

VISIT LEEDS

# WHAT'S ON

*Autumn 2025 Edition*

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# LEEDS

August 2025

Leeds West Indian Carnival c Mark Ratcliffe

Sat Sun  
**16-17**

## THE TEMPLE NEWSAM FOOD FESTIVAL – TEMPLE NEWSAM

In 2025, the first ever Temple Newsam Food Festival will take place, featuring internationally inspired and home-grown street food, local artisan products and Chef demos organised by the Yorkshire Food Guide. [Find out more](#)

Fri Tue  
**15-26**

## PANTO AT THE ABBEY – KIRKSTALL ABBAY

Talegate theatre present three family-friendly shows in the stunning grounds of Kirkstall Abbey. The Snow Queen on 15 August, The Frog Prince on 20 August and Beauty and The Beast on 26 August. [ticketsource.co.uk](https://ticketsource.co.uk)

Aug Sep  
**19-06**

## WAR HORSE– LEEDS GRAND THEATRE

The National Theatre's acclaimed production of War Horse comes to Leeds. Michael Morpugo's beloved novel is brought to life with astonishing life-sized horses by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company. [Find out more](#)

Thu Sun  
**21-24**

## LEEDS FESTIVAL – BRAMHAM PARK

One of the UK's biggest and longest-running music festivals returns to Leeds Bramham Park for the 26th year, with headline acts including Travis Scott, Amyl and the Sniffers, Chappel Roan and Hozier. [leedsfestival.com](https://leedsfestival.com)

Sun  
**24**

## LEEDS BLACK MUSIC FESTIVAL – POTTERNEWTON PARK

This complementary festival for Leeds West Indian Carnival takes place over the August Bank Holiday weekend and celebrates Black music and culture with live open-air performances. [BMF](#)

Mon  
**25**

## LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL – POTTERNEWTON PARK

One of the biggest events in the North of England, Leeds West Indian Carnival is a welcoming celebration which brings the joy of carnival to everyone, on August Bank Holiday Monday. It is one of the longest running and largest Carnivals in the UK. [leedscarnival.co.uk](https://leedscarnival.co.uk)



The Cast of War Horse, c Brinkhoff-Moegenburg

Until  
**31 AUG**

## WONDERLAND LEEDS – CITYWIDE

Take part in an unforgettable family-friendly adventure through Leeds city centre with sculptures and interactive installations inspired by Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. Meet the Cheshire Cat and other colourful characters, play croquet and join the Madhatter's Tea Party.

[wonderlandleeds.com](http://wonderlandleeds.com)

Sat Sun  
**30–31**

## KIRKSTALL ABBEY MARKETS – KIRKSTALL ABBEY

Set in the beautiful surroundings of Kirkstall Abbey ruins, the weekend markets are a great way to explore local producers, makers and artists. Enjoy delicious Yorkshire-made produce alongside unique arts and crafts. [museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk](http://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk)



## BRADFORD 2025 UK City of Culture

Our neighbour city Bradford is the UK City of Culture 2025 and has a fantastic programme of events throughout the year including film, music, arts, food and drink and culture. If you're planning a trip to Leeds, it's less than 20 mins on the train to Bradford. [Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture](http://Bradford2025UKCityofCulture)

Until  
**07 SEPT**

## MIFFY'S 70TH BIRTHDAY EXHIBITION – LEEDS CITY MUSEUM

This interactive exhibition brings to life the colourful character of Miffy, beloved by adults and children alike and an icon in the worlds of illustration, charity and fashion. [Find out more](#)

Until  
**07 SEPT**

## THE RAILWAY CHILDREN – KEIGHLEY & WORTH VALLEY RAILWAY

Part of Bradford 2025 Year of Culture, this new theatre production brings the magic of the Railway Children film (and E. Nesbit's novel) back to the location where it was filmed. The story begins when you board the steam train at Keighley and continues at Oxenhope Station in a purpose-built auditorium. [bradford2025.co.uk](http://bradford2025.co.uk)



Until  
**19 OCT**

## AUSTEN AND TURNER: A COUNTRY HOUSE ENCOUNTER – HAREWOOD HOUSE

For the first time ever, the prolific work of these two famous contemporaries is brought together to mark the 250th anniversary of their births, in a collaboration with historians at the University of York. Witness an imagined encounter between the artist Turner and the writer Austen and experience the stately home through their eyes. [harewood.org](http://harewood.org)

Until  
**FEB 2026**

## THE ART OF THE BRICK: AN EXHIBITION OF LEGO® ART – BROADGATE, THE HEADROW

This internationally acclaimed exhibition featuring over a million bricks comes to Leeds. Featuring re-imagined masterpieces in Lego, including Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa, Van Gogh's Starry Night and Michelangelo's David, as well as a Lego Safari and multimedia exhibit of Lego photography. [feverup.com](http://feverup.com)



Lego - The Art Of The Brick Fever 5 c Aaron Schorch



Leeds Art Gallery c Tom Martin Photography

Until  
**02 NOV**

## GLADIATORS: HEROES OF THE COLOSSEUM – ROYAL ARMOURIES MUSEUM

Explore the world of the original Gladiators of ancient Rome in this immersive world-leading exhibition which comes to the UK for the first time. [Find out more](#)

Until  
**02 NOV**

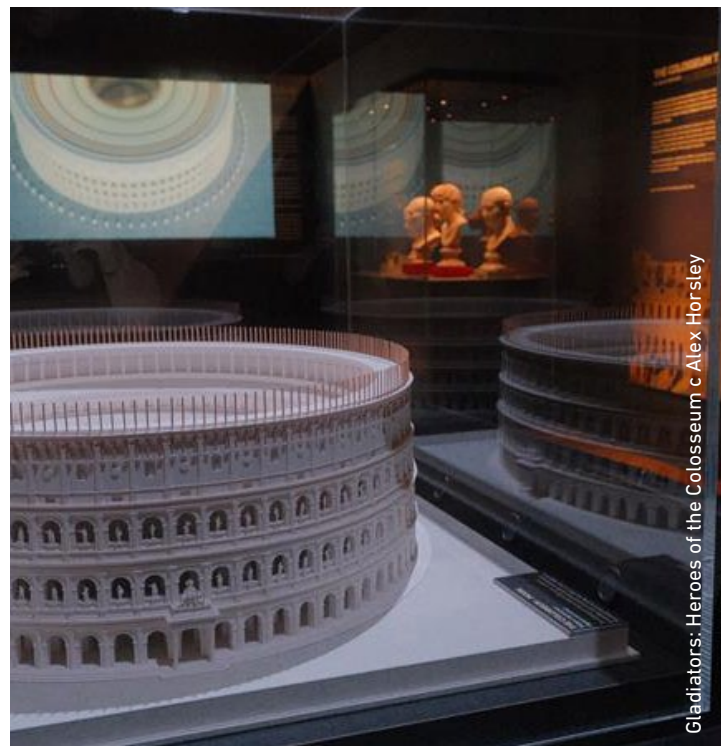
## HELEN CHADWICK – LEEDS ART GALLERY

An exhibition exploring the work, sketchbooks and archives of feminist pioneer and **Turner Prize nominee** Helen Chadwick. [museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk](https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk)

Until  
**02 NOV**

## PASSING STRANGE: BRITISH LAND ART THROUGH TIME – HENRY MOORE INSTITUTE

An exhibition showcasing work by key artists in British Land Art including Tacita Dean, Andy Goldsworthy and David Nash. [henry-moore.org](https://henry-moore.org)



Gladiators: Heroes of the Colosseum c Alex Horsley

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September 2025



Harewood House c Simon Warner

## STILL SHOWING

- *Miffy's 70th Birthday Exhibition at Leeds Art Gallery*
- *Austen and Turner: A Country House Encounter at Harewood House*
- *The Art of the Brick: An exhibition of LEGO Art at Broadgate, The Headrow*
- *Gladiators: Heroes of the Colosseum at The Royal Armouries Museum*
- *Helen Chadwick at Leeds Art Gallery*
- *Passing Strange: British Land Art Through Time at the Henry Moore Institute*

Throughout

**SEPT-APR**

### PLANET ICE NIHL NATIONAL DIVISION, LEEDS KNIGHTS – PLANET ICE

Leading UK Ice Hockey team Leeds Knights play at home at Planet Ice in Leeds, to compete in the Planet Ice National Ice Hockey League 2025/26. Last year they finished top of the leaderboard for the third year running. [leedsknights.com](https://leedsknights.com)

Tue

**02**

### ODI TEST MATCH ENGLAND VS SOUTH AFRICA – HEADINGLEY STADIUM

The One-Day International Men's Test Match will take place at Headingley Stadium between England and South Africa. [yorkshirecc.com](https://yorkshirecc.com)

Thu Sun

**04-07**

### LEEDS INTERNATIONAL BEER FESTIVAL – KIRKSTALL ABBEY

This four-day event celebrates craft beer brewed in the UK and overseas in the stunning ruins of Kirkstall Abbey, with a street food market, live music and more. [leedsbeer.com](https://leedsbeer.com)

Sep Oct

**08-04**

### TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD – LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

Following the huge international success of Aaron Sorkin's adaptation of Harper Lee's classic novel, Leeds Playhouse bring their own production to the stage this autumn. Catch it before it tours the UK. [leedsplayhouse.org.uk](https://leedsplayhouse.org.uk)

Thu Sun  
**11 & 14**

## BETFRED MEN'S & WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE – HEADINGLEY STADIUM

Leeds Rhinos Men's Team play their last home match of the season against the Catalan Dragons. Leeds Rhino's Women's Team have their final home game of the season against York's Valkyries at Headingley Stadium. [superleague.co.uk](https://superleague.co.uk)

Fri Sun  
**12–14**

## HERITAGE FESTIVAL – SUNNY BANK MILLS

Explore this unique historic site, which dates back to 1829 with many original features still intact. Enjoy talks, tours and behind-the-scenes access. [sunnybankmills.co.uk](https://sunnybankmills.co.uk)

Sat Sat  
**13–20**

## NORTHERN BALLET'S MERLIN – LEEDS GRAND THEATRE

Northern Ballet brings back its popular production of the story of Merlin, with the signature blend of world-class dance and story-telling plus mind-boggling special effects to create a magical atmosphere. [northernballet.com](https://northernballet.com)

Sep Nov  
**26–01**

## OPERA NORTH AUTUMN SEASON 2025 – LEEDS GRAND THEATRE

September brings the start of the official Opera North season at its home in the spectacular Leeds Grand Theatre, including a new production of Handel's Susanna and a return of the acclaimed production of Puccini's La Boheme. [operanorth.co.uk](https://operanorth.co.uk)

Sep Feb 2026  
**27–22**

## TURNER PRIZE – CARTWRIGHT HALL ART GALLERY

As part of Bradford City of Culture 2025, the world's most exciting contemporary art showcases will take place outside of London for the first time. See the work of all the shortlisted artists on display before the winner is announced on 9 December 2025. [bradford2025.co.uk](https://bradford2025.co.uk)



Sat Sun  
**13–14**

## DOG FEST – HAREWOOD HOUSE

The ultimate dog-friendly festival returns to the beautiful grounds of Harewood House. It's a fantastic inclusive day out for families, friends, dog-owners and dog-lovers. [Find out more](#)

Sat Sun  
**27 & 28**

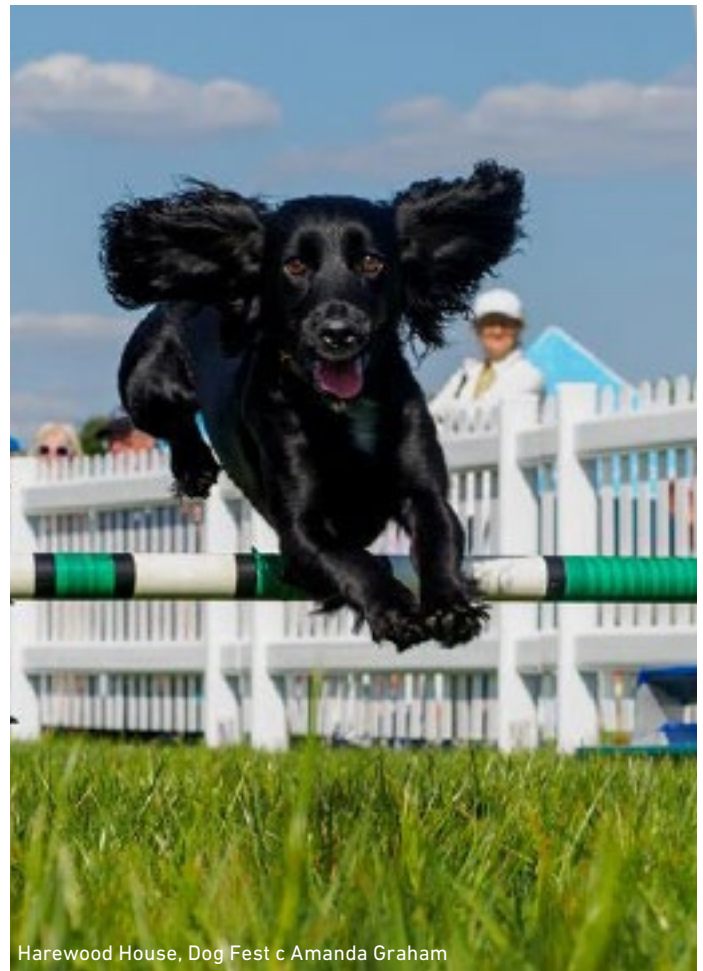
## BUSTED VS MCFLY – FIRST DIRECT BANK ARENA

Two rock pop legends come together to battle it out with their enduring classics for the ultimate title of best bands. [Find out more](#)

Sun  
**28**

## LEEDS CINEMA CRAWL

Following the huge success of last year's event, Leeds Cinema Crawl returns for its second edition. This year's theme of sophomore films features four films and four fantastic venues. [hydeparkpicturehouse](https://hydeparkpicturehouse)



Harewood House, Dog Fest c Amanda Graham

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October 2025

Light Night MONAD c LizzieCoombes 2024

Thu  
**02**

## MARCUS BRIGSTOCKE: VITRUVIAN MANGO – GLEE CLUB

Award-winning comedian asks 'What are men for?' in his new tour show. [glee.co.uk](http://glee.co.uk)

Sat  
**04**

## DAKHABRAKHA – BRUDENELL SOCIAL CLUB

Hugely popular and award-winning Ukrainian folk music quarter perform at Leeds' iconic Brudenell Social Club.

[brudenellsocialclub.co.uk](http://brudenellsocialclub.co.uk)

Sat  
**11**

## CATE LE BON – HOWARD ASSEMBLY ROOM

Mercury Prize nominee Cate Le Bon performs from her new album with special guest collaborations.

[operanorth.co.uk](http://operanorth.co.uk)

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- *Passing Strange: British Land Art Through Time at the Henry Moore Institute*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird at Leeds Playhouse*
- *Opera North, Autumn Season at Leeds Grand Theatre*
- *Turner Prize at Cartwright Hall Art Gallery*



Bradford, Host City of the Turner Prize 2025 c Karol Wyszynski

Mon Tue  
**13 & 14**

## SHOCK HORROR: A GHOST STORY – CITY VARIETIES

Not for the faint-hearted, this acclaimed multimedia theatre show brings together traditional ghost theatre and horror films. [Find out more](#)

Tue Sat  
**14–18**

## LEEDS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF IDEAS – LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

Asking some of the most crucial questions of our time, with some of the most engaging speakers and thinkers of our time, this annual festival brings together panels of international experts to discuss issues that affect us all. [leedsinternationalfestival.com](https://leedsinternationalfestival.com)

Tue Sat  
**21–25**

## TRANSFORM FESTIVAL 2025 – VARIOUS VENUES

The UK's leading festival of inclusive, international performance returns to Leeds with twenty one performances over five days at venues across the city. [transformfestival.org](https://transformfestival.org)

Mon  
**27**

## NINA CONTI: WHOSE FACE IS IT ANYWAY? – CITY VARIETIES MUSIC HALL

The unparalleled Nina Conti brings her new unscripted show to Leeds with hilarious consequences. [leedsheritagetheatres](https://leedsheritagetheatres)

Wed Thu  
**22 & 23**

## LIGHT NIGHT LEEDS – CITYWIDE

For the 20th year, Light Night transforms Leeds City Centre with spectacular light displays, immersive experiences and interactive installations over two incredible nights.

Light Night Leeds is a free annual arts and light festival which started in 2005, when it was the first of its kind in the UK. It was inspired by a similar event in Paris which took place in 2002. Now there are Light Night events that take place across the country in the darker months of the year and Leeds led the way! [lightnightleeds.co.uk](https://lightnightleeds.co.uk)

Thu  
**30**

## AMADEUS LIVE IN CONCERT – LEEDS GRAND THEATRE

Experience the multi-Academy Award-winning film Amadeus with Mozart's music performed live by the Orchestra and Chorus of Opera North. [operanorth.co.uk](https://operanorth.co.uk)



Leeds Grand Theatre, The Orchestra of Opera North c Tom Arber

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November/December 2025

Leeds Film Festival, Howard Assembly Room c Patrycja Maziarz

## STILL SHOWING

- *The Art of the Brick: An exhibition of LEGO Art at Broadgate, The Headrow*
- *Gladiators: Heroes of the Colosseum at The Royal Armouries Museum*
- *Helen Chadwick at Leeds Art Gallery*
- *Turner Prize at Cartwright Hall Art Gallery*

Oct Nov  
**30-16**

### LEEDS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – CITYWIDE

Running since 1987, Leeds International Film Festival is the largest international film festival outside of London. Held at locations across Leeds, including the iconic Hyde Park Picture House, the festival runs over two weeks featuring over 100 independent films from across the world.

[leedsfilm.com](https://leedsfilm.com)

Sat  
**01**

### DARK & WILD – THE OLD FLAX STORE

Enjoy imperial stouts and dark ales from across the world, along with street food and live music, brought to you by Northern Monk Brewery. [Find out more](#)

Tue Sat  
**11-29**

### THE BOOK OF MORMON – LEEDS GRAND THEATRE

'The best musical of this century,' according to the New York Times, returns to Leeds. The Book of Mormon is a multiple award-winning and outrageous musical comedy from the makers of South Park. [Find out more](#)

Fri  
**14**

### BOB DYLAN – FIRST DIRECT BANK ARENA

The legendary singer and songwriter, Bob Dylan, brings his Rough and Rowdy Ways tour to Leeds for an unforgettable performance [Find out more](#)

Sat  
15

## LIVE AT LEEDS IN THE CITY – CITYWIDE

This city-wide music festival features an eclectic mix of some of the most exciting established acts and new music taking over some of the city's best independent music venues, including Brudenell Social Club, The Wardrobe and Belgrave Music Hall.

[liveatleeds.com](http://liveatleeds.com)

Nov Jan 2026  
20–17

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL – LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

Packed with festive fun, lively music, and a sprinkle of magic, this timeless classic will be brought to life at the Playhouse for Christmas 2025. [leedsplayhouse.org.uk](http://leedsplayhouse.org.uk)

Nov Jan 2026  
21–04

## SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTO – LEEDS CARRIAGEWORKS

A traditional pantomime for all the family, bringing the story of Sleeping Beauty to life. [Find out more](#)

Nov Jan 2026  
28–11

## ALADDIN: ROCK 'N' ROLL PANTO – CITY VARIETIES MUSIC HALL

This isn't your average Christmas pantomime – this is a Rock 'n' Roll Pantomime! Building on the roaring success of past hits, Leeds' 'Grade A panto' (Yorkshire Times) is back to light up the festive season with a re-telling of Aladdin.

[leedsheritagetheatres.com](http://leedsheritagetheatres.com)

Nov Dec  
21–21

## LEEDS CHRISTMAS MARKETS – LEEDS CITY CENTRE

In late November Leeds city centre is transformed by twinkling Christmas lights and traditional timber stalls selling artisan goods and handcrafted treats from international, national and local traders.

Sat  
22

## ENGLISH TEACHER – O2 ACADEMY

Leeds' band and winner of the Mercury Music Prize (2024), English Teacher, perform a huge hometown gig at the O2 Academy.

[academymusicgroup.com](http://academymusicgroup.com)

Dec Jan 2026  
18–04

## NORTHERN BALLET'S NUTCRACKER – LEEDS GRAND THEATRE

Popular production by David Nixon CBE

[leedsheritagetheatres.com](http://leedsheritagetheatres.com)



Leeds Christmas Market c Chris Heaney

# LEEDS

*A look ahead*

Leeds Skyline c Leeds City Council

## 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

30 January to 21 February

**OPERA NORTH SEASON 2026  
– LEEDS GRAND THEATRE**

[leedsheritagetheatres.com](https://leedsheritagetheatres.com)

14 to 28 February

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM  
– LEEDS PLAYHOUSE**

[leedsheritagetheatres.com](https://leedsheritagetheatres.com)

07 to 14 March

**NORTHERN BALLET'S GENTLEMAN  
JACK – LEEDS GRAND THEATRE**

[Find out more](#)

Between 17 and 23 June

**ICC WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP  
– HEADINGLEY STADIUM**

[icc-cricket.com](https://icc-cricket.com)

18 and 19 July

**20 YEARS OF PRIDE IN LEEDS  
– LEEDS CITY CENTRE**

[leedspride.com](https://leedspride.com)



Leeds Pride c Jacob in Manc

We're a city that loves to entertain, with a jam-packed event programme all year round. Please note that the information contained in this document isn't an exhaustive list of the events in the annual Leeds calendar. To find out more about all the events taking place in Leeds this year, please visit: [visitleeds.co.uk/whats-on](https://visitleeds.co.uk/whats-on)

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