

**THE
ATKINSON**

**10th
Anniversary**

**October —
December
'23**

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Image: Crown Ballet, Swan Lake, 3 Oct 2023

Sefton Council 

WELCOME

This November marks a decade since The Atkinson reopened its doors after undergoing a multi-million-pound restoration. In the past **ten years**, we have hosted over 3,000 events, sold more than 440,000 tickets, issued over one million books, and served over 38,000 ice creams! We are incredibly grateful for the tremendous support we have received during these ten spectacular years.

As we look ahead to the next ten years, we kindly ask you to consider becoming a Member. **The Atkinson Development Trust** support us through a range of donations, allowing us to use our remarkable building to benefit local communities and inspire future generations. From £26 per year, **Members** enjoy a programme of exclusive events and discounts across The Atkinson. With your support, we make wonderful things happen.

In our **museum and galleries** explore a wide range of artwork and artefacts from our own collections, as well as exhibitions from contemporary artists. Discover stories from across Sefton and be inspired by the variety artworks on display. It's all free too!

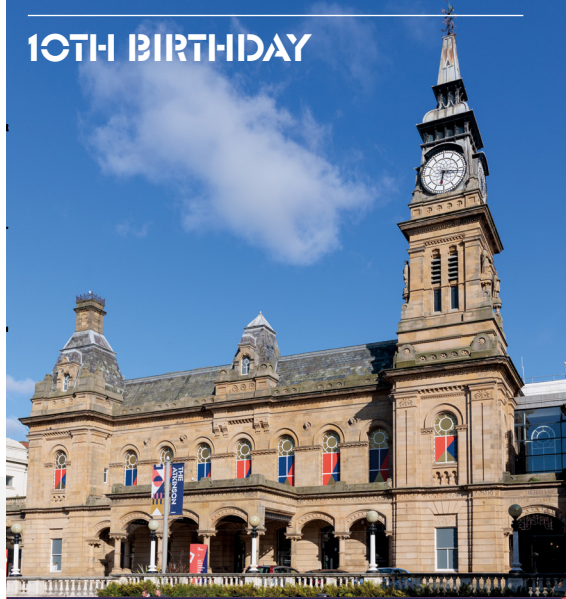
Laugh until it hurts with our comedy lineup! **Suzi Ruffell: Snappy** (26 Oct) and **Sophie McCartney: Tired & Tested** (27 Oct) share the challenges of over-thinking and perils of parenthood, whilst **Mark Watson** (17 Nov) is searching for the meaning of life. Eric Chapelle's side-splitting comedy **Ground Rules** (05 Oct) is poignant, preposterous, and touching!

Families are at the heart of The Atkinson. Go on an underwater adventure in **The Little Mermaid** (24 & 25 Oct) and meet the characters after the show! Tom Fletcher's interactive adventures are leaping from page to stage in **There's A Monster In Your Show** (17 Nov). Regular free activities include **Make It!** craft workshops in the gallery and **Construction Club** in the library.

Live music for all tastes is in abundance. Highlights this season include **Southport Blues, Rhythm and Rock Festival** (28 Oct), a spectacular 8-piece band from **Frankie: The Concert** (24 Nov) and a journey back to the 90s with **The Ultimate Boy Band Party Show** (25 Nov).

The festive season is almost upon us - oh yes, it is! Join us for **Jack and the Beanstalk** (7-31 Dec) starring Brookside actor Dean Sullivan aka Jimmy Corkhill. Don't miss the chance to boo and hiss at the evil giant and cheer on Jack in this fun-filled panto for all ages.

10TH BIRTHDAY



Celebrating 10 Years

Did you know on 28 November 2013 The Atkinson officially re-opened following a multi-million pound refurbishment? Since then, we have welcomed over 4.5 million visitors into our building! Here's to the next decade...



Pulse Records Ltd in association with Bill Elms

Helen Forrester's By The Waters Of Liverpool

Thu 12 Oct, 7.30pm, Fri 13 Oct, 2.30pm & 7.30pm,
Sat 14 Oct, 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Matinee: £23 / £21 Concessions, Evening: £25
/ £23 Concessions, Group booking offer: Buy 10
tickets get the 11th free

A powerful story of childhood and adolescence in poverty-stricken Liverpool set during the Great Depression and on the brink of WWII.



Image: Colin Davidson | Self-Portrait, 2022

MUSEUM



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.

EXHIBITIONS

Free Entry

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.

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.

Quilt | Grid | Pattern

16 September 2023 – 24 February 2024

Contemporary artists Christopher Harris and Kevin Laycock respond to the abstract and geometric design qualities found in late 19th century British quilts.

Self-Portrait Prize 2023

23 September – 16 December 2023

The only art competition of its kind to focus exclusively on self-portraiture, managed by the Ruth Borchard Collection and Piano Nobile.

Palette Club by Invitation

30 September – 25 November 2023

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

Local Roots: What do the trees of Sefton mean to you?

14 October – 11 November 2023

Participants from Life Rooms Bootle, students from Hugh Baird College and photographer Andy Yates explore this question through photography and creative writing.

Suhail Shaikh: Paper My Wishes

25 November 2023 – 24 February 2024

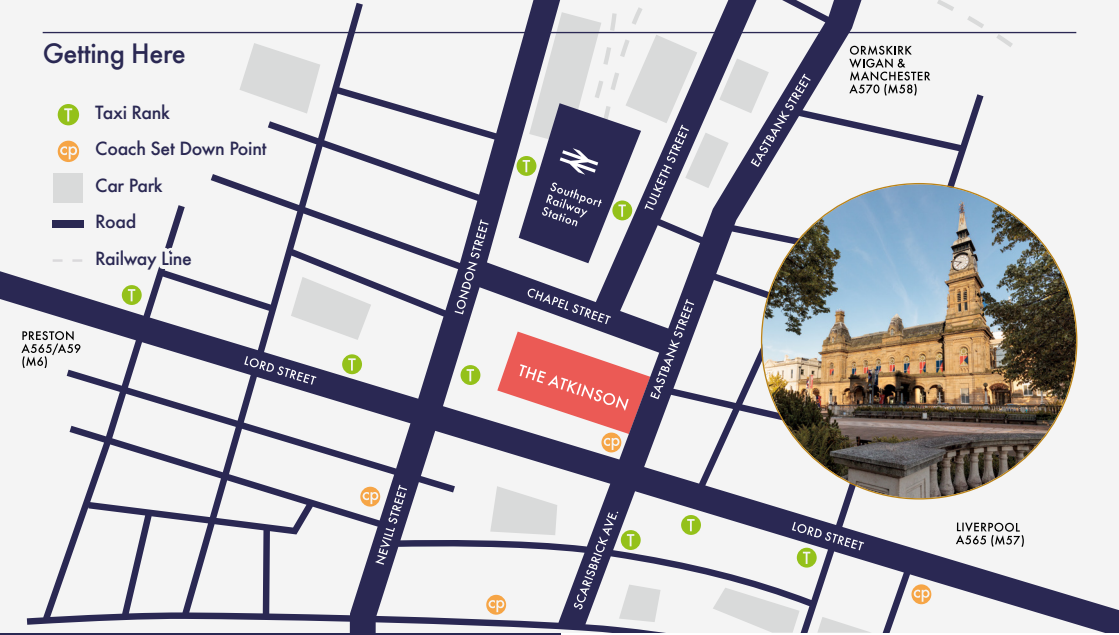
Multidimensional artworks made from sheets of paper reflect the ideas, thoughts and reactions that arise from the artist's perception of the evolving world around him.

Sefton Artists

2 December 2023 – 20 January 2024

A selection of paintings from the local artist group, from traditional landscapes to abstract and experimental work. Artworks are available to purchase.

Getting Here



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 – 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.



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

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Accessibility

- Wheelchair and visually impaired 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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October 2023

Cake & Classical

Mozart Gran Partita

Mon 02 Oct, 1pm, £13

A special treat today: a masterpiece in seven movements for 12 winds and double bass, conducted by Edward Peak. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.



Crown Ballet

Swan Lake

Tue 03 Oct, 7.30pm, £25 / £23 Concessions / £18 Under 16s.

Swan Lake is one of Tchaikovsky's best works, featuring some of ballet's most memorable music and breath-taking dance.

Ancient Worlds

Henry Blundell and his collection of Roman sculptures

Wed 04 Oct, 7pm, Free for Members / £5 for public
Join Dr. Chrissy Partheni to find out about Henry Blundell's thoughts and taste for Roman art, important details and hidden stories of certain works.



Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music

Pierre Schryer & Sean Gray

Wed 04 Oct, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors

Expect to be treated to a whiz-bang set that's influenced by Bluegrass, Celtic, Jazz, Gypsy, Country, Folk and Old Time. With support from Mark Pountney and The Silver Fred's.



Crime & Comedy Theatre Co

Eric Chappell's Ground Rules

Thu 05 Oct, 7.30pm, £17.50 / £15 Concessions

Eric Chappell's comedy is by turns hilarious and poignant, preposterous and touching. By the end, nobody's relationships – or perhaps even partners – will ever be the same again!

The Ukulele Project North West and Ukulele Buddies

Ukulele Lending Library - Launch Day!

Sat 07 Oct, 11am - 2pm, Free, drop in

Find out how you can loan a Ukulele from Southport Library the same way you would loan a book. Enjoy a jam session and gain access to music and connect with your local community.

All Stars

Hot Water Comedy Club

Sat 07 Oct, 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.

Object Of The Month

Blue and White Pottery: An Exhibition Talk

Wed 11 Oct, 1pm, Free, donations welcome

Join curator Jemma Tynan for an insight into the Blue and White Pottery exhibition as she highlights her favourite pieces and expands on the themes found within.



Touching the Void's Simon Yates

My Mountain Life

Wed 11 Oct, 7.30pm, £16 / £14.50 Concessions, Age 12+

Simon Yates shares his incredible adventures; the drama, excitement and beauty of modern lightweight alpinism. Told with wit, dry humour and lavishly illustrated with images and video collected on his great climbs.

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Adapted from Helen Forrester's million-selling book, this stunning period drama is set in the 1930s during the Great Depression and the brink of WWI. A powerful story of childhood and adolescence in poverty-stricken Liverpool.

Live Nation

Adam Rowe - What's Wrong With Me?

Wed 18 Oct, 8pm, £20, Age 14+

Host of the global smash-hit podcast 'Have A Word' and star of Live At The Apollo, Adam Rowe is hitting the road with his brand new stand-up tour.

Artistes International Management Ltd

Country Superstars

Fri 20 Oct, 7.30pm, £24

Europe's leading tribute to Dolly Parton, Sarah Jayne, and award-winning vocal impersonator, Andy Crust, take us on a journey back through time, meeting some of the icons who shaped Country music history.

Scott Ritchie Productions

The Little Mermaid

Tue 24 & Wed 25 Oct, 2.30pm, £15 / £56 Family of 4 Age 5+

An Underwater Musical Adventure! It's time to make a splash and join Ariel; her father, King of the Seven Seas; Ursula, the evil sea witch, and a whole host of fabulous characters in this brand-new adaptation.

Make it!

Craft Workshop

Thu 26 Oct, 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.

Off The Kerb Productions

Suzi Ruffell: Snappy

Thu 26 Oct, 8pm, £15 / £13 Concessions, Age 14+

Suzi's brand new show is all about settling down (but not settling), becoming a mother (without becoming mumsy) and still worrying about everything – of course she is – have you seen the news?

Live Nation

Sophie McCartney: Tired and Tested

Fri 27 Oct, 8pm, £20, Age 16+

From perky tits, to killing nits, join the award-winning comedian as she ventures into the perilous world of parenthood in this rollicking new stand-up show set to test pelvic floor muscles to the max(i) pad.

DBY Interactive

Murder Mystery: Ghostly Goings On

Fri 27 Oct, 8pm, £25, Ticket price includes a drink on arrival

There have been some unusual unexplainable activities in The Atkinson... It's time to call in the experts and go on a search for the real life ghosts behind the spooky activities!

Solid Entertainments

Southport Blues, Rhythm and Rock Festival

Sat 28 Oct, 2pm - 10pm, £29 Early Bird / £33 Advance / £35 Doors

Celebrate everything that rock, rhythm and blues has to offer! Headliners Full House play Frankie Miller are supported by Susan Santos, Brave Rival, Vanja Sky, Gerry Jablonski Band and Ramblin' Preachers.

Prestige Productions

Fairytale of New York

Tue 31 Oct, 7.30pm, £27.50

The company who brought you Seven Drunken Nights presents a feel good Irish-inspired Christmas show featuring an international cast of singers, musicians and dancers performing sing-a-long songs.

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November 2023

Ancient Worlds

Evidence of the Roman and Medieval period in Merseyside and South Lincs

Wed 01 Nov, 7pm, Free for Members / £5 for public

This talk by Dr Mark Adams will look at some of the evidence for the salt trade around Southport between 1200-1800AD and ask whether it could have extended back into the Roman period.



Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music

Daniel Rodriguez

Wed 01 Nov, 7.30pm, £13 Advance / £15 Doors

Daniel Rodriguez is a folk, acoustic, songwriter based out of Denver, Colorado, and the original founder for the band Elephant Revival. With support from Emma Rose and Paul Dunbar.



Play On Words

Discovering Antarctica: Heroic Tales of Shackleton, Crean & Scott

Fri 03 Nov, 8pm, £14 / £12 Concessions

Tom Crean, the intrepid Antarctic explorer and one of Ireland's unsung heroes, is brought to life in this dramatic and humorous solo performance by Aidan Dooley.

Museum

Handling Table

Sat 4 Nov, 10.30am - 12.30pm, Free, donations welcome

Get up close and personal with some artefacts in our museum collection.

All Stars

Hot Water Comedy Club

Sat 04 Nov, 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.

Cake & Classical

Mozart: The Oboe Quartet

Mon 06 Nov, 1pm, £13

Composed in 1781 before his move to Vienna, Mozart wrote this quartet for his friend Friedrich Ramm. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.



Object Of The Month

Building a Collection: The Atkinson's Galleries

Wed 08 Nov, 1pm, Free, donations welcome

Over the last 10 years The Atkinson has built an exciting collection of contemporary art, and expanded its collections of local history and fine art. Principal Manager, Stephen Whittle, looks at some of the highlights.



SONG

Nativity The Musical

Thu 9 Nov, 7.30pm, Fri 10 Nov, 7.30pm,

Sat 11 Nov, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, £18 / £15 Concessions

Join the local award-winning musical theatre company and their cast of young people for this stage production based on the 2009 film of the same name. Hollywood is coming!

B4 Biodiversity

Candlemaking Workshop

Fri 10 Nov, 11am - 3pm, Free. Donations welcome

Our resident beekeeper, Andrea Ku, will demonstrate how to make natural hand rolled beeswax candles.

Dot Rodgers

An introduction to Batik

Wed 15 & 22 Nov, 11am - 3pm, £5 for 2 sessions

Batik is an Indonesian technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to the whole cloth. Over two workshops you will create and dye your own fabric design with expert tuition.

MEI Theatrical Ltd

There's A Monster In Your Show

Fri 17 Nov, 1.30pm & 4.30pm, £14 / £12 Groups of 10+

Tom Fletcher's interactive adventures are leaping from page to stage! Expect plenty of playful fun for your littlest ones in a show that is packed with interactive moments to enjoy together.

Impatient Productions Ltd

Mark Watson: Search

Fri 17 Nov, 8pm, £20, Age 14+

Mark Watson considers the search for meaning that we're all on, with or without Google. The Taskmaster star, multiple award-winner and one-third of YouTube cult sensation No More Jockeys, returns to The Atkinson.

Southport BID

Festive Fun Day

Sat 18 Nov, 10am onwards, Free

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Southport! At The Atkinson take part in a free craft workshop, browse our Christmas craft market and meet the cast of Jack and the Beanstalk. Check southportbid.com for the full programme of festive events happening across the town.

The Gig Cartel

Fleetwood Bac

Sat 18 Nov, 7.30pm, £20

The world's first and best Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself, authentically replicate the classic 'Rumours' line-up.

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Chapterhouse Theatre Company

A Christmas Carol

Mon 20 Nov, 7.30pm, £19.50 Adults / £12 Under 16s & NUS Students / £54 2 Adults & 2 Under 16s / £48

1 Adult & 3 Under 16s

A beautiful family-friendly rendition of one of the most memorable Christmas stories ever written, guaranteed to melt the hearts of even the sternest of Scrooges.

Prestige Productions

Some Guys Have All The Luck:

The Rod Stewart Story

Thu 23 Nov, 7.30pm, £25.50

A celebration of one of rock music's greatest icons, direct from the West End. Frontman Paul Metcalfe is joined by an impeccable live band, stunning stage set, spectacular light show, and stage-wide projections.

Prestige Productions

Frankie - The Concert

Fri 24 Nov, 7.30pm, £25.50

Featuring a spectacular eight-piece band, this concert takes you on a breath-taking journey and reminds you why Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons sold more than 100 million records worldwide.

Honalee Media Ltd

Santa's Christmas Wish

Sat 25 Nov, 11am & 2pm, £10 / £37 Family of 4

A fun, festive, musical adventure to give Santa the very best Christmas! Every child will receive a special present from Father Christmas after the most Christmassy show!

David Mitchell Productions Ltd

The Ultimate Boy Band Party Show

Sat 25 Nov, 7.30pm, £24

Go back to the naughty 90s with five bad boys who have the power to rock you as they perform over 30 number one hits from all your favourite boybands... and this time they are 'Back For Good'!

10th Birthday Cake Day!

Tue 28 Nov, 11am, Free, donations welcome

As The Atkinson turns ten, we hope you'll join us in celebrating with cake! Please consider baking or donating a cake, or enjoying a slice with us. The festivities just wouldn't be complete without something sweet. All proceeds will benefit The Atkinson Development Trust.

December 2023

Cake & Classical

Schubert: The Trout Quintet

Mon 04 Dec, 1pm, £13

Schubert at his most ebullient and lyrical. Every player in the ensemble shines, even the bass! Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.



Ancient Worlds

Evening Talk

Wed 06 Dec, 7pm, Free for Members / £5 for public

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

Mikey Kenney

Wed 06 Dec, 7.30pm, £13 Advance / £15 Doors

A brilliant Liverpool-style fiddler drawing primarily on his native North West English and Irish heritage – but grounded in present-day. With support from Igloo Hearts and The Silver Fred's.



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

KD Theatre Productions
Jack and the Beanstalk
Thu 7 - Sun 31 Dec, Times Vary
Opening Night: £16 / Adult (16+): £22 - £23 / Concessions: £20 - £21 / Family of 4: £76 - £80 / Groups of 20+: All tickets £17 (excludes all Sat & Sun performances and Mon 26 Dec)
A giant Christmas spectacular starring award-winning actor Dean Sullivan, best known for playing loveable rogue Jimmy Corkhill in Channel 4's flagship soap, Brookside! Will Jack outwit the ferocious Giant Blunderbore and save the village from his wicked ways? His mum Dame Troit, brother Silly Billy and the family cow Daisy certainly hope so! With the hand of the girl he loves at stake, Jack needs your help on his gigantic adventure. Packed with hilarious antics, loveable characters, and a handful of magic beans, this traditional family pantomime will captivate audiences of all ages.

Object Of The Month

Lunchtime Talk

Wed 13 Dec, 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.



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.
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