

**THE
ATKINSON**

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**April—
June '22**

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to The Atkinson's Spring programme of art, theatre, comedy, music and more.

Did you know The Atkinson is a Grade II listed building? Between the windows above the main entrance there are four medallion heads that represent the four seasons. Can you match each head to their season? Look up next time you are on Lord Street!

This season we present an incredible exhibitions programme including the return of **The Sefton Open** (9 Apr – 21 May) which sees a spectacular display from local artists across the borough. After being presented online for the past two years, we are excited to return the annual exhibition to the galleries, with artworks available to purchase. The **Sefton Young Artist of the Year** competition is open for entries 5 Apr - 31 May and the winners will be displayed in The Atkinson's foyer in the summer.

We look forward to welcoming **Gyles Brandreth** (14 Apr) back to The Atkinson, the ex-MP delivers a dazzling evening of wit, wisdom, high drama, low comedy, and hilarious name-dropping. Observational comedian **Mark Watson** (3 Jun) ponders about the fragility of life in an evening of hilarious stand up. The Ballroom Boys double act **Ian Waite & Vincent Simone** (15 Jun) present a wonderful evening of old-fashioned variety - dance, comedy, and song.

You won't believe your eyes (or ears!) when it comes to our world-class selection of tribute artists including **Johnny Cash Roadshow: From the Ashes Tour** (23 Apr), the Uptown Funkster himself **24K Bruno** (20 May), **Eclipse: The Pink Floyd Experience** (4 Jun) and **Northern Live: Do I Love You** (30 Jun) so get on your dancing shoes and come join the party!

Families are at the heart of what we do which is why we are delighted to welcome **The Gruffalo** (26-27 Apr), **The Wizard of Oz** (28 May), **Morgan & West: Unbelievable Science** (31 May), **Pongo's Party** (3 Jun) and **Roald Dahl and The Imagination Seekers** (18 Jun) to our theatre. With extra activities happening across The Atkinson during Half Term (30 May - 3 Jun).

The Atkinson is fully accessible, with lifts and rails throughout. We have toilets are on all floors, baby changing facilities on the ground floor as well as full adult changing facilities on the first floor.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Atkinson.

FAMILY

Tall Stories

The Gruffalo

Tue 26 Apr, 1.30pm & 4pm

Wed 27 Apr, 10.30am



Image: *The Gruffalo* © Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler 1999 – Macmillan Children's Books

MUSIC

Image: *Awkward Family Portraits*, 6 April



Grateful Fred's Americana & Roots Music

On the first Wednesday of every month, join the Fredhead's at The Atkinson for a wonderful night of live acoustic music from local, national and international musicians.

Cake & Classical Music

Our lunchtime concerts take place on the first Monday of each month are a great way to hear beautiful ensembles in a relaxed environment. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake.



Discover Ancient Egypt

Our stunning Egyptology museum takes you on a journey through ancient Egypt at the time of the Pharaohs. Visitors can see an intricately decorated coffin lid and the Mummy of Nes-Amun, amongst many other artefacts.

Between Land & Sea

Explore the history of Sefton from prehistoric times to the present day. A range of interactive displays and creative activities have been designed to help visitors of all ages have fun whilst exploring.



Image: Zarah Hussain

The Sefton Open

9 April – 21 May 2022

An annual exhibition celebrating the creativity and artistic talent across the borough. Visitors can support local artists by purchasing artworks and voting for The People's Prize.

Sefton Young Artist of the Year

Open for entries: 5 April – 31 May 2022

Online Exhibition: 4 June 2022

In partnership with The Arts Society, we invite young artists in school years 7-13 to take part in the competition. All entries are displayed online, the winning entries are exhibited in The Atkinson's foyer from 30 July.

The Landing: The Liver Sketching Club

28 May – 2 July 2022

The art club celebrates its 150th anniversary, making it the oldest in England. Artworks are available to purchase.

The Poetry of Trees

4 June 2022 – 11 March 2023

This exhibition features a wide range of artists who are fascinated by trees, some for their aesthetic appeal, others exploring their potential for symbolic meaning. Reconnect with the natural world through painting, sculpture and digital artworks.

Built on Sand: 200 Years of Southport's Changing Street Scene

18 June – 17 September 2022

Discover how the town of Southport has developed from sandhills to seaside town. As part of the Southport Townscape Heritage Project, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Zarah Hussain: Light Upon Light

11 June – 24 September 2022

Zarah Hussain explores Islamic geometric design and contemporary art to create drawings, sculptures, and light installations. A Gallery Oldham touring exhibition.

Barnum in the Blood: Six Generations, One Passion

25 June – 17 December 2022

Discover the story of the 6th generation showman behind Southport's historic Pleasureland. From a young age Norman Wallis worked on his father's rides and his grandfather was known as The Seaforth Barnum. Today he's driving Pleasureland's new heyday. The best is yet to come.

Getting Here

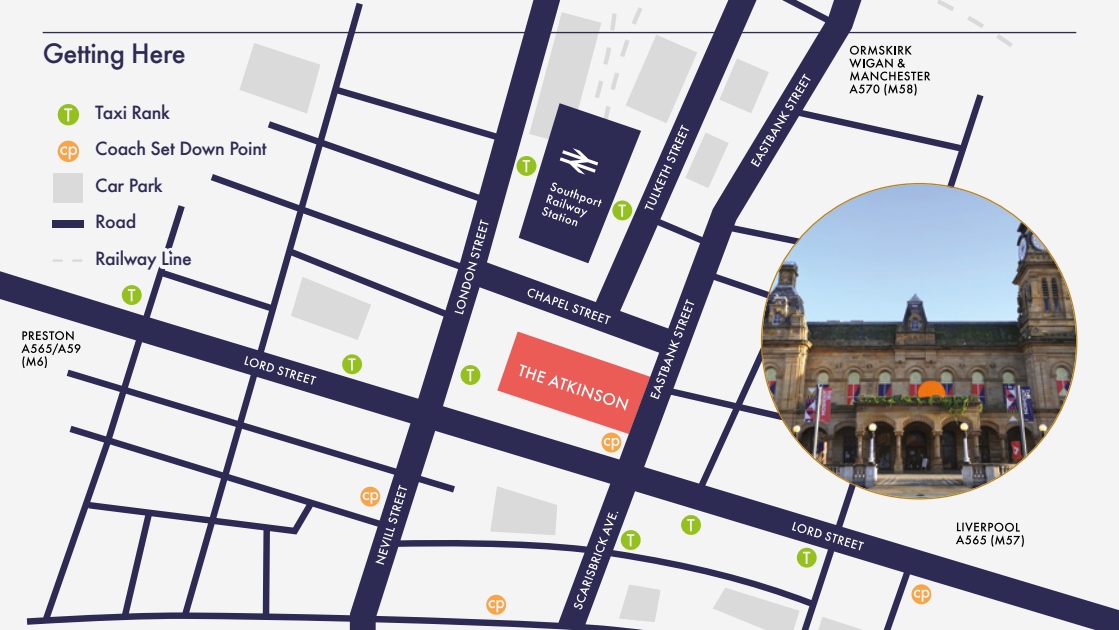
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HELPFUL INFO

Opening Hours

Box Office

Monday – Saturday 10am – 2pm
(Open one hour before evening performances.)

Museum, Gallery, Shop & Café

Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm

Southport Library

Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm
Saturday 10am – 2pm

The Atkinson is closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
Please check opening hours before visiting.

General Information

To ensure the safety of our staff and audiences we are complying with the latest Government and industry COVID-19 guidelines. Up to date information on the safety measures in place can be found on our website.

All information is correct at the time of printing.

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Accessibility

-  Wheelchair spaces are available, please call the Box Office on 01704 533 333
-  Changing Places toilet facility
-  Guide Dogs are welcome in all areas of the venue
-  Lift access to all areas of the venue
-  Induction Loop available for any space in the venue

The Atkinson would like to thank our

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April – June ‘22

April 2022

Mothership: Led Zeppelin Tribute
Fri 01 Apr, 8pm, £18 / £16 concessions
Described in Classic Rock Magazine as “the most authentic-sounding Zep tribute in the UK”, Mothership is a must see for any Led Zeppelin fan.

Cake & Classical
Fayre Play
Mon 04 Apr, 12.30pm, £13
Our lunchtime concerts are a great way to hear really beautiful ensembles in a relaxed environment. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake.

Ancient Worlds
Evening Talks
Wed 06 Apr, 7pm, £5 / Free to Members
A brilliant way to delve deeper into our exhibitions programme. The talks are delivered by a wide range of experts and offer insight into their field.

Grateful Fred’s Americana & Roots Music
Wed 06 Apr, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors
In April we welcome Awkward Family Portraits with support from Only Child and The Silver Fred’s.

SONG
Shrek The Musical
Thu 7 Apr, 7.30pm, Fri 8 Apr, 7.30pm
Sat 9 Apr, 2.30pm & 7.30pm
£18 / £16 concessions
Join the award winning musical theatre company SONG as they turn the world of fairytales upside down in an all-singing, all-dancing, must-see musical comedy.

Feast of Fiddles
Sun 10 Apr, 7.30pm, £22 / £11 under 16s
Live music entertainment like no other, Feast of Fiddles put on a show of huge dynamic range performed with passion, joy and a liberal dose of fun.

Edge Hill University
Our Sea-crets: A Walking Tour of Southport
Mon 11 Apr, 10am & 1pm, Free, booking required
Southport contains many secrets in its well established history. Along the border between land & sea, discover more of Southport’s heritage in this new walking tour.



Object of the Month
‘The Barley Harvest’ (1859) by George Elgar Hicks
Wed 13 Apr, 1pm, Free, donations welcome
Dr. Anna Maddison discusses the Victorian genre painter, George Elgar Hicks, providing an insight into the structures, ideals and concerns of Victorian society.

Gyles Brandreth: Break a Leg!
Thu 14 Apr, 8pm, £21
The actor, author, ex-MP and TV personality is back on tour providing a dazzling evening of wit, wisdom, high drama, low comedy, and hilarious name-dropping.

Adult Panto
Snow White and the Seven Drag Queens
Sat 16 Apr, 5.30pm & 9pm
£28.50 / £43.50 meet & greet, Age 13+
A star-studded cast of Rupaul’s Drag Race queens present an utterly filthy, laugh-a-minute night at the theatre you won’t forget in a hurry, oh no you won’t!

Herman’s Hermits: 55th Anniversary Tour
Wed 20 Apr, 7.30pm, £24
Join us for an evening of nostalgia, song and laughter as one of the biggest bands of the 1960s embark on their 55th Anniversary Tour.

The Best of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons
Thu 21 Apr, 7.30pm, £23.50
A spectacular celebration of timeless music from one of the biggest selling groups of all time. Featuring cast members from the Tony award winning musical ‘Jersey Boys’.

Johnny Cash Roadshow: From the Ashes Tour
Sat 23 Apr, 7.30pm, £24
The award-winning Clive John presents an emotional roller-coaster through Cash’s career, packed together in one unforgettable evening of entertainment.

Tall Stories presents
The Gruffalo
Tue 26 Apr, 1.30pm & 4pm, Wed 27 Apr, 10.30am
£14, Age 3+
Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories’ magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

The Syd Lawrence Orchestra: The Ultimate Big Band
Fri 29 Apr, 7.30 pm, £27 / £25 concessions
This show brings you the finest big band music and is presented with a mixture of fun, laughter, excitement and comedy to make for a truly memorable evening.



Twist & Shout
Sat 30 Apr, 7.30pm, £22.50
An all-star cast from the West End deliver a musical powerhouse of a show from the explosion of Brit Pop in 1962 through to the era of Flower Power & Free Love of the late 60s.

May 2022

Ancient Worlds
Excavation at The Piermaster’s Green, Liverpool
Wed 04 May, 7pm, £5 / free for Members
Vanessa Oakden (Museum of Liverpool) tells the story of two houses that stood on the Royal Albert Dock over 175 years ago and the families that lived there.

Grateful Fred’s Americana & Roots Music
Wed 04 May, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors
In May we welcome Evie Ladin & Keith Terry with support from Ivan Campo and The Silver Fred’s.

Paul Lamb & The King Snakes
Thu 05 May, 8pm, £15
Paul Lamb is known around the world as a foremost blues harmonica exponent, forging himself a place in the history books as one of the greatest players of our time.

Court & Spark: The Joni Mitchell Songbook
Fri 06 May, 8pm, £16 / £14 concessions
Singer, songwriter, painter, poet, activist and voice of a generation, Joni Mitchell is an essential part of the soundtrack to the twentieth-century.

Cake & Classical
Tantalising Thuille: This is Wind Quintet with pianist John Gough
Mon 09 May, 12.30pm, £13
Our lunchtime concerts are a great way to hear really beautiful ensembles in a relaxed environment. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake.

Object of the Month
Lunchtime Talk
Wed 11 May, 1pm, Free, donations welcome
The Object of the Month lunchtime talks take place on the second Wednesday of every month and highlight different objects from our fine art and social history collections.

The Music of John Denver
Thu 12 May, 8pm, £17.50 / £16 concessions
Chris Bannister performs his favourite songs along with some of the cover versions John himself loved to perform live.

Key:

Comedy

Community

Family

Film

Music

Audience With

Talks

Theatre

Dance

The George Michael Story
Fri 13 May, 7.30pm, £27
Featuring a full live band, expect to be taken on a musical journey of George Michael’s biggest hits in this celebration of his life and generosity.

Daphne’s Flight
Sat 14 May, 7.30pm, £17
Daphne’s Flight are five strong women, five outstanding singing talents and multi-instrumentalists, and five close friends whose sum equals more than the individual parts.

Count Arthur Strong: And This Is Me!
Sat 14 May, 8pm, £21
The one time variety star and expert in absolutely everything returns to The Atkinson for his twentieth anniversary tour.

Blue Park Productions
The Heart of Everton’s Badge to the Grand Old Lady
Thu 19 May, 7.30pm, £16 / £8 under 16s
A play not just for Evertonians, but for all the family. The story is based around the Everton Lock-Up which has stood at the peak of Everton Brow since 1787.

24K Bruno
Fri 20 May, 7.30pm, £22
This incredible tribute to the multi-platinum selling artist Bruno Mars is guaranteed to have the whole family up and out of their seats, dancing and singing the night away.

Women in Rock
Sat 21 May, 7.30pm, £22
Featuring the songs of Cher, Blondie, Janis Joplin, Republica, Belinda Carlisle, Bonnie Tyler, Plnk, Suzi Quatro, Tina Turner & many more, go on a spectacular journey through five decades of female rock.

Steve Harley Acoustic Band
Fri 27 May, 7.30pm, £30
Widely considered one of the most charismatic performers on stage, Steve Harley received a Lifetime Achievement Award for Acoustic Music from the Acoustic Festival of Britain in 2018.



KD Theatre Productions Ltd
The Wizard of Oz
Sat 28 May, 2pm, £16 adult / £14 concessions / £56 family ticket, Age 5+
A spectacular family pantomime packed with hilarious jokes, dazzling dance routines and glittering scenery. Meet the larger than life characters after the show.

Makin Productions
Morgan & West: Unbelievable Science
Tue 31 May, 2.30pm, £9 adult / £7 under 16s, Age 6+
The time travelling magicians present captivating chemistry, phenomenal physics, and bonkers biology in this fun for all the family science extravaganza.

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Grateful Fred’s Americana & Roots Music
Wed 01 Jun, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors
In June we welcome Max & Veronica with support from Jim Pearson and The Silver Fred’s.

Honalee Media Ltd
Pongo’s Party!
Fri 03 Jun, 2pm, £9.50 under 16s / £10.50 adult / £36 family ticket, Age 2+
Come dressed in your best party clothes and help make Pongo the Pig’s party a day to remember, by joining in a show full of fun, songs and laughter.

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Mark Watson: This Can’t Be It
Fri 03 Jun, 8pm, £20
Spiritual enquiry meets high-octane observational comedy as the ‘Taskmaster’ survivor and multi-award winning comedian crams a couple of years of pathological overthinking into an evening of stand-up.

Eclipse: The Pink Floyd Experience
Sat 04 Jun, 8pm, £18 / £16 concessions
This production features a complete performance of Pink Floyd’s epoch-making album, The Dark Side of the Moon. Multi-media and laser effects to provide the perfect backdrop for this wonderful music.

Cake & Classical
Harmonie Music by Krommer & Beethoven
Mon 06 Jun, 12.30pm, £13
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The Lancashire Hotpots: Chips and Giggles Tour
Sat 11 Jun 7.30pm, £17 / £15 concessions
There’s only one thing more satisfying than a visit to the chippy and that’s an evening with The Lancashire Hotpots! It’s going to be an unbeatable night of music and laughs for everyone. Pre-show meal available.



Strictly Theatre Co
Ian Waite and Vincent Simone: Act Two
Wed 15 Jun, 7.30pm, £60 VIP meet & greet / £36 zone 1 / £32 zone 2
Fans of Strictly Come Dancing are in for a treat as not one but two of Strictly pro’s return to The Atkinson for a night of music, comedy, song and of course... Dance!

Showaddywaddy
Fri 17 Jun, 7.30pm, £22
‘The Greatest Rock & Roll Band In The World’ is a bold statement but Showaddywaddy has lived up to that title for the last 4 decades! This uplifting show features all of their biggest hits. Pre-show meal available.

Get Lost and Found Ltd
Roald Dahl And The Imagination Seekers
Sat 18 Jun, 2.30pm, £7 under 16s / £9 adults / £28 family, Age 5+
Explore Roald Dahl’s extraordinary stories, including The BFG and The Twits in an immersive performance involving games and imaginative play.

The Counterfeit Sixties
Sat 25 Jun, 7.30pm, £19 / £18 concessions
Re-live the sounds of the swinging sixties, as Britain’s No. 1 tribute show brings alive the magic of the sixties, with their tribute to over twenty five iconic bands of that era.

Northern Live: Do I Love You
Thu 30 Jun, 7.30pm, £23.50
Expect to hear all your favourite Northern Soul hits including ‘Out On The Floor’, ‘There’s A Ghost In My House’, ‘Do I love You – Indeed I Do’ and so much more!

Community Activities

Regular community events at The Atkinson include the Wellbeing Choir, Tea Dance, Sefton Art Group and Construction Club. Please visit our website or ask our staff for more information.

Southport Library offer a range of services to the local community. Please visit the Sefton Council website or ask the library staff for more information.
www.sefton.gov.uk/libraries