

### WELCOME

Located in the heart of Southport's iconic Lord Street, The Atkinson is Sefton's cultural hub. In 2023 we celebrate ten years since our multi-million-pound refurbishment. This handy brochure is your ultimate guide to the amazing events happening across the season and we guarantee you will find something that will ignite your imagination.

Families are at the heart of The Atkinson. Sarah & Duck's Big Top Birthday (11 Aug) promises to be a celebration for little ones and grown-ups alike whilst The Bubble Show (23 Sep) is an interactive, award-winning bubble extravaganza! For more hands-on fun, we have free Make it! craft workshops throughout the school holidays.

In our theatre Jane Austen's classic romantic tale
Sense & Sensibility (5 Aug) is guaranteed to delight.
All aboard our new Murder Mystery (16 Sep)
production which invites you to join Captain
Mendoza on his Mystery Cruise, putting you
at the centre of the action!

Liverpool's vibrant music scene is one of the most legendary in the world. In September we welcome local legends to the stage including The Christians (15 Sep) and China Crisis (29 Sep), as well as The Mersey Beatles (2 Sep) with a tribute to the Fab Four.

Our galleries are bursting with exciting new exhibitions, featuring works by both local and internationally renowned artists. The Story So Far invites you to look at different forms of storytelling in the fine art collections of both The Atkinson and the Harris Art Gallery. Whilst our Herbert Ponting exhibition takes a closer look at the photographer's life and his work on Captain Scott's Terra Nova expedition.

The spectacular Southport Flower Show (17–20 Aug) takes place in Victoria Park again this summer. You can purchase tickets for the show at The Atkinson and if you visit our local history museum, Between Land & Sea, you will find a display on the history of the Flower Show featuring vintage posters and archive photographs. Also in our museum, visitors to Southport Air Show (9 – 10 Sep) will be able to discover more about local aviation history that was made on the long sandy beaches of Southport.

Whether you are a seasoned pro or a curious novice, there is always something new and exciting to discover at The Atkinson. We promise you won't be disappointed!



MEI Theatrical Ltd

Sarah & Duck's Big Top Birthday

Fri 11 Aug, 1.30pm & 4pm, All ages

You are invited to the ultimate circus soiree packed

full of puppetry, storytelling and music.



### Discover Ancient Egypt

Journey to Ancient Egypt and discover the rituals and beliefs that were at the heart of everyday life for rich and poor. Anne Goodison's personal and varied collection is presented in an interactive display.

## Between Land & Sea

In our local history museum you can 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 the dressing up wall.



Image: Spitfire BM597, © Andy Dziegie

# GET INVOLVED

### Young Curators Summer Sessions

Fri 4, Tue 8, Fri 11, Tue 15 Aug, 11am – 3pm Age 14–18, Free, lunch included, book online Are you interested in the arts? Would you like to work for a museum in the future? Then we want to hear from you! In these free summer sessions, you will work with industry professionals to develop your creative skills and understanding of museum collections.

### **EXHIBITIONS**



### 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.

### 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: The Garden of Perfect Brightness

3 June - 9 September 2023

Constructed around the concept of a Chinese garden, paintings and sculptures contemplate the relationship between nature, culture, and power in the digital age.

### 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.

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

17 June - 28 October 2023

This exhibition presents historic and contemporary pottery from The Atkinson's collection, alongside works on loan from Victoria Gallery & Museum and private collectors.

### Ali Barker

24 June - 22 July 2023

Paintings inspired by personal experience of sound-colour synaesthesia. Selected artworks are available to purchase.

### Carole Dawber: Colourscape

29 July - 23 September 2023

The multi-disciplinary artist creates colourful and abstract landscapes inspired by the Sefton coastline.

## Kevin Laycock & Christopher Harris

9 September – 9 December 2023

Historic quilts from Gawthorpe Textiles Collection in Lancashire provide inspiration for contemporary works exploring pattern and abstraction.



### 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 - 4.30pmSaturday 10am - 4pm

Southport Library

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

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.



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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

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# July — September

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The Atkinson

Sefton Council 💃

### July 2023

### Hot Water Comedy Club Sat 01 Jul, 7.30pm, £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.

### Cake & Classical Be Enchanted Mon 03 Jul, 1pm, £13

Music by Trio Joyeux for Harp, Flute and Violin A programme of French music, including works by Ibert, Poulenc and Vinée. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.

Ancient Worlds Talk

### **Before Bond:**

### Ian Fleming's Wartime Commando

Wed 05 Jul, 7pm, £5 / Free for Members Discover more about Fleming, his wartime commandos and their links with the Bond stories in this fascinating and entertaining presentation from Dave Roberts.

### Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music Max & Veronica

Wed 05 Jul, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors The duo play country blues, ragtime, hokum, jug band and rural music from the 20's and 30's. With support from Hazjack and The Silver Fred's.



Object Of The Month

### Richard Dadd, the Fairy Feller & the Mischievous Sprite

Wed 12 Jul, 1pm, Free, donations welcome Amanda Draper (Victoria Gallery & Museum) explores Dadd's life and work, and the story behind the mischievous sprite in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Make it!

### Craft Workshop

### Thu 27 Jul, 11am – 3pm, Free, donations welcome

Be inspired by our museum, galleries & theatre programme in a family craft workshop. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.

### August 2023

**Ancient Worlds Talk** 

### For Your Freedom and Ours: The Polish Airforce during WW2

Wed 02 Aug, 7pm, £5 / Free for Members An illustrated talk including archive material from the presenter's father, Franciszek Kornicki; former Commander of 308 and 317 Polish Squadrons.

Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music Martin Stephenson

Wed 02 Aug, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors A glorious collision of Jazz, Blues, Country, SkifFle and Reggae. With support from Only Child and Mark Saunders.



Craft Workshop

### Thu 03 Aug, 11am - 3pm, Free, donations welcome

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Chapterhouse Theatre Company

### Sense & Sensibility by Jane Austen Sat 05 Aug, 7.30pm, £19 Adult / £11 Under 16s & Students / £50 – £48 Family of 4

A magical story of romance, recklessness and restraint, where the parties are tremendous, emotions always run high, and every woman is on the lookout for a husband!

### Cake & Classical

### Meditate, Romance and Wit Mon 07 Aug, 1pm, £13

International violinist Pip Clarke and pianist Havilland Willshire perform Korngold, Tchaikovsky and Debussy. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.

Object Of The Month Lunchtime Talk

Wed 09 Aug, 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.

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### Craft Workshop

### Thu 10 Aug, 11am - 3pm, Free, donations welcome

Be inspired by our museum, galleries & theatre programme in a family craft workshop. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.



### Sarah & Duck's Big Top Birthday

# Fri 11 Aug, 1.30pm & 4pm, £14 / £12 groups of 10+

Join Sarah and her best friend Duck as they plan the ultimate circus soiree to help Scarf Lady celebrate her birthday. Let's just hope the weather holds out..

Make it!

### Craft Workshop

### Thu 17 Aug, 11am - 3pm, Free, donations welcome

Be inspired by our museum, galleries & theatre programme in a family craft workshop. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.

Open Hand Productions

### BLIRN: Deen Purple Tribute Fri 18 Aug, 7.30pm, £16

Over two hours of hi-octane Deep Purple classics from all eras. Expect all the hits including Highway Star, Fireball, Space Truckin', Woman from Tokyo and many more.

A1 Sporting Speakers

### An Intimate Evening with Iain Matthews Wed 23 Aug, 7.30pm, £22.50

One of the founding members of Matthews Southern Comfort, Fairport Convention and Plainsong, Matthews promises to deliver some iconic music and great chat.

Make it!

### Craft Workshop

### Be inspired by our museum, galleries & theatre programme

Thu 24 Aug, 11am - 3pm, Free, donations welcome in a family craft workshop. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.

**Open Hand Productions** 

### **ECLIPSE: The Pink Floyd Experience**

### Fri 25 Aug, 7.30pm, £20

Celebrating 50 years of the epoch-defining album, The Dark Side of the Moon is played in full, supported by spectacular lighting and multi-media effects.

All Stars

### Hot Water Comedy Club Sat 26 Aug, 7.30pm, £20, Age 18+

The biggest comedy brand in the UK bring their legendary triple headline shows to Southport. Expect the very best in ive stand-up comedy.

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### Craft Workshop

### Thu 31 Aug, 11am – 3pm, Free, donations welcome

Be inspired by our museum, galleries & theatre programme in a family craft workshop. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free

### September 2023

### Rhodes Media Live Ltd The Mersey Beatles

Sat 02 Sep, 8pm, £25 A magical mystery tour from the 'mop top' hits of Beatlemania, to the psychedelic creativity of Sgt Pepper and the melodic wonder of the Fab Four's later work.



### Mellow Cello & Polished Piano

Mon 04 Sep, 1pm, £13

Cellist Isabel Williamson and pianist Jonathan Ellis programme includes the fabulous Cesar Franck Sonata in A major. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.

Ancient Worlds Talk

### **Evening Talk**

Wed 06 Sep, 7pm, £5 / Free for 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 The Annie Keating Band

Wed 06 Sep, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors The Annie Keating Band is a captivating musical collective that effortlessly blends folk, rock, and Americana into a unique and soul-stirring sound.

### Northern Live: Do I Love You Fri 08 Sep, 7.30pm, £26

Keeping the faith to the original sounds of the underground movement that started on the dance floors in the North and eventually swept the nation.



Rhys James: Spilt Milk

Sat 09 Sep, 7.30pm, £18, Age 16+ Right back where he belongs, on tour around the country,

with a markedly different schedule to Chelsea's fixture list to prove he is not the footballer.

TGC Concerts

### Wishbone Ash

### Tue 12 Sep, 7.30pm, £29.50

Marking the 50th anniversary of the iconic album Live Dates, this is a rare opportunity to hear the legendary Wishbone Ash performing their biggest-selling album in its entirety, plus other, much-loved tunes.

Object Of The Month

### Lunchtime Talk

Wed 13 Sep, 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.

Selective Agency

### The Christians

### Fri 15 Sep, 7.30pm, £32

Headed by enigmatic lead singer Garry Christian, the band play their well-known back catalogue and one or two favourites selected from newer albums.

**DBY** Interactive

### Murder Mystery: All Aboard

Sat 16 Sep, 8pm

### £25 / Ticket price includes drink on arrival

Anything can happen on The Mystery Cruise! Join Captain Mendoza and his crew of misfits and massive egos in this zany, satire style Murder Mystery.

Legend of a Band Ltd

## GO NOW! The Music of The Moody Blues

Fri 22 Sep, 7.30pm, £25

Expect to hear hit songs such as Nights in White Satin, Tuesday Afternoon, Go Now and Isn't Life Strange sound as close to the initial recordings as you will ever hear.

The Highland Joker Presents

The Bubble Show

### Sat 23 Sep, 2pm, £11, Age 3+

A unique blend of magic, storytelling, science and bubble art. Enjoy bouncy bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, smoke bubbles, square bubbles, and even fire bubbles!

Townsend Theatre Productions

### The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

Wed 27 Sep, 7.30pm, £14 / £12 concessions Neil Gore presents a one-person version of the classic novel by Robert Tressell featuring projection, political conjuring tricks, live music, and song.

John Wilsons Productions Ltd

### The Bon Jovi Experience

Thu 28 Sep, 7.30pm, £23.50

Get ready to rock out to all the classic hits in a mind-blowing  $% \left\{ \left\{ 1\right\} \right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1$ live performance that will transport you back to the glory days of Bon Jovi.

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China Crisis Fri 29 Sep, 8pm, £24.50

The Merseyside band, with their exquisitely meloncholy post-punk sound, return to The Atkinson with singer Gary Daly and guitarist Eddie Lundon.



Women In Rocl Sat 30 Sep, 7.30pm, £22

Women in Rock have been wowing audiences across the UK & Europe with their power-house shows. Backed by a band of world-class musicians, Women In Rock bring you all the greatest female rock legends in one sitting.

Dan Nightingale's Special

SOLD OUT Sat 30 Sep, 8pm, £16, Age 16+ Dan has spent the last two years changing the comedy industry from the inside out, paving new career paths

Community Activities

smash-hit podcast Have A Word.

for himself and many others; whilst being one half of the