

THE ATKINSON

January —
March '24

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WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome you to **The Atkinson**, Southport's award-winning arts centre. We have a fantastic range of events and activities on offer for all ages, so there's something for everyone to enjoy. This handy guide is your gateway to a world of artistic experiences. Whether you're an art aficionado, a theatre enthusiast, or simply seeking a fun-filled day out with the family, The Atkinson has something to ignite your imagination and inspire your creativity.

The pantomime magic continues with All Souls Dramatic Club's modern retelling of **Rapunzel** (11 – 21 Jan) full of toe-tapping tunes, side-splitting comedy, and plenty of audience participation. Speaking of magic, **Morgan and West** (15 Feb) are time travelling magicians who will blow your minds with their wizarding ways! Check them out during Half Term alongside our **Make It! Craft workshops** (10 & 15 Feb).

Love Folk Festival (9 – 10 Feb) returns for Valentines' weekend, with headliners The Magpie Arc and Merry Hell. More music highlights include Pop Idol's **Gareth Gates in The Best of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons** (22 Feb) and **Jive Talkin'** (22 Mar) perform the Bee Gee's biggest hits. Our regular lunchtime concert **Cake & Classical Music** (8 Jan, 5 Feb, 4 Mar) takes place on the first Monday of every month.

Entry into our **Museum and Art Gallery** is free! You can discover an impressive variety of displays from The Atkinson's own fine art collection, as well as work from local artists and exhibitions delivered in partnership with other cultural organisations.

Fancy a new hobby to kickstart the new year? Southport Library continues its **ukulele lending service** and free beginners' courses are starting in January. **The Atkinson Wellbeing Choir** meet every Tuesday at 10am and is a great way to make new friends. Our brilliant **volunteers** carry out and assist with a wide variety of tasks around the venue, opportunities to get involved are posted on our website.

Did you know?... **Cambridge Hall** was built in 1874 to designs by Maxwell & Tuke. The Grade II listed building has undergone many transformations and is now home to The Atkinson's Box Office, Shop, Café, Theatre, Studio and Museum! In 2024 we are celebrating **150 years of Cambridge Hall**. Next time you are inside the foyer, take a closer look at the large stone fireplace inscribed with the date of the hall.

Visit our website to find out more about our history and to browse our programme listings in full.

HIGHLIGHT

Book
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Dirty Dusting

Fri 2 Feb, 7.30pm

Three cleaning ladies threatened with redundancy chance on an unconventional way of earning some extra cash... Starring Crissy Rock, Leah Bell and Vanessa Karon.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Get
involved



The Sefton Open 2024

An annual exhibition celebrating the creativity and artistic talent across the borough. Entry forms with full submission details are available online and at The Atkinson.

Hand in day: 12 March 2024, 11am – 7pm

Exhibition: 23 March 2024 – 4 May 2024

ADOPT A TEDDY



£25
donation

Adopt a teddy from our museum collection and support the charitable work of The Atkinson Development Trust. Adoption packs include a letter from your teddy, a certificate, pin badge, post card and a bookmark. As a special thank you we will also include your name in our museum display!

Available from The Atkinson Shop

MUSEUM



Image: Dr Miles Barton, the man who named Southport, and his family c.1780. By Arthur Devis (1712 – 1784).

Free
Entry

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.

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.

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. Featuring post-war and contemporary works of art, showcasing the galleries' evolving strategies for developing the narrative theme.

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 and the intricate structures found within them.

Suhail Shaikh: Paper My Wishes

25 November 2023 – 24 February 2024

A retrospective of multidimensional artworks made from paper. Central to the exhibition is a true to scale sculpture of the front section of a Lancaster Bomber titled 'The Many'. The cardboard structure is covered in military ephemera donated by veterans and their families, and rests on a bed of poppies created by the local community.

The Landing: 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 each brimming with passion, talent, and unique perspectives. Artworks are available to purchase.

Collect / Share / Enjoy

13 January 2024 – 2 March 2024

This exhibition takes you into the home of a remarkable couple (one a Scot, the other a Sandgrounder) whose careers were in the arts, and where the milestones of their lives are mirrored in the artworks they display which embody their shared passion for art.

The Landing: QuARTet

27 January 2024 – 9 March 2024

A joint exhibition from artists Brian Minnery, Lawrence Johnson, S.K. Stevens and Chris Hughes, each with their own unique vision. Artworks are available to purchase.

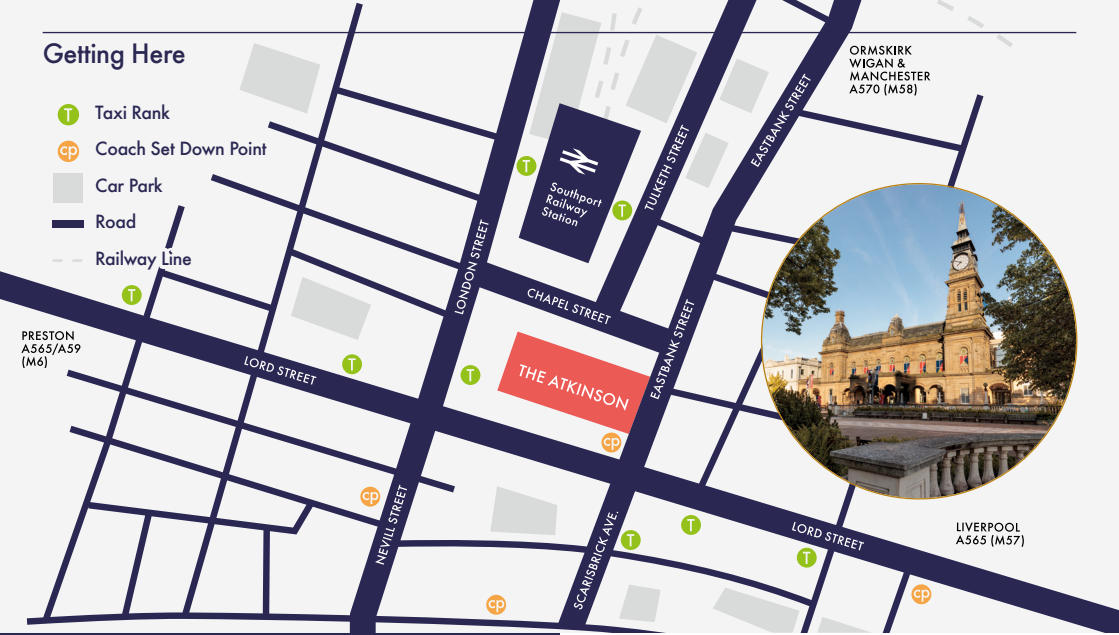
Southport Photographic Society: Open & Members' Exhibition 2024

2 March 2024 – 16 March 2024

Winning entries from the 77th National Open will be exhibited in the foyer with Southport Photographic Society Members displaying their work in the Discovery Box.

Getting Here

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



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.

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

www.theatkinson.co.uk/trust

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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

The Atkinson would like to thank our Funders & Supporters and Exhibition Partners



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January 2024

Cake & Classical Music

Música Latina

Mon 08 Jan, 12.30pm, £13

Eleanor Kelly presents a programme of works from around Latin America. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.



All Souls Dramatic Club

Rapunzel: A modern family pantomime

Thu 11 Jan, 7.30pm / Sat 13 Jan, 2pm & 7.30pm
Sun 14 Jan, 2pm / Thu 18 Jan, 7.30pm / Fri 19 Jan, 7.30pm
Sat 20 Jan, 2pm & 7.30pm / Sun 21 Jan, 11.30am & 4.30pm
£15 adults / £12.50 under 16s / £12.50 Thur performances

Prepare to be tangled up in a whirlwind of laughter, music, and hairdos! This hair-raising pantomime is a cut above the rest, weaving together a tale of long locks and daring adventures.

Ancient Worlds

Aircraft versus Submarine: Coastal Command During WW2

Thu 18 Jan, 7pm, £5 for public / Free for Members
Join us for a talk by Wing Commander Steve Chaskin (OC 611 Sqn RAuxAF, RAF Woodvale) covering the technological developments which transformed Coastal Commands ability to hunt submarines from the air in WW2.



Stage Door Theatre Trust

The Mexico 27

Fri 26 Jan, 4pm & 7pm

Free (booking required), donations welcome

A heartfelt dramatic play, combining song and movement, that explores the lives of the local lifeboat men involved in this tragedy, which took place along the Sefton coastline.



Ballet Theatre UK

The Wizard of Oz

Wed 31 Jan, 7pm, £18 / £15 concessions /
£10 under 16s & dance schools

A ballet adaptation of the iconic tale by L. Frank Baum. Follow the yellow brick road and join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tinman, and Lion, (and yes Toto too) as they seek the Wonderful Wizard to find that there's no place like home!

February 2024

Artistes International Management

The Simon & Garfunkel Story

Thu 01 Feb, 7.30pm, £23.50

Returning to The Atkinson following a sold out show, let the harmonies of Simon & Garfunkel take you to a place where concrete jungles turn into fields of gold.

Artistes International Management

Dirty Dusting

Fri 02 Feb, 7.30pm, £23

Three cleaning ladies threatened with redundancy chance on an unconventional way of earning some extra cash. Starring Crissy Rock, Leah Bell and Vanessa Karon.

Charming Entertainment Ltd

Alice In Wonderland: Adult Panto

Sat 03 Feb, 4pm & 8pm, £29.50 / Meet & Greet £44.50
Age 16+

Definitely not for kids! Meet an abundance of wacky and wonderful characters as you've never seen them before in a naughty tale full of camp and filthy fun. Starring Bailey J Mills, Sophia Stardust and Lucy Fernande.

Cake & Classical Music

Edwin Paling and Tom Kimmance: Violin and Piano

Mon 05 Feb, 12.30pm, £13

Celebrating Beethoven's 1801 Spring Sonata, reflecting his love of nature. The programme also includes the 1893 Sonatina by Dvorak. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.



Ancient Worlds

A Tale of Two Lancs

Wed 07 Feb, 7pm, £5 for public / Free for Members

Retired RAF Flight Lieutenant Mike Chatterton looks back at some of his favourite moments flying the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Lancaster Bomber, 'City of Lincoln'.

Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music

Nigel Wearne

Wed 07 Feb, 7.30pm, £13 advance / £15 doors

Australian singer-songwriter Nigel Wearne is a guitarist and multi-instrumentalist with diverse influences from Nick Cave, Tom Waits and Gillian Welch. With support from Thom Morecroft and The Silver Freds.



LOVE FOLK FESTIVAL

FRI 9 & SAT 10 FEB 2024

Featuring

The Magpie Arc

Merry Hell

Frankie Archer

NATI

Harp and a Monkey

Iona Lane

Chris Fox

Plus

Busk Love Folk

Acoustic Page

Festival Partner

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Festival Ticket
£50

Make It!

Craft Workshop: Chinese New Year

Sat 10 Feb, 11am – 3pm, Free, donations welcome

2024 is the Year of the Dragon! Join us in the Art Box for a craft workshop suitable for all the family, with all materials supplied and all for free!

Young Curators

Unlock The Atkinson

Mon 12 Feb, 11am – 12pm, Free, donations welcome

Test your wit, teamwork, and problem-solving skills as you navigate through a series of puzzles and riddles.

Object of the Month

Lunchtime Talk

Wed 14 Feb, 1pm, Free, donations welcome

Discover the hidden histories of items across our collections, from painting, print and sculpture to craft, costume and ceramics.

Make It!

Craft Workshop

Thu 15 Feb, 11am – 3pm, Free, donations welcome

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



Time Travelling Magicians

Morgan & West's Massive Magic Show for Kids

Thu 15 Feb, 2pm, £11, Age 5 - 10!

Roll up, roll up. The time travelling magicians return with their mysterious magic tricks, wall-to-wall silliness and larger than life laughs. Fun for all the family.

Entertainers Presents

An Evening of Burlesque

Fri 16 Feb, 7.30pm, £30, Age 18+

Join us for the good old-fashioned night out as we bring you the ultimate variety show, blending stylish cabaret, comedy, music, circus and burlesque to light up all your senses.

Murmur Live Ltd

Crooners

Sat 17 Feb, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, £24.50 Matinee /
£26.50 Evening

A witty and exhilarating show full of hilarious one liners, tap dancing and superb musical numbers. The Mini Big Band perform some of the most quintessential songs from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr and plenty more.

Sweeney Entertainments

Gareth Gates in The Best of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

Wed 22 Feb, 7.30pm, £33.50

Gareth Gates joins the cast of this spectacular celebration of music from one of the biggest selling groups of all time, guaranteed to leave you saying 'Oh, What A Night!'

Artistes International Management Ltd

Totally Tina!

Sat 24 Feb, 7.30pm, £25

Come shake a tail feather with the UK's supreme Tina Turner impersonator and her talented cast. She's got the looks, she's got the moves, but most of all, she's got THE voice.

LMS Worldwide Ltd

Barry Steele's Roy Orbison Story

Thu 29 Feb, 7.30pm, £28

Backed by a fabulous 5-piece band, you'll be taken from the rockabilly Sun Record years through to the Traveling Wilburys era.

March 2024

Sweeney Entertainments

The Best of Queen: The Break Free Tour

Fri 01 Mar, 7.30pm, £31.50

From their early beginnings with Bohemian Rhapsody, to their sell out concerts at Wembley Stadium, you'll experience highlights from Queen's extraordinary musical performances in this magical, live stage show.

Cake & Classical Music

Dell'Arte winds and John Gough

Mon 04 Mar, 12.30pm, £13

Two Sextets, 80 years apart by Poulenc and Louise Farrenc. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm. Refreshments from 12.30pm / Concert begins 1pm.



Tall Stories

The Gruffalo's Child

Tue 05 Mar, 1.30pm & 4.30pm / Wed 06 Mar, 10.30am
& 4.30pm, £14 / £48 family of 4 (min 1 adult), Age 3+

Follow the Gruffalo's Child on her adventurous mission in this enchanting adaptation of the much-loved picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Ancient Worlds

Evening Talk

Mon 06 Mar, 7pm, £5 for public / 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

Charlie Dore

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

Charlie Dore is one of the UK's most respected singer songwriters. In an unusually diverse career her songs have won two Ascaph awards and an Ivor Novello nomination. Support from Penni Neale and Shadow Captain.

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Workshop

Introduction to the History of Art with Dr Anna Madison

Wed 13, 20 & 27 Mar, 1pm – 3pm, £35 for all 3 classes

Join Dr Anna Madison for an introduction to the history of Art using examples from The Atkinson's collection. Highlights include Walter Sickert, Charles Ginner and Arthur Melville. Light refreshments included.



Bill Elms Productions and Asa Murphy

Irish Annie's

Fri 15 Mar, 7.30pm / Sat 16 Mar, 2.30pm & 7.30pm

£26 / £24 concessions, Age 14+

A brand-new musical play celebrating the best of Irish culture, from the music through to the comedy. Featuring Ricky Tomlinson, Catherine Rice and Asa Murphy alongside the Shenanigans, a live 5-piece band.

Live Nation & Komedia Entertainment Present

Count Arthur Strong: And It's Goodnight From Him

Thu 21 Mar, 8pm, £23

Count Arthur Strong has decided to gradually phase in his farewell tour over a, yet to be specified number of parts, because of the likelihood of people doing 'Cold Turkey' in theatres over him.

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UK Theatre Shows LTD

Jive Talkin'

Fri 22 Mar, 7.30pm, £24 / £22.50 concessions

Hear all of the greatest Bee Gees hits in an explosion of music and vocal harmony. Featuring a live band, this is a night not to be missed!



TRASH Promotions

Antiques and a Little Bit of Nonsense!

Tue 26 Mar, 7.30pm, £29

Confessions of an antiques expert! Philip Serrell, Charles Hanson, Charlie Ross & Christina Trevanion entertain you with tales from the saleroom, television and beyond.

Play On Words presents

Discovering Antarctica: Heroic Tales of Shackleton, Crean & Scott

Wed 27 Mar, 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.

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