

## WELCOME

May 2023 marks ten years since we re-opened following a multi-million pound refurbishment. What a ride it has been, and we are only just getting started! We are so pleased to present an exciting variety of live music, comedy, theatre, art, history, and literature from our beautiful Grade II listed venue.

Highlights this season in our traditional Theatre and dynamic Studio space include a West-End production of Seven Drunken Nights: The Story of The Dubliners (26 – 27 Apr), a stunning adaptation of Mike Leigh's landmark play Abigail's Party (4 – 6 May), and an exciting new partnership with Hot Water Comedy Club.

Be inspired in our art galleries and discover an impressive variety of work on display including paintings, sculpture, digital art and more. Five galleries feature work from our own art collection and exhibitions delivered in partnership with other cultural organisations.

You can get creative too! We encourage local artists to get involved in our exhibition open calls and take part in workshops led by a wide range of experts. An insightful programme of talks and lectures delve deeper into our museum and gallery programme.

Our stunning Egyptology museum showcases
Anne Goodison's personal artefacts 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, and we are lucky to
have her collection to show you.

The local history museum, Between Land & Sea, tells the story of Sefton from prehistoric times to the present day. Bring objects to life by scanning QR codes with your phone, send a digital postcard from Sunny Southport and take a selfie in a historic costume from our dressing up wall.

The Atkinson is home to Southport Library who offer a range of services to the local community and visitors alike. Oh, and did we mention there is an awardwinning café and a fabulous gift shop too?...

The building itself is fully accessible, with lifts to access all areas. We have toilets on all floors, baby changing facilities on the ground floor as well as full adult Changing Places facility on the first floor.

We hope you enjoy discovering all The Atkinson has to offer.



## Discover Ancient Egypt

Journey to Egypt at the time of the Pharaohs and discover the rituals and beliefs that were at the heart of everyday life for rich and poor.

# Between Land & Sea

Explore the history of Sefton from hunter-gatherer footprints to Dan Dare Pilot of the Future through a range of interactive displays.



### **OPEN CALL**

Get involved

Entry forms with full submission details are available online and at The Atkinson.

# Sefton Young Artist of The Year 2023

Submission deadline: 1 May Winners announced: 8 Jun

We invite Young Artists in school years 7–13 (or equivalent) who live or go to school in Sefton to submit one piece of artwork to our annual competition. Winners receive a prize awarded by The Arts Society and their artworks will be displayed at The Atkinson. All entries exhibited online.

# Inspirations: Poetry & Creative Writing Competition

Competition Launch: 1 June Competition deadline: 3 Sep Winner announced: 25 Sep

We invite anyone over 18 with links to Sefton to respond to artworks featured in our exhibition The Story So Far. Winners receive a prize awarded by The Arts Society and their creative writing will be displayed in the exhibition. All entries presented online.

## EXHIBITIONS



## The Sefton Open

1 April - 13 May 2023

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.

# **The Story So Far** 27 May 2023 - 2 March 2024

Looking at the theme of storytelling, this exhibition includes highlights from The Atkinson's and the Harris Art Gallery's collections of narrative paintings.

### Gordon Cheung: Garden of Perfect Brightness

3 June - 9 September 2023

Named after the Yuanming Gardens in Beijing's Summer Palace, this exhibition of new work by Gordon Cheung focuses on the Second Opium Wars and the relationship between China and the West

### Herbert Ponting: Explorer and Photographer

10 June - 2 September 2023

An incredible life story told through photographs on loan from Scott's Polar Research Institute and research carried out by biographer Anne Strathie.

### The Polish Heritage Flight

15 April - 30 September 2023

Through objects, stories and images learn a little more about those who once gave themselves for our freedom. Exhibition supported by the Polish Air Force Memorial Committee.

### **Hutton Art Society**

20 May - 17 June 2023

Presenting a variety of artworks from their members. Artworks on The Landing are available to purchase.

### Blue and White Pottery: From China to The Willow Pattern and Beyond

17 June - 29 October 2023

A showcase of The Atkinson's historic blue and white pottery collection, reflecting on the ongoing fascination with The Willow Pattern and blue and white decoration.

### Ali Barker

24 June - 22 July 2023

Artworks inspired by personal experience of sound-colour synaesthesia. Artworks are available to purchase.



## HELPFUL INFO

### **Opening Hours**

**Box Office** 

Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm

(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

 $\begin{array}{cc} Monday - Friday & 10am - 5pm \\ Saturday & 10am - 2pm \end{array}$ 

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

### General Information

Booking fees apply to purchases made online and over the phone. The Atkinson's refund policy is available online and at Box Office. All information is correct at the time of printing.



You can support The Atkinson in many ditterent ways; by donating becoming a member, or sponsoring a seat.

www.theatkinson.co.uk/trust

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### Accessibility



Wheelchair spaces are available, please call the Box Office on 01704 533 333



Changing Places toilet facility



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

# The Atkinson would like to thank our Funders & Supporters:

















### **Exhibition Partners:**











# April — **June '23**

Key:

**Audience With** 

Comedy

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Music Talks

Theatre

Workshop

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## April 2023

## Cake & Classical

Sullivan & Burnand: Cox and Box Mon 03 Apr, 12.30pm, £13

A one act comic operetta based on an 1847 farce. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.

Art Fund & Arts Council England

The Wild Escape: Craft Workshop

Tue 04, Thu 06, Tue 11 & Thu 13 April, 11am - 3pm Free, drop in sessions

Join us at The Atkinson for a celebration of UK wildlife in this series of craft workshops. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.

## Ancient Worlds: Online talk

### A Leap of Faith; From Mythology to Christianity

Wed 05 Apr, 7pm, £5 / Free for Members In this online talk Kirsten Nielson Welch discusses why

in the 8th-11th centuries the Viking world of north west Europe moved towards Christianity.

### Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music Mike & Ruthy

Wed 05 Apr, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors Mike & Ruthy have a down-home approach to Americana music that is honest, beautiful and raw. With support from White Little Lies.

### Hot Water Comedy Club

### Sat 08 Apr, 8pm, £20, Age 18+ $\,$

The biggest comedy brand in the UK bring their legendary triple headline shows to Southport. Expect the very best in live stand-up comedy. Advance booking reccommended!

### Object Of The Month

### The Wedding Breakfast by Frederick Daniel Hardy

Wed 12 Apr, 1pm, Free, donations welcome Dr. Anna Maddison considers F.D.Hardy's work and how it reflected society at the time, and where it fits within the wider Victorian art scene.

## **Egyptology Course**

The Fair Sex - Women in Ancient Egypt

Wed 12, 19 & 26 Apr, 1pm, £35 for 3 classes

Dr Jo Backhouse examines the daily life of women in ancient Egypt, contrasting with the roles and representations of two Egyptian queens. Ticket price valid for 3 classes with refreshments included.

## SONG

## Grease

Thu 13 Apr and Fri 14 Apr, 7.30pm, Sat 15 Apr, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, £18

Follow the journey of Danny and Sandy, the T-Birds and Pink Ladies, as they navigate high school to the unforgettable rock n' roll soundtrack that defined a generation.

## Nearly Dan

## The Spirit & Sound of Steely Dan

Sat 15 Apr, 8pm, £22 advance / £25 doors Less tribute and more homage, Nearly Dan promise to bring all the Steely Dan favourites plus their own unique spirit and spontaneous humour to every concert.

## Artistes International Management Ltd

Thu 20 Apr, 7.30pm, £30

Under the guidance of Tina Treadwell (daughter of the group's original founders, George & Faye Treadwell), The Drifters will be performing all their classic hits.

## MLM Concerts Ltd

## The Cavern Beatles

Fri 21 Apr, 7.30pm, £27

In 1963 The Beatles embarked on their first major tour. Sixty years on, The Cavern Beatles, present those same songs that still sound vibrant as they did during beatlemania.

## The Wild Escape: Art Fund & Arts Council England

### Candle Making with Beekeeper Andrea Ku Sat 22 April, 11am – 3pm, Free, drop in sessions

On 'Earth Day' our resident beekeeper will demonstrate how to make natural hand rolled beeswax candles. Suitable for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.

## Artistes International Management Ltd

### Europhoria Sat 22 Apr, 7.30pm, £24

A live celebration of the worlds greatest pop show, Eurovision! Lace up your dancing shoes and prepare to party to the glitz and glamour of Europhoria.

Impatient Productions Ltd

### Zoe Lyons: Bald Ambition Tour Sat 22 Apr, 8pm, £16, Age 14+

Zoe Lyons has had what can best be described as a monumental midlife crisis... A staple of the British comedy scene, expect a raucous evening of entertainment.

### Prestige Productions

### Seven Drunken Nights: The Story of the Dubliners

Wed 26 and Thu 27 Apr, 7.30pm, £26.50

Direct from the West End, this production features a hugely talented cast of musicians and singers who will have you singing and dancing in the aisles!

### **Dyad Productions**

### A Room of One's Own

Fri 28 Apr, 7.30pm, £16 / £14 Concessions

A twenty-first century take on Virginia Woolf's celebrated essay. Take a wry, amusing, and incisive trip through the history of literature, feminism, and gender.

### Rock Artist Management

Hue and Cry

Fri 28 Apr, 8pm, £22

Brothers Patrick and Gregory Kane formed Hue and Cry in the 80s and made a huge impact on the British music scene into the 90s and beyond.

### Amick Productions Ltd

### G4 Live

Sat 29 Apr, 7.30pm, £25 / £59.50 Meet & Greet

Having exploded into the industry and the public's hearts on the first series of The X-Factor, G4 continue to mesmerise audiences with their trademark vocal harmonies.

## May 2023

## Hot Water Comedy Club

Paul Smith: Joker

Wed 3 May, 7pm & 9.30pm, £25, Age 18+ Watch the Scouse funny man mix his trade mark audience

interactions with more hilarious true stories from his everyday life. Expect hysterics from start.

## Ancient Worlds

## My Life as a Cold War Fighter Pilot

Wed 03 May, 7pm, £5 / Free for Members Air Commodore Rick Peacock-Edwards CBE AFC was a fighter pilot for much of the Cold War era and flew some of the RAF's fastest and most iconic fighter aircraft such as the  $Lightning, \, Phantom \, and \, the \, fighter \, version \, of \, the \, Tornado.$ 

## Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music **Brooks Williams & Aaron Catlow**

Wed 03 May, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors As two masters of their respective instruments, fiddle and guitar, Brooks Williams and Aaron Catlow combine soaring Trans-Atlantic melodies with bluesy-folk brilliance. With support from Jackson Williams.

## London Classic Theatre

## Abigail's Party

Thu 4 May, 7.30pm, Fri 5 May, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Sat 6 May, 7.30pm, Evenings: £25 / £23 concessions, Matinee: £23 / £21 concessions, Group booking: buy 10 get 11th free, Age 14+

As the alcohol flows and the nibbles are handed around, Mike Leigh's ruthless, achingly funny examination of 1970s British life begins... Don't miss this ferocious black comedy and landmark of twentieth century theatre.

## Tiger's Tea Ltd

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The Tiger Who Came To Tea

## Tue 9 May, 1.30pm & 4.30pm, Wed 10 May, 10.30am & 4.30pm, £13.50 / £8.50 groups of 10+, Age 3+

Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful show packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs, and clumsy chaos. A stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised!

# Object Of The Month

## Chinese Mariners

Wed 10 May, 1pm, Free, donations welcome At the end of WWII, two thousand Chinese merchant seamen where forcibly repatriated from Liverpool in 1946. In this talk Yvonne Foley will cover the story of the how and why the men were forced to leave.

## Ellis Live Ltd

## The Story of Diana Ross

Thu 11 May, 7.30pm, £26.50

Prepare to be taken on a spellbinding journey visiting one of the greatest musical stories ever told. A chronological history of hits from a record-breaking career.

### Make it!

### Craft Workshop

### Sat 13 May, 11am - 3pm, Free, drop in sessions

An arts and craft workshop inspired by the Eurovision Song Contest. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free!

### **RLN Music**

### 80s Mania

Sat 13 May, 7.30pm, £27

Dig out those leg warmers and join us for a smash-hits concert! Chart topping pop icons are authentically recreated and backed by a live band.

### Off The Kerb Productions

### Simon Evans: Work of the Devil

Thu 18 May, 8pm, £17, Age 14+

Entertaining, intelligent and always provocative, Simon's legendary stand-up performances are a comedy masterclass. Expect a gripping and ultimately heart-warming evening, packed with quick wit and caustic observation.

### The Gig Cartel

## An Evening with Simon & Oscar from

Ocean Colour Scene

Sat 20 May, 7.30pm, £30

The Birmingham band's story is legendary; a rip-roaring rock'n'folk odyssey set to a backdrop of over 20 years of UK pop culture at its very best.

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## Emma Kenny's The Serial Killer Next Door

Tue 23 May, 7.30pm, £26.50

One of the UK's most notable Psychological Therapists and crime commentators discusses what creates a serial killer.

### Artistes International Management Ltd

An Evening of Magic with Richard Jones Wed 24 May, 7.30pm, £23 Full Price / £20 Concessions / £75 Family ticket / £55 VIP Meet & Greet, Suitable for all ages

Richard Jones rose to fame as the only magician to ever win Britain's Got Talent. He is known as 'The Military Illusionist' and represents the very best in cutting edge magic mind-reading and psychological illusion.

## Off The Kerb Productions

## Ivo Graham: My Future My Clutter

Fri 26 May, 8pm, £14, Age 14+ You might recognise Ivo from Mock The Week, Live At The Apollo and Have I Got News For You. The Bumbling

wordsmith presents a hugely enjoyable evening of comedy.

## Hot Water Comedy Club

## Sat 27 May, 8pm, £20, Age 18+

The biggest comedy brand in the UK bring their legendary triple headline shows to Southport. Expect the very best in live stand-up comedy. Advance booking reccommended!

## Sweeney Entertainments

## Pop Princesses

## Wed 31 May, 1pm, £18.50 / £25 Meet & Greet,

Suitable for all ages A magical show where beautiful Princesses become pop stars! Featuring a soundtrack of top pop hits plus the best songs from your favourite films and musicals.

## June 2023

## **KD Theatre Productions**

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

## Fri 2 Jun and Sat 3 Jun, 2.30pm, £16 / £14 concessions /

£56 Family Ticket, Age 5+ This hilarious pantomime-style show includes spectacular circus and specialist acts. There is even an opportunity to meet the colourful characters after the show!

## Cake & Classical

## The Dell'Arte Tivoli Players Mon 05 Jun, 12.30pm, £13

Enjoy coffee-house style music from the turn of the 20th Century. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.

## **Ancient Worlds**

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## Gods of Graeco-Roman Egypt

Wed 07 Jun, 7pm, £5 / Free for Members Dr Campbell Price (Manchester Museum) reviews the evidence for hybrid Egyptian, Greek and Roman gods in domestic, temple and funerary settings.

## Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music

The Often Herd Wed 07 Jun, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors Rupert Hughes draw from a wide pool of influences transcending the traditional boundaries of bluegrass music. With support from Vanessa Murray.

### Tin Cat Entertainment

## An Evening with Andy Hamilton

## Wed 07 Jun, 8pm, £20, Age 16+

dian Andy Hamilton Award-winning writer and a looks back over his more than forty years in comedy and seventy(ish) years on the planet. An intimate evening of comic reflection, reminiscence, and revelation.

## SJM Concerts

### Simply Dylan

Fri 09 Jun, 7.30pm, Zone 1 £29.50 / Zone 2 £23.50 Simply Dylan delivers the songs of Bob Dylan with no attempt to imitate or impersonate the prodigious songwriter, instead focusing on bringing Dylan's lyrics and clever storytelling alive with a joyous and exuberant sound.

## Handshake Ltd

## Oh What A Night!

## Sat 10 Jun, 7.30pm, £24 / £22 concessions

A musical journey through the incredible career of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. Expect infectious personalities, amazing vocals and slick harmonies. Don't miss the ultimate celebration of one of the world's greatest Rock & Roll bands.

## Impatient Productions Ltd

### Justin Moorhouse: Stretch & Think Sat 17 Jun, 8pm, £15 / £5 jobseekers, Age 14+

Topics in this brand new stand-up show include: yoga, getting older, Madonna, shoplifters, Labradoodles, middle-aged cyclists, running, hating football fans but loving football, not drinking & funerals. Come, it'll be fun!

## Object Of The Month

### Herbert Ponting: Scott's Antarctic Photographer and Pioneer Filmmaker

Wed 21 Jun, 1pm, Free, donations welcome Join biographer Anne Strathie, author of 'Herbert Ponting: Scott's Antarctic Photographer and Pioneer Filmmaker' (2021) on a journey looking at the life and career of Herbert George Ponting.

### Moore Enterprising Ltd Alfie Moore: Fair Cop Unleashed

Fri 23 Jun, 7.30pm, £18, Age 14+ Join BBC Radio 4's cop-turned-comedian for a stand-up show based on a dramatic real-life incident. Enjoy Alfie's unique brand of humour hilariously woven together with his personal insights into his life on the front-line of the police force.

### Artistes International Management Ltd The Johnny Cash Roadshow: Through the Years Tour

Sat 24 Jun, 7.30pm, £25 The award-winning Clive John pays homage to Cash's career as the Man In Black, alongside his iconic wife June Carter (Meghan Thomas) and a live band playing double bass, fender telecaster and acoustic guitars, drums, piano, trumpet and four part vocal harmonies.

### Show your support Armed Forces Day

Sun 25 Jun, 10am – 4pm, Free

Come along and meet groups and charities supporting our Armed Forces personnel. There will also be a range of free activities suitable for families.

## Chameleon Music Marketing Ltd

### Walk Right Back: The Everly Brothers Story Tue 27 Jun, 7.30pm, £25.50

Follow the brothers through their rise to fame and their decade-long feud to the emotional reunion that gave them back to the world and each other. A phenomenal story of two brothers and their unforgettable music.

## Community Activities

Regular community events at The Atkinson include the Wellbeing Choir, Tea Dance, Sefton Art Group and