

**THE
ATKINSON**

**October —
December
'22**

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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to The Atkinson's winter guide.

As the festive season is fast approaching, we are so excited to bring another magical family pantomime to Southport, **Aladdin!** (8–31 Dec). Starring TV and film sensation Patsy Kensit, you can expect great singalong songs, dazzling dance routines and comedy in abundance. If you ask your genie for just one wish this year, make it a trip to see Aladdin!

The family fun does not stop there! We ask if there is **Room On The Broom** (11–12 Nov) for everyone in a fun-filled adaptation of the best-selling picture book. **Rapunzel** (25 Oct) and **I Spy With My Little Eye** (26 Oct) are great introductions to live theatre for little ones and make a fabulous family day out.

We look forward to welcoming the stage show of Helen Forrester's million-selling autobiography, **Twopence To Cross The Mersey** (1–4 Nov). Telling the story of a local woman's brutal childhood during the early 1930's in the midst of the Great Depression. This brand new production is not to be missed. Theatre at its finest right here in Southport.

Music fans rejoice as **Abbamania** (28 Oct), **GO NOW! The Music of The Moody Blues** (17 Nov), and **The Ultimate Boyband Party Show** (26 Nov) will have you dancing in the aisles and singing at the top of your lungs.

Tickle your funny bone with **Hal Cruttenden: It's Best You Hear It From Me** (Fri 18 Nov). The fickle finger of fate has turned the Live at the Apollo star's life upside down, but he is sticking a finger right back at it.

In our galleries, guest curator Nahem Shoa reflects on our desire to create self-portraits in **Unselfish Selfie** (from 8 Oct). Our free lunchtime talk **Why do artists paint themselves?** (9 Nov) delves deeper into that question. Check our listings for more upcoming talks from expert guest speakers across the season.

Did you know that November marks the hundredth anniversary of Howard Carter opening the tomb of Tutankhamun? To mark the occasion we are hosting a variety of events in our **Egyptology museum**. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

With all this and so much more, we hope you find something to enjoy, and we look forward to welcoming you back to The Atkinson.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Starring
Patsy Kensit



Thu 8 Dec – Sat 31 Dec, Times Vary

Beat the queue and pre-order your Aladdin Show Programme (£3.50) and Kids Panto Packs (£8 includes a light-up toy and refreshments).

THEATRE

PULSE RECORDS LTD in association with BILL ELMS presents

HELEN FORRESTER'S Twopence TO CROSS THE MERSEY

Adapted by ROB FENNAH Directed by GARETH TUDOR PRICE



Tue 1 Nov, 7.30pm

Wed 2 Nov, 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Thu 3 Nov, 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Fri 4 Nov, 7.30pm



Image: Louise Courtneil, Self-Portrait, *Woman Without Clothes, 1997*

MUSEUM



Free
Entry

Between Land & Sea

In our local history museum explore the history of Sefton from hunter-gatherer footprints to Dan Dare Pilot of the Future. Bring artefacts to life by scanning the QR codes in the museum with your phone, send a digital postcard from Sunny Southport and take a selfie in a historic costume from our dressing up wall.

Discover Ancient Egypt

The stunning Egyptology museum takes visitors on a journey through life in ancient Egypt at the time of the Pharaohs, showcasing Anne Goodison's personal collection in an interactive display. Mrs Goodison was one of a handful of wealthy Victorian ladies in the North West who were fascinated by Ancient Egypt.

EXHIBITIONS

Free
Entry

The Poetry of Trees

4 June 2022 – 11 March 2023

Trees have inspired artists and writers for millennia. A range of artistic perspectives help us reconnect with the natural world, through painting, sculpture, and digital artworks.

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.

Southport's Victorian Visitors

2 July – 17 December 2022

What have P.T. Barnum, Arthur Conan Doyle and Sigmund Freud got in common? It might surprise you to discover that the answer is Southport! Curated by Michelle Caldwell.

The Landing: The Palette Club Invitation Exhibition

17 September – 26 November 2022

The Atkinson's longstanding partners Southport Palette Club present their fourth invitation exhibition showcasing Sefton artists. Artworks are available to purchase.

The Foyer: Protest of Identity

1 – 29 October 2022

The Atkinson and Open Eye Gallery have worked with New Beginnings youth group and artists Ocean Farini and Sally Gilford, to collaborate on a new project exploring fashion and identity.

Unselfish Selfie

8 October 2022 – 4 March 2023

Guest curator and artist Nahem Shoa presents historic self-portraits alongside contemporary self-portraits by artists who traditionally have not been given an equal voice and remained largely invisible.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Get
involved

The Landing: Southport's Streets Open Exhibition

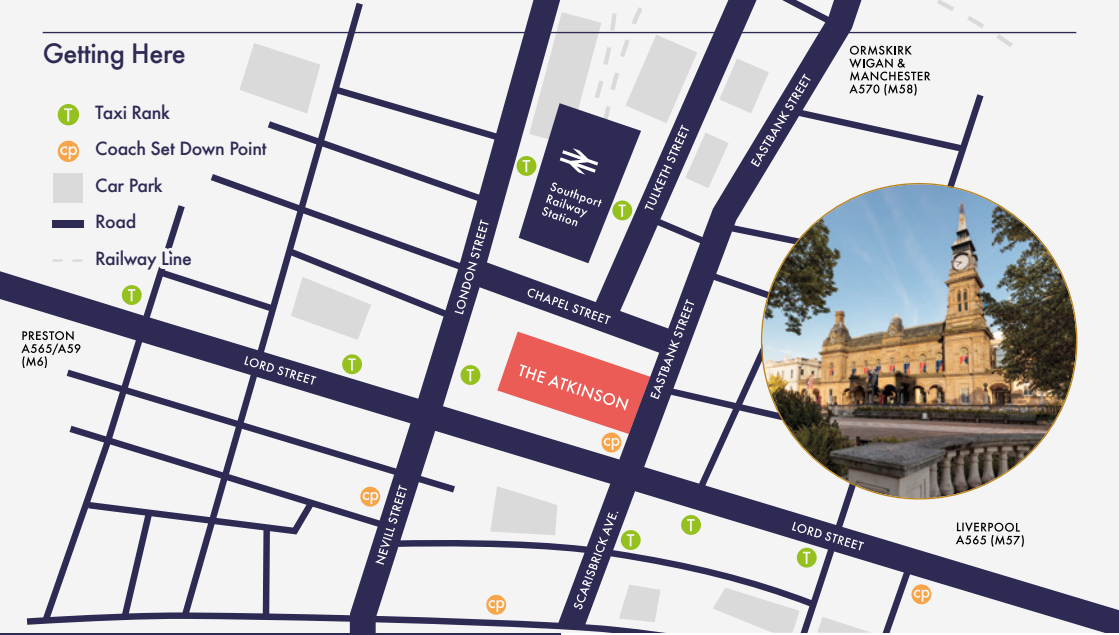
Submission deadline: 1 November 2022

Exhibition: 3 December 2022 – 3 February 2023

Submit your artwork of Southport's streets and buildings for an open exhibition celebrating our Townscape Heritage. Download submission guidelines from our website.

Getting Here

-  Taxi Rank
-  Coach Set Down Point
-  Car Park
-  Road
-  Railway Line



HELPFUL INFO

Opening Hours

Box Office

Monday – Saturday 10am – 2pm
(Open one hour before performance start times)

Museum, Gallery & Shop

Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm

A Great Little Place Café

Monday – Friday 10am – 4.30pm
Saturday 10am – 3.30pm

Southport Library

Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 2pm

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

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-  Assistance 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

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