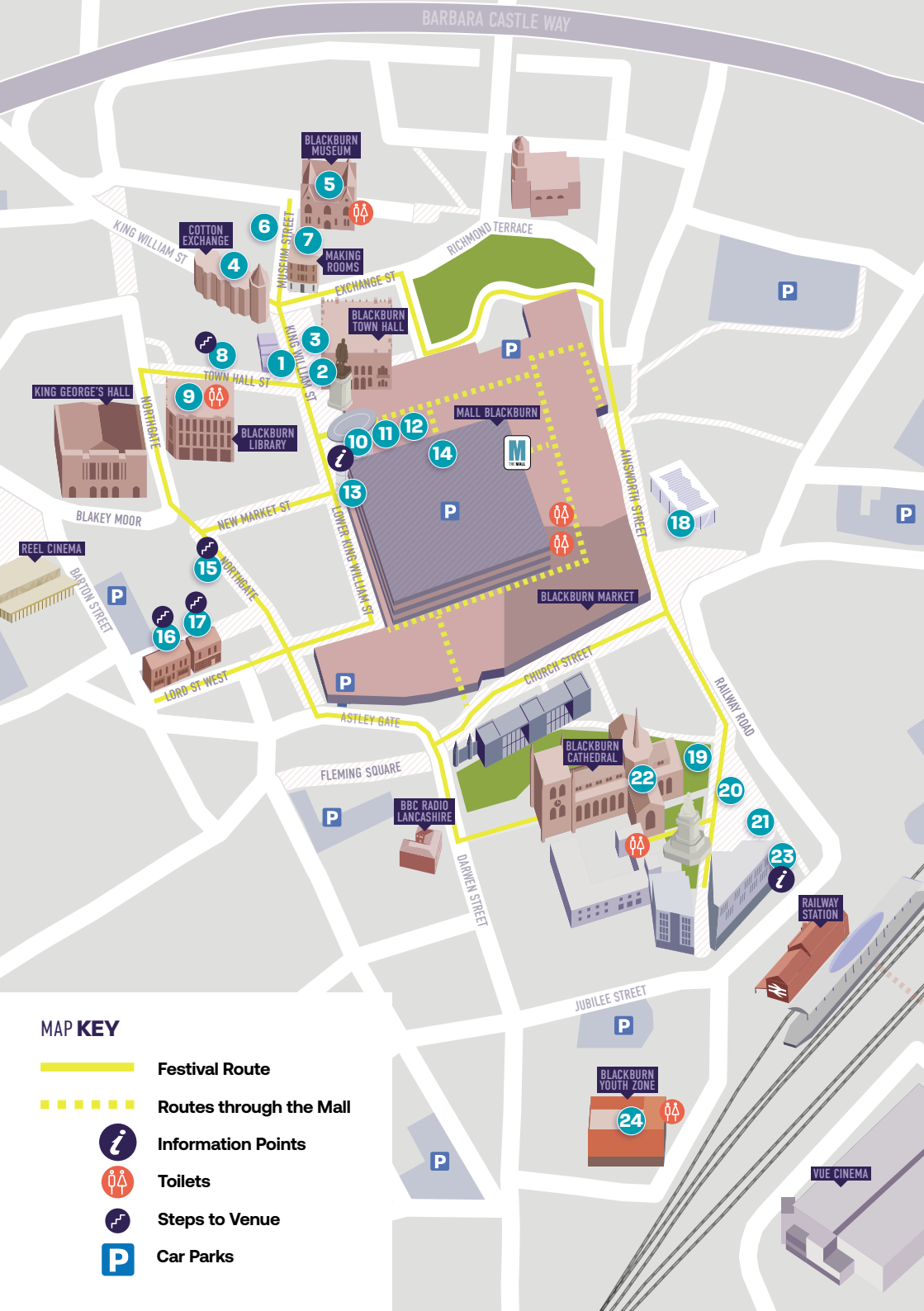
Enjoy this weekend - smile, celebrate, get hands on and take in as much of what's on offer as you can in this wonderful town the festival calls home.

**Jamie Holman**







Chair of the Board,  
Festival of Making CIC

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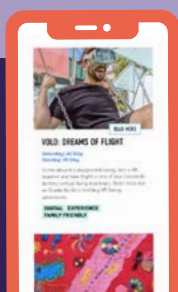
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## Venue Accessibility


The National Festival of Making takes over public spaces and venues in and around Blackburn Town Centre. The pedestrianised areas are very accessible for pushchairs and people who use a wheelchair however some of the activities take place in temporary marquees and gazebos where access may be restricted. We strive to work towards an accessible programme of events but regret that not all venues are fully accessible to our whole audience at present. Please find details below of venues that are not fully accessible at this time, or which have alternative access.

Unfortunately, Tony's Ball Room is on the upper floor with no lift access. The room capacity is limited to 50 people at one time and so there may be a small queue at the venue entrance.

There is single step access to Prism Contemporary, Uncultured Creatives Studio (14-16 Lord Street West) and 29 Northgate.

The Cotton Exchange has new lift access designed into the building, and is accessible to people who use a wheelchair.

The Making Rooms has alternative level access through the side entrance on Museum Street.

Throughout this programme, if there are any activities listed taking place in venues where there is not level, ramp or lift entry, you will see this symbol . This will be followed by a short description of the barriers people might find to accessing this venue.

If you require any assistance or information, you can reach our team by speaking to one of the Event Staff who are wearing purple reflective vests. Alternatively you can head to the **Festival Info Points** on **King William Street 10** and **Cathedral Square 23** or email [info@festivalofmaking.co.uk](mailto:info@festivalofmaking.co.uk) (Note: it may take us longer to respond to emails over the festival weekend).

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### BREASTFEEDING AND QUIET SPACES

#### BLACKBURN LIBRARY

11am–5pm

Located in the heart of the town, Blackburn Library provides areas for anyone in need of a quiet room or a private area for breastfeeding throughout the festival weekend. No need to book, just turn up and ask at the front desk.

# GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE



We've got so much going on over the festival weekend! **Take a peek at our programme online at [festivalofmaking.co.uk](https://festivalofmaking.co.uk) or scan the QR code above.**



Say hello to our friendly Festival Volunteers who will be happy to assist you with finding your way around the festival. If you want specific advice, head to our **Info Points** (numbers **10** **23** on the map).




Nearly all the workshops, talks and activities are free! Where there is a cost to take part, it will be marked with this symbol (£) and the price.



All the festival activities run from 11am—5pm across the weekend unless otherwise stated. Look out for the **pink timings buttons** which let you know if workshops, talks or performances start at specific times.



When you see this sticker , it's to let you know that places are limited and can be booked in advance. Some spots are reserved for walk-ups over the weekend but visit the venue early to put your name down for a space!

You can book online at **[festivalofmaking.co.uk/whats-on](https://festivalofmaking.co.uk/whats-on)** and filter by 'Bookable Workshops' or scan the QR code below.



**SCAN QR CODE FOR WHAT'S ON & FILTER BY 'BOOKABLE WORKSHOPS'**

## FOLLOW THE FESTIVAL LINE

**Don't have specific plans?** Simply follow the festival line and you will reach each of the venues. (**Please note:** the line may not be present if it has rained on or before the festival weekend!)

# FAMILY FRIENDLY WORKSHOPS

## COLOURFUL FABRIC FLAGS WITH SHINY PRODUCTIONS

Design your own flag and use heat transfer techniques to create a beautiful and bold fabric flag, inspired by local architecture.

**21** CATHEDRAL SQUARE MARQUEE

## FUNNY FACES WITH LET'S MAKE ART

Choose from a selection of bright and joyful materials to make your own funny face - one that perfectly suits your personality. Bring smiles to other festival visitors as you wear it out and about in Blackburn.

**1** 59 KING WILLIAM STREET

## MARIGOLD MAKING AND INDIAN KITES WITH ARTEE CRAFT

The marigold flower is one of the auspicious flowers of India and is often used during festivals for decorations. Join Artee Craft on Saturday to make your own Marigold Garland. On Sunday, try your hand at Traditional Indian Kite making with experts from the Artee Craft Team.

**21** CATHEDRAL SQUARE MARQUEE

## PASTA MACHINE PRINTING WITH SAM SELLEY

Swap the printing press for a pasta machine in this environmentally conscious workshop. Cut an image into tetra packs or, for younger participants, have a go at printing with leaves and other natural materials.

**21** CATHEDRAL SQUARE MARQUEE





Get making with the whole family - there's something for everyone!

## DEN BUILDING WITH CHRIS HARMAN

Artist and den-building expert Chris will provide you with all the materials needed to create your own sculptural enclosure on Museum street. Whether yours is practical, pioneering or pleasing to the eye, it's time to get hands on and think big!

6 MUSEUM STREET

## CRAFTSMANSHIP SKILLS WITH QEST

Join master craftspeople and scholars of the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust for these family friendly workshops. Across the weekend, try out willow weaving with Cherry Chung and on Sunday, have a go at Arabic Calligraphy with Razwan Ul-Haq.

5 BLACKBURN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

## SUN PRINTING WITH OBSCURA DARKROOM

Join Obscura Darkroom and learn how to make Cyanotypes, one of the oldest photographic printmaking processes dating back to the 1840s.

3 OUTSIDE THE STEAM MARQUEE, KING WILLIAM STREET

## POTTER'S WHEEL 'HAVE-A-GO' WITH PENDLE POTTERY STUDIO

Visit Pendle Pottery Studio who have set up their studio in the Museum! Each morning you can drop-in to try out the wheels. There are also bookable, 1 hour sessions in the afternoon for those wanting a more in-depth experience.

5 BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY



11am-1.30pm *Drop in for all ages*



2pm-3pm 4pm-5pm

*Bookable workshops, suitable for ages 10+*



# STAY AND MAKE

## BUNDLE DYEING WITH EMILY GUBBAY

Try out this natural dyeing technique using a selection of flowers and dye plants to create a unique design on fabric. Take away your dyed piece and a skill you can explore further at home.

13 12+ THE MAKE SPACE, THE MALL

## ART OF PAPER CUTTING WITH MARYAM GOLUBEVA

Be inspired by intricate patterns and learn the skill of papercutting! Using manicure scissors in a creative way, have fun creating and take home your own art project.

5 7+ BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

## PEWTER CASTING WITH UNCULTURED CREATIVES AND ELLA MCINTOSH

Inspired by their research into cinematographers Mitchell & Kenyon and the world's first Western, filmed in Blackburn, Uncultured Creatives brings you this workshop with casting specialist Ella McIntosh. Pour, cool and polish your pewter piece to take away.

17 10+ UNCULTURED CREATIVES STUDIO,  
14-16 LORD STREET WEST



11am 11.45am 12.30pm

2.15pm 3pm 3.45pm

4.30pm



£6



This venue is accessed via a step



Learn a new skill or practise an old one in these drop-in and bookable workshops

## BOOKBINDING WITH IAN HALAWI

Join artist Ian Halawi and make your own sketchbook using the traditional binding technique Koki Toji. Choose from a selection of papers and a beautiful cover designed and printed by Ian.

13 16+ THE MAKE SPACE, THE MALL



11am–12.45pm

1.30–3.15pm

3.30–5.15pm



£5

## GIANT COLLABORATIVE LINO PRINTING WITH GEORGE MURPHY

Come along and add to a huge collaborative print! During this workshop, printmaker George will teach you the lino printing skills needed to make our big festival print. Be sure to return at 4.15pm to help ink, press, roll and witness the big reveal!

1 13+ 59 KING WILLIAM ST

## GEOMETRIC TILES WITH AZIZA FOZDAR

Take a seat at the workshop table and make your own colourful geometric wooden tile with Aziza.

1 6+ 59 KING WILLIAM STREET



11.30am–12.30pm

1–2pm

2.30–3.30pm

4–5pm

## LEATHER WORKSHOPS WITH DIAMOND AWL

Diamond Awl Leather Workshop shares their expert craftsmanship in these leatherwork taster sessions. Try your hand at traditional stitching techniques and make a card holder or sunglasses slip to take away.

1 6+ 59 KING WILLIAM STREET



11am–12.15pm

12.45–2pm

2.15–3.30pm

3.45–5pm



£10



# EARLY YEARS FUN

PERFECT FOR  
LITTLE ONES  
AND THEIR  
GROWN-UPS

## WALKING DOWN THE STREET GAMELAN WITH MORE MUSIC


Time to MAKE MORE MUSIC! More Music's Walking Down the Street Gamelan is a beautiful-sounding collection of recycled instruments for pre-school children aged 0-5 and their families.

**19** CATHEDRAL GARDENS

## MAKE A FAN WITH NUDRAT ALEXANDER MUGHAL

Join Nudrat and get stuck in with sticking and glueing, creating a fan inspired by traditional hand fans known as Pankha, used in South Asia. Perfect for little ones with the help of an adult.

**19** CATHEDRAL GARDENS

 You'll also find more Early Years music making at Blackburn Library, with The Bureau Centre for the Arts Shared Sounds Early Years programme. See page 20 for more detail.

## NORTH LIGHT, STEPHANIE JEFFERIES AND SARAH MARSH + HERBERT PARKINSON

 **Art in Manufacturing Exhibition**

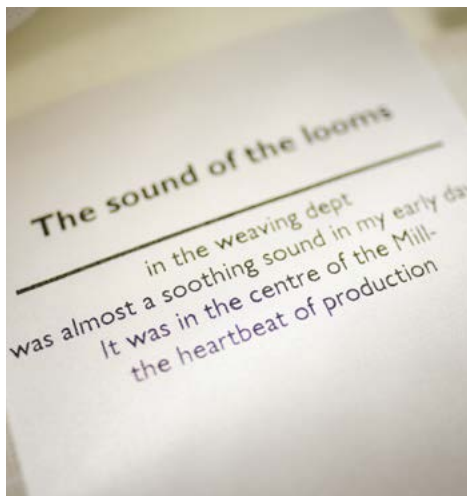
A playful installation for families to explore together. Experience the flow of the factory floor, search for the ever present heartbeat of the looms and interact with touchable objects, wearable pieces and soft sculpture. The Herbert Parkinson factory has been making soft furnishings for John Lewis for 70 years; a history that artists Sarah Marsh and Stephanie Jefferies explored, gathering sensory memories of sound, touch and smell to weave into their playscape.

**22** CATHEDRAL CRYPT

Open to visit all day over the festival weekend, as well as the 13th-15th July (see website for details).

**Sensory friendly sessions:**

**10-11am** 8th & 9th July. Booking advised for sensory friendly session, walk ups welcome if capacity allows.





# STOP & PLAY



## THINGAMABOBAS

Makers of Imaginary Worlds bring you, Thingamabobas! Don't miss this animatronic and robotic circus of bizarrely wonderful machines created to inspire, delight and intrigue. Enter this space of wonder and interact with the installations inspired by the absurd contraptions of Heath Robinson, Rowland Emmett and Calder's Circus.

**11 SHOP TWO, THE MALL** – USE THE ENTRANCE TO THE MALL TO THE RIGHT OF WILKOS, YOU WILL FIND THINGAMABOBS IN THE SECOND UNIT JUST INSIDE THE DOORS

This installation is open to visit all day over the festival weekend, no booking required.

### Sensory friendly sessions:

10.30–11am 8th & 9th July

We strongly advise booking these sensory friendly sessions online in advance due to limited ticket capacity.

## VOLO: DREAMS OF FLIGHT

Climb aboard a playground swing, don a VR headset and take flight in one of four Leonardo da Vinci virtual flying machines. Don't miss out on Studio Go Go's thrilling VR Swing adventures.

**20 8+ CATHEDRAL SQUARE**

PILOTS MUST BE AT LEAST 1.2M TALL TO RIDE!

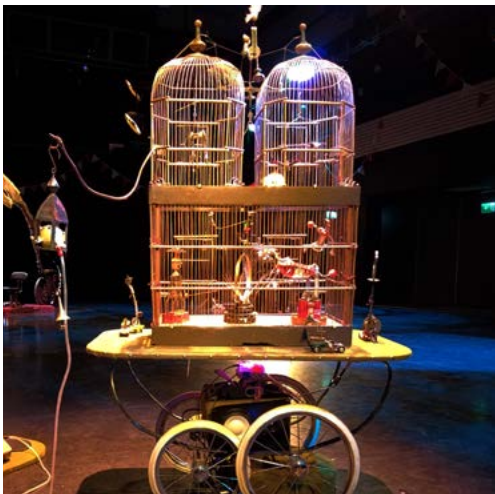
A platform swing which is accessible to people who use a wheelchair will be available between **11am–12pm** and **4–5pm** each day.



## TALKAOKE

Talkaoke is a pop up talk show where anyone can sit down and air their views around the table of chat. It can be topical, funny, deep, out-there, or all of the above.

**19 CATHEDRAL GARDENS**



# GET INVOLVED IN STEAM

## THE MAKING ROOMS

Your festival experience wouldn't be complete without a visit to The Making Rooms, where creativity and technology come together for use by businesses, artists, inventors and the community to design and make anything.

Have a go at many of the free activities and join the team in celebrating the launch of their new micro-labs:

- get planting in the Eco Lab
- solder a light-up badge at the Repair Space
- try your hand at textiles in the Fabric Lab
- lasercut a solar system necklace showing the position of the planets on the day you were born
- and lots more!

**7 THE MAKING ROOMS, 1 EXCHANGE STREET**

## STEAM PAVILION

STEAM is everywhere, from the food we eat, to how we travel to how we live. It's the key to producing music, cosmetics and vehicles to name a few!

Enter the STEAM Pavilion to find a host of activities specially devised by Blackburn College. Want to make your own perfume? You can do that here. How about metal work? Come and give it a go! Drive a race car? They've got a simulator for that - sit inside and off you go!

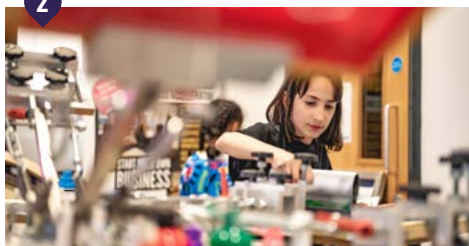
This super family friendly area will get your hands working and your mind whirring.

Please note: to control capacity there might be a queue for this area at times.

**3 STEAM MARQUEE, KING WILLIAM STREET**



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STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Design and Maths!



## CHAIN REACTIONS WITH JIM BOND

Test your making, problem solving and communication skills! Using balloons, mousetraps and more, can you build a mechanism that keeps the momentum of the chain reaction going?

19 CATHEDRAL GARDENS

## TURN PLASTIC WASTE INTO A KEYCHAIN WITH RELIC PLASTIC

Take plastic waste destined for landfill and transform it into new and useful items. Learn about Relic Plastic's micro-manufacturing process and make your very own recycled plastic keychain to take home.

3 OUTSIDE THE STEAM MARQUEE,  
KING WILLIAM STREET

## THINKING AND MAKING LAB WITH HICRAFT AND THE INTERACTION RESEARCH STUDIO

Join researchers from Northumbria University and explore how craft and making can influence our connections with technology.

**Saturday:** Make a Yo-Yo machine with The Interaction Research Studio - a handmade device allowing you to communicate with another person by trading signals across the internet

**Sunday:** hiCraft will get you thinking about how we can use the qualities of craft - care, authenticity and personalisation - to imagine better connections in a digital age.

13 12+ THE MAKE SPACE, THE MALL

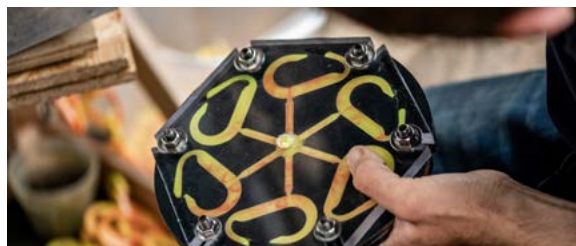


11am-2pm Drop in



2.30pm-3.30pm 4pm-5pm

Bookable workshops



# EXHIBITIONS TO SEE

## YESS LAD

After a critically acclaimed run during Frieze London 2022, YESS LAD tours to the National Festival of Making.

Expect inspiring, humorous and vibrant work in a variety of mediums, from Dominic Bennett's ceramic *Army of Weasels* to Barry Anthony Finan's porcelain postcards, Horace Lindezey's irreverent, commemorative blue plaques to Violet Emsley's beautiful abstract paintings.

YESS LAD is a group exhibition of artists in collaboration with award-winning charity Venture Arts, a visual arts studio in Manchester that works with learning disabled artists to create and showcase new contemporary visual art. YESS LAD spent a month during autumn of last year showcasing the work of eight Venture Arts artists at TJ Boulting in Fitzrovia, in partnership with A Modest Show.

**22 BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL ANNEX**  
ACCESS VIA CATHEDRAL SQUARE NEAR THE QUEEN VICTORIA STATUE

This exhibition will also be open 13th-15th July (please see website for details).





From steel to ceramics and illusion inducing textiles, explore the exhibitions and installations housed amongst some of Blackburn's iconic architecture



## WAVE SWEEPER, SAPIEN + SWS UK

### Art in Manufacturing Exhibition

Inspired by folkloric stories unearthed during his residency with SWS UK - manufacturer of garage doors, roller shutters and retractable gates with a proximity to the River Lune - Sapien AKA Steve Anwar has created a new steel sculpture. Representing warriors of Manx mythology, Wave Sweeper is an expression of both the manufacturer's place in rural Lancashire and its wider geographic ties, as well as the artist's practice, informed by the opposing elements of mind and matter, nature and machinery, steel and spirit.

### CATHEDRAL SQUARE

## I SEE A VOICE, SAM BELINFANTE + PANAZ

### Art in Manufacturing Exhibition

Textiles have the capacity to conjure illusion and narrative; to speak through and from within the warp and weft. This installation and performative experience from Sam Belinfante was developed in partnership with leading fabric innovators Panaz. During the residency, the artist has investigated Moire patterns and the optical effects induced through the movement of sheer fabrics, to be experienced large scale within a striking physical environment at The Cotton Exchange.

**This exhibition has low level lighting and features lighting effects with moving and flashing lights.**

### THE COTTON EXCHANGE

This exhibition will also be open 13th-15th July (*please see website for details*).

FREE

EVENTS ALL DAY

UNLESS INDICATED



# FANTASTIC PROJECTS NOT TO MISS

## PEOPLE'S JURY X GET IT DONE

Grab some chalk and add to a growing collection of climate-friendly tips and tricks in this special collaboration between the National Festival of Making, Get It Done and Blackburn with Darwen's People's Jury on the Climate Change Crisis. Your tips will help the next stage of the project develop as the team work on building a website and piece of public art for the town centre.

**13 KING WILLIAM STREET,**  
OUTSIDE THE MAKE SPACE

## PEDDIE'S, ILLUMINOS + CARDBOARD BOX COMPANY

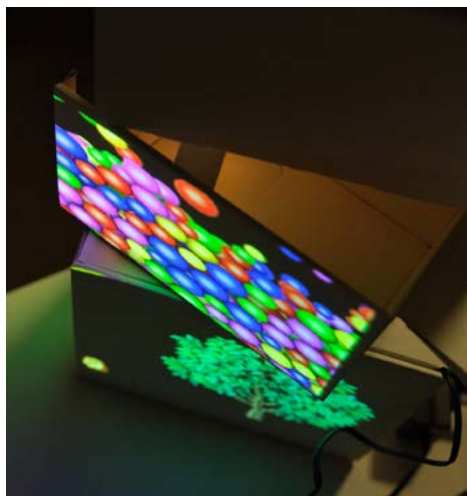
### **M Art in Manufacturing Exhibition**

Experience a moment of wonder and delight in a magical new installation of illuminated chocolate boxes. During their residency with Cardboard Box Company, Illuminos have delved into their own family history, taking inspiration from their Grandfather, Bob Peddie's confectionery shop window in 1950s Accrington. The cardboard installation will come to life using animation and projection mapping with a confection of imaginative tales, like something from a fairy story, along with the family's archival material.

### **15 29 NORTHGATE**

**⌘** This venue is accessed via a step

Open to visit all day over the festival weekend, as well as the 13th-15th July (see *website for details*).



See what we've been up to with wonderful people, makers and artists in the lead up to the 2023 festival



## PLANT IT UP

Be sure to visit this living and growing installation from UpPlant! Step inside the multi sensory environment and learn about vertical farming, hydroponics and aquaponics. Visit the installation at 4.30pm on Sunday to witness the harvest!

**3** NEAR THE STEAM MARQUEE,  
KING WILLIAM STREET

## FANTASTICAL FAIRGROUND EMBROIDERY

Taking inspiration from the glorious tents of Mughal India, artist Saima Kaur will be inviting you to her hand stitched 'Fantastical Fairground' tent. Visit the installation over the festival weekend to view the artwork and add your own creations to the embroidered walls.

**19** CATHEDRAL GARDENS

## FUNUFACTORY, IBUKUN BALDWIN + COOKSON & CLEGG

### Art in Manufacturing Exhibition

Prism Contemporary has been transformed into a floor-to-ceiling textile installation during Ibukun Baldwin's residency with clothing manufacturer Cookson & Clegg. With the support of Palwasha and Razma who have recently been evacuated from Afghanistan and who joined the project as hired Art Assistants, Ibukun has developed the Funufactory using deadstock denim from the factory. Try out stitching and patching and add to the expanding piece.

*A co-commission between National Festival of Making & British Textile Biennial*

### **16** PRISM CONTEMPORARY

 This venue is accessed via a step

### Drop in to have a go at stitching:

11am-1pm    2-4pm    Saturday  
2-3.30pm    Sunday

Open to visit all day over the festival weekend, as well as the 13th-15th July (see website for details).

FREE

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FUNUFACTORY IS SUPPORTED BY BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL, CALICO & BLACKBURN COLLEGE



# MAKING COLLABORATIONS

## UNIVERSITY CENTRE BLACKBURN COLLEGE: ART & DESIGN DEGREE SHOW

Don't miss this exhibition of art and design degree work from a selection of Industry Award winning students. The work on show will include fashion and textiles, fine art, photography and design. Feeling inspired? You'll find activities you can get involved in at the exhibition space.

**12** SHOP 3, THE MALL BY VICTORIA COURT

11am–5pm

## GRADUATE FASHION SHOW 2023

At 2pm on Saturday, view the students' collections in a catwalk show, showcasing and celebrating womenswear, menswear and gender fluid collections.

**14** VICTORIA COURT, THE MALL

2pm **Saturday Only**

## BLACKBURN COLLEGE ART & DESIGN: HAVE-A-GO WORKSHOPS

Try out lino printing with Blackburn College's Art and Design department. You will also get the chance to take away your very own printed tote bag.

**9** BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY

11am–5pm

## SHARED SOUNDS FOR EARLY YEARS

Interactive creative fun for Early Years children 0–4yrs and their grownups, brought to you by The Bureau Centre for the Arts Shared Sounds Early Years programme. Expect singing and playing, trying out musical instruments, story and rhyme, and hands on art and craft sessions.

**9** BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY



11.30am–12.30pm 1–2pm

2.30–3.30pm *Drop-in*





Don't miss the brilliant workshops, activities and exhibitions from some of our festival partners



## PATTERN CUTTING AND PROJECT BRIEFS WITH UCLAN

Take part in a live project brief with Community Clothing or Size? and try your hand at Subtraction pattern cutting with both the Fashion Promotion & Marketing and Fashion Design departments at University of Central Lancashire.

**21** WORKSHOP MARQUEE, CATHEDRAL SQUARE

11am–5pm

## BLACKBURN & DARWEN YOUTH ZONE

Whilst visiting the festival, head over to the Youth Zone where you'll find plenty of family friendly STEAM activities from local organisations like IMO Charity, The Making Rooms, Manchester Youth Zone and Inspire Youth Zone.

**Saturday Only**

**24** BLACKBURN YOUTH ZONE

11am–4pm *Staggered entry, admission by the hour.*

## DEAD WHITE MAN TEXTILE WORKSHOP WITH JEREMY HUTCHISON AND BTB23

Join artist Jeremy Hutchison and reflect on the garments that British consumers donate to charity. Each year, millions of tonnes of our used clothes are shipped to sub-Saharan Africa, where they are sold in street markets. In parts of West Africa, these are called Dead White Men's Clothes. Contribute to an archive of miniature monsters being exhibited at British Textile Biennial 2023.

**13** THE MAKE SPACE,

11am–5pm

## PATCHWORK PLANTERS WITH SUE JEFFRIES AND BLACKBURN BID

Contribute to a growing collection of patches which will be sewn together to create covers and planting pockets for the planters at Blackburn railway station. For the afternoon workshops, sign-up on the day. Limited places available.

**21** WORKSHOP MARQUEE, CATHEDRAL SQUARE



11am–1pm **8+** Drop in for age 8+



2–3pm 3.30–4.30pm **12+**

*Bookable workshops suitable for age 12+*

## CHIP IN

Using hand-made Batik fabric, design and make your own badge with Chip in, Blackburn with Darwen's volunteer network for 16–30 year olds.

**9** BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY

11am–5pm



# MARKETS GALORE

## TASTE LANCASHIRE MARKET

The Taste Lancashire Market, in partnership with Marketing Lancashire, champions some of the best of the county's food and drink - from award-winning gins and chutneys to delicious bakes and honey. Find out why Lancashire is the tastiest county when you meet and buy direct from local producers at the food and drink market.

**2** TASTE LANCASHIRE MARKET,  
KING WILLIAM STREET

## STREET FOOD

Fancy a bite to eat? From bao buns to Indian street food and New York pizza by the slice, try some delicious meals and snacks from our selection of irresistible street food stalls.

**2** **20** KING WILLIAM STREET AND  
CATHEDRAL SQUARE

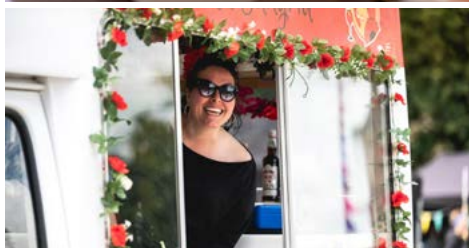
## HOPEFUL & GLORIOUS MAKERS MARKET

A selection of incredible talents come together at Blackburn Cathedral for the National Festival of Making Makers Market. Handpicked by expert curators, Hopeful & Glorious, find emerging and established crafters, traders and artists bringing handmade jewellery, homewares, limited edition fashion items and affordable art with numerous one-off products in this vibrant marketplace.

*Saturday Only*

**22** BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

Visit the  
**BOWLAND GUILD  
OF WEAVERS,  
SPINNERS AND DYERS**  
in **BLACKBURN MARKET**,  
where they will be  
running demos with  
the opportunity to have  
a go yourself



Browse the products on offer from local, independent makers and manufacturers



## LIVERPOOL PRINT FAIR

We've partnered with Liverpool Print Fair to bring you our first ever dedicated print fair: a curated art market with handmade and original prints by independent artists. It's the perfect place to discover skilfully designed prints and sequential art, with a dynamic mix of styles showcased among the stalls.

**Saturday Only**

**22 BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL**

## FUTURE MAKERS MARKET

Blackburn Business Improvement District recognises the importance of promoting young entrepreneurialism and is hosting a special market for future creators, providing a free platform for anyone under 25 years old to sell their own created, curated, designed, or upcycled product line.


**18 BLACKBURN BUS STATION,**  
AINSWORTH STREET

## ME TO A TEE

Blackburn staple Me To a Tee will be hosting a pop-up as part of the Dirty Faces Cinema space. Expect to find the best second hand threads from this truly Northern vintage store.

**Saturday Only**

**8 TONY'S EMPRESS BALLROOM**

 This venue is accessed via a staircase

## COMMUNITY CLOTHING

Visit the Community Clothing pop-up shop where you can browse the collection of high quality, everyday clothing made in Blackburn and the UK. Don't be surprised if you bump into Founder of Community Clothing and judge of The Great British Sewing Bee, Patrick Grant - he'll be doing Meet and Greets at the shop for much of the weekend.

**23 CATHEDRAL ONE BUILDING**



# PERFORMANCES

## MUGHAL MINIATURES: ANIMAL PARADISE

You are invited to step back in time to an exquisite gathering where human and creature interact. Mughal Miniatures celebrates the traditional art of Indian and Persian miniature painting, in a vibrant and colourful mini world of dance, music and puppetry.

### 20 CATHEDRAL SQUARE

11.45am 1pm 3.30pm

*Saturday only*

## DO WHAT YAH MAMA TOLD YAH

Inspired by cooking and family fun, Do What Yah Mama Told Yah is a cheerful and exuberant show that will leave your stomach aching with laughter. In amongst the chaos of the kitchen, Mama T will share with you the journey and history of her international recipes.

### 20 CATHEDRAL SQUARE

12pm 2.30pm

*Sunday only*

## ETERNAL TAAAL

Back by popular demand, Eternal Taal will be filling the streets with music and dancing from their all female Bhangra dancing and drumming team.

### 2 KING WILLIAM STREET

1.30pm 3.15pm

*Sunday only*

## AIRSTREAM STAGE

Known as 'a festival in a can', head to the airstream stage on Cathedral Square to find a host of DJs sharing good vibes, providing the perfect backdrop to your festival experience. Hear from DJ's Sie Norfolk, Shaun Funky Ginger Foran and Sam Flanagan throughout the weekend.

### 20 CATHEDRAL SQUARE





# PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE



## SATURDAY

11.30am	Blackburn Festival of Light Band	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
11.45am	Mughal Miniatures	20	CATHEDRAL SQUARE
12.30pm	Northern Dholis	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
1pm	Mughal Miniatures	20	CATHEDRAL SQUARE
1.30pm	Blackburn Festival of Light Band	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
2pm	Vocalise	20	CATHEDRAL SQUARE
2.45pm	Northern Dholis	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
3.30pm	Mughal Miniatures	20	CATHEDRAL SQUARE

## SUNDAY

11am	The Blackburn & Darwen Junior Band	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
12pm	Do What Yah Mama Told Yah	20	CATHEDRAL SQUARE
12pm	Suco Samba	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
12.45pm	BMS Greater Northern Folk Ensemble	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
1.30pm	Eternal Taal	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
2.30pm	Do What Yah Mama Told Yah	20	CATHEDRAL SQUARE
2.30pm	Suco Samba	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
3.15pm	Eternal Taal	2	KING WILLIAM STREET
4.15pm	BMS Greater Northern Folk Ensemble	2	KING WILLIAM STREET



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# ART IN MANUFACTURING


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### NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MAKING'S HEADLINE COMMISSIONING PROGRAMMING

Presenting a series of new commissions, Art in Manufacturing pairs artists with the North's leading manufacturers. The incredible outcomes of these residencies are shown in Blackburn each year in the town's most historic and contemporary venues.

Working with an artist influences new ways of doing things – in an already innovative space the opportunity for experiment and inquiry between artist and industry is limitless.

Look out for the  symbol on pages 12, 17, 18 and 19 to read more about the Art in Manufacturing exhibitions, or pick up an Art in Manufacturing programme at any exhibition venue.

### Exhibition opening Times:

8th & 9th July 11am–5pm

13th to 15th July 12pm–4pm

**Note:** Wave Sweeper by Sapien will be exhibited during the Festival weekend only.





## ART IN MANUFACTURING AND EXHIBITION IN-CONVERSATION TALKS PROGRAMME

Meet the exhibiting artists and hear a short talk with guest hosts.

### SATURDAY 8TH JULY

2pm

**Sarah Marsh & Stephanie Jefferies**  
In Conversation with **Claire Mander**,  
Curator of theCoLAB and National  
Festival of Making Board Director; and  
**Stuart McDonald**, Partner & Head of  
Branch at Herbert Parkinson

*This talk will start with an introduction  
from **Darren Henley CBE**, Chief  
Executive of Arts Council England.*

22 NORTH LIGHT  
BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL CRYPT

2.30pm

**YESS LAD** exhibiting Artists **Barry  
Anthony Finan, Dominic Bennett,  
Horace Lindezey** and **Leslie  
Thompson** In Conversation with **Jamie  
Holman**, Artist and National Festival of  
Making Chair

22 YESS LAD  
BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL ANNEXE

4pm

**Sapient (Steve Anwar)** In Conversation  
with **Claire Mander**, Curator of  
theCoLAB and National Festival of  
Making Board Director

22 WAVE SWEEPER  
TEMPLE GALLERY, BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

### SUNDAY 9TH JULY

12pm

**Jamie Holman** Artist and National  
Festival of Making Chair discusses  
**QUIVER**, a new public artwork in  
Blackburn Town Centre.

15 QUIVER  
OUTSIDE BAILEYS JEWELLERS, NORTHGATE

1pm

**Sam Belinfante** In Conversation with  
**Claire Mander**, Curator of theCoLAB  
and National Festival of Making Board  
Director; and **Jamie Holman**, Artist and  
National Festival of Making Chair

4 I SEE A VOICE  
THE COTTON EXCHANGE

2.30pm

**Illuminos (Rob & Matt Vale)** in  
Conversation with **Jamie Holman**, Artist  
and National Festival of Making Chair

15 PEDDIE'S  
29 NORTHGATE

⚠ This venue is accessed via a step

3.45pm

**Ibukun Baldwin** In Conversation with  
**Patrick Grant** of Cookson & Clegg and  
The Great British Sewing Bee Judge

16 FUNUFACTORY  
PRISM CONTEMPORARY

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Each talk will last approximately 20 minutes.

# CINEMA AND TALKS


## DIRTY FACES CINEMA

Dirty Faces have transformed the iconic Tony's Empress Ballroom into a casual co-created space, hosting curated Film Screenings, Artist Q&As, DJs, and a pop-up exhibition space; a place for people to connect with fellow film enthusiasts, makers, musicians, artists and everyone in between.


Over 25 films will be shown across the weekend - head to the venue for the full listings.

Please note, some of the films may not be suitable for younger audiences. Please visit the entrance of the venue for age ratings as well as trigger warnings.

### TONY'S EMPRESS BALLROOM

 This venue is accessed via a staircase


11am–5pm

 No booking required however this venue has limited capacity so there might be a queue for entry at times.

## KEITH BRYMER JONES RETURNS: IN CONVERSATION WITH PATRICK GRANT

### SATURDAY 8TH JULY

The Great Pottery Throwdown judge, Keith Brymer Jones, returns to the festival to discuss all things making and restoration with Patrick Grant, judge of The Great British Sewing Bee. Expect more anecdotes and insightful musings delivered with warmth and humour.

 This event is FREE to attend however advance booking is advisable.

*This talk is a Conversations in Creativity event delivered in partnership with Creative Lancashire.*

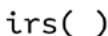
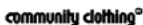
### BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

3pm **Saturday only**



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We are delighted that you joined us for the National Festival of Making 2023.

To help us plan for the future of the festival we are required to share some information with our funders about who came to the event and what they thought about this year's programme.

VISIT [festivalofmaking.co.uk/evaluation](https://festivalofmaking.co.uk/evaluation)

Or scan the QR code above to complete the online survey and enter the prize draw to win £100 in high street shopping vouchers.



# THANKS

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Behind every festival is an incredibly dedicated team of people. This festival simply wouldn't happen without the time and commitment of the brilliant people we work with.

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And to our volunteers, the *Festival Makers* who are at the heart of the weekend, thanks for opening your arms to our audiences, who's festival experience is down to the welcome you provide!

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