

CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION

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WE'RE BACK!



We are looking forward so much to welcoming you back after all this time. When we closed our doors back in March 2020, only when we were feeling our most pessimistic, did we imagine we would have such a long time apart.

Our performance programme is all about curating new shows and projects that disrupt and linger. Things that change the way we see the world around us, that grow our empathy and allow us to understand one another differently. We are all about practice that is disruptive, taking apart theatre and dance and live art and putting them back together in new, engaging and exciting ways. And about shows that entertain, stirring thoughts and emotions that linger in hearts and minds for long after you've seen or heard or felt something new.

No one expected such a lingering disruption to all our lives. We have made the most of that time to reflect and have been listening and learning and thinking how we might challenge ourselves differently in future. We know that the experiences and opportunities we provide are crucial to our happiness and wellbeing as people living and working and playing in this city and to how we grieve, recover and grow together as communities.

All your support, kind words, patience, understanding and knowing you're the best and most loyal bunch of people, has kept our passion alight. Whilst we haven't

been able to share our usual busy programme with you, we've continued and grown our support for artists and young people, and have been making lots of plans. We live and work to bring you incredible artists, telling the most moving and vital stories. We strive to curate life changing experiences for us all. We're excited to at last be able to share the fruits of all our labour with you. And we hope you are curious about what we have in store.

We continue to offer Pay What You Feel tickets from as little as £2.50 to all our theatre, dance, live art and circus shows. This means you can be confident in coming to see things you might not have heard of before or are just intrigued about. We want you to come as often as you can! And if you can afford to pay a little more for your tickets then you will be helping us support more artists in future and be helping other people in your community to engage with our programme.

Buying a ticket and coming to see a show is the simplest way you can help us continue to recover from the last year's travails. And if you want to help us even more there are other ways to get involved. Thank you for being part of our audience and the Junction family.

Can't wait to see you soon!

Matt Burman, Artistic Director,
Cambridge Junction

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

The last eighteen months have shown us just how lucky we are to have an audience like you and we're beyond excited to welcome you back into the building to share good times together once again. The generosity and support we have received so far has got us a very long way, but we're not quite there yet.

So, we're calling on you to continue supporting Cambridge Junction if you can as we prepare to put on a full programme of live shows again.

Here are three easy ways you can support Cambridge Junction:

BUY A TICKET

When you're ready to come back, we'd love to see you!

Shows are our main gig and in a typical year ticket revenue is our primary source of income.

BECOME A MEMBER

Our membership scheme is a super reliable income source for us each year, and if you plan on making up for lost time by visiting us a lot, the member benefits make it a no brainer.

DONATE

Making a donation is a great way of supporting us with no strings attached, plus you can give as much or as little as you like and 100% of your donation will go towards funding the venue and our programmes.

Support us at junction.co.uk/support-us

CUPID'S REVENGE

Thu 09 Sep



NEW ART CLUB

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J2
Price	Pay What You Feel

In today's disposable world where love is used to sell us everything from plug-in cars to yoghurt... where did real love go? The latest dance theatre comedy show by New Art Club is a joyful, physical and verbal outburst against the forces that masquerade as love. 12+

Why you'll like it...

"After all that we've been through, I am so happy for the first night of our autumn season to be from Junction associates and firm favourites New Art Club. The boys are back in town with this funny, smart and deeply moving show which we last saw as an almost finished preview a couple of years ago. Pete and Tom have never lost their love of smashing up whatever you thought you didn't like about dance and making shows out of the pieces."

Matt, Artistic Director

FATT PROJECTS & CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION PRESENT PALAVER



Sun 12 Sep, Sun 03 Oct, Sun 17 Oct



PALAVER PARTIES

Time	11am-1pm
Age	3-8
Price	£10 adult / £6 child Group of 4: Save 15% (max 2. adults)

We are bringing all our most glittery and colourful friends to throw a FABULOUS performance party for kids (and their grown-ups too!). Get ready for the most exciting inclusive family disco Cambridge has ever seen! Featuring music, performances, DIY costume-making, party games, sing-a-longs, glitter, and of course a rainbow disco for all the family.

Wed 27 Oct

PALAVER SYMPOSIUM

Time	11.30-5pm
Price	£30 for NPO organisations, £20 for independent workers

Join us for a day-long interactive symposium for arts and cultural sector professionals exploring what it means to make intersectional queer-positive performance work for children and strategies for organisations to make meaningful space for queer families, and to develop and present this work.

The day's programme will include interactive workshops, panel discussions, LGBTQ+ awareness training, and open conversations on artist development, emotional labour, marketing, and venue accessibility.

See website for full details.

Thu 28 Oct



PALAVER FESTIVAL

Time	10am-5pm
Age	3-8
Price	£12 / £8 con

A day-long celebration of inclusive family performance work featuring discos, workshops, DIY costume-making, and fabulous storytelling and music. Featuring six newly commissioned performance extracts from some of the UK's leading LGBTQ+ performers PALAVER Festival is a space for all families to come together, learn, laugh, and celebrate themselves.
See website for full details.

Sat 18 Sep



TEZ ILYAS: THE VICKED TOUR

Time	8pm
Venue	J2
Price	£17

The brand-new stand-up show from author and the star of *The Tez O'Clock Show* (Channel 4), *TEZ Talks* (BBC Radio 4) and the multi-award-winning *Man Like Mobeen* (BBC Three).

Join Tez as he uses his trademark silly, smart and subversive humour to celebrate all that we still have. 16+

Tue 21 Sep



ROB NEWMAN'S PHILOSOPHY SHOW

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J1 (seated)
Price	£17 (£13.50 con)

In this all-new show, multi-award winning stand-up comic Rob Newman weaves together Nietzsche's sunglasses, James Bond in Toxteth, electric spiders and singing Neanderthals into a hilarious tour-de-force that offers new hopes for a changing world. 14+

HEARTY

Thu 23 Sep



EMMA FRANKLAND

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J2
Price	Pay What You Feel

Bearing wings made of sharp knives and shooting fireballs into the air, Emma Frankland weaves stories of trans ancestry with an interrogation of the controversial bio-technology of HRT.

Hearty connects the cycles of fetishisation, violence and erasure that trans people have experienced for centuries. 14+

Why you'll like it...

"It's loud, punky and in your face, but also tender, raw and striking the perfect tone for a piece exploring the politics of gender identity and the process of transitioning."

Emma, Arts Producer

Fri 24 Sep



HOMECOMING

OLGA KOCH

Time	8pm
Venue	J2
Price	£15.50

Edinburgh Comedy Award-nominated comedian and star of *Mock The Week* and *QI*, Olga Koch returns with her third show. With her new passport in hand, *Homecoming* will see Olga try to figure out who the hell she is as an immigrant and certified teen drama queen... 16+

Sun 26 Sep



KANDA BONGO MAN

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J2 (standing)
Price	£15.50 adv

The man who single-handedly gave the world the infectious Kwasa Kwasa dance; Kanda Bongo Man is one of the most well known stars of world music, and is one of the first pioneers of Soukous music.

His music has always been driven by optimism and happiness; it contains melodies that curl through the patterns like vines on a trellis.

SH!T THEATRE DRINK RUM WITH EXPATS

Wed 29 Sep



SH!T THEATRE

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J2
Price	Pay What You Feel

Celebrating their final year as Europeans, island monkeys Becca and Louise got invited to the 2018 European Capital of Culture in Malta.

The 'rising stars of performance art' (Telegraph), Sh!t Theatre went to drink rum with Brits abroad but found mystery and murder in the fight to be European. 14+

Why you'll like it...

"If you love rum, cheeky behaviour, silly jokes, and seeing a dog on stage, this might just be your perfect show. Sh!t Theatre turn theatre on it's head once again in their hilarious retelling of their experiences among expats. You'll be laughing til your belly hurts, but thinking about the important topic days, if not weeks, afterwards. You may even shed a tear, I know I did."

Emma, Arts Producer

Tue 28 Sep



MARTHA WAINWRIGHT

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J1 (seated)
Price	£35 adv

Martha Wainwright's role as an artist has always been to embrace her wildness and sketch out her raw depth. This edge is what makes Wainwright uncompromisingly herself and continues to draw in an audience two decades on. The beguiling performer and songwriter returns on a tour showcasing her fifth studio album *Love Will Be Reborn*.

Thu 30 Sep



JOHN GRANT PLUS SPECIAL GUEST TEDDY THOMPSON

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J1
Price	£27.50 adv

Former lead vocalist with cult band The Czars, the Denver-born singer has since carved out a far more successful career for himself as a solo artist. His style has smoothly moved from dark indie-folk to more upbeat ventures with electronic-pop and an orchestral collaboration with the BBC Philharmonic.

Fri 01 Oct



HOUSE GOSPEL CHOIR

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J1
Price	£20 adv

HGC is an electrifying House meets Gospel experience that never fails to get audiences clapping, dancing and singing along. HGC shows bring together a group of outstanding singers, a full house band and DJ, creating an effortless live fusion of the biggest house and gospel tunes that never fail to raise the roof!

Tue 05, Tue 12, Tue 19, Tue 26 Oct



THE THING

ANT HAMPTON

The THING is a workshop about self and social DISRUPTION; it's also automatic; a kind of performance where the only people present are a group of 8-12 participants who open a suitcase and follow a mix of pre-recorded and scripted triggers. It comprises 4 episodes, each about 4 hours long: 16 hours in total. 16+
See website for full details and how to get involved.



SYMONÉ

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J2
Price	Pay What You Feel

Can the perfect UTOPIA exist? *UTOPIAN (t's & c's apply)* is a surrealistic circus pop-culture experience about raves, hierarchy, and power. Filled with waacking, voguing, high heel roller-skating and aerial, Symoné asks the audience, 'why do people abuse power roles?' *A Stobbs New Ideas Commission.*

Why you should come....

"If you love a buzzing club atmosphere, amazing visuals and exceptional circus skills - this is for you. Symoné is totally bewitching and manages to be both in your face, loud, exciting, but also striking and emotive. It will likely leave you provoked, but utterly entertained."

Emma, Arts Producer

Mon 18—Sun 24 Oct



CAN I LIVE?

COMPLICITÉ & FEHINTI BALOGUN

Time	7.30pm
Venue	Stream online
Price	Pay What You Feel

An energising and uplifting filmed performance that uses original hip-hop and spoken word to explore the world of environmental activism. A story of how, as a young Black British man, Fehinti Balogun's path has been forever changed by what he's learnt about our planet. 12+

Wed 20 Oct



THE BALLAD OF KYLIE JENNER'S OLD FACE

JAYDE ADAMS

Time	8pm
Venue	J2
Price	£17 adv

Gay icon and self-titled, The Divine Ms Jayde is shimmying out of her trademark sequins and into a black 'Steve Jobs' turtle neck in a hilarious and sobering analysis of feminism. 14+

Sat 23 Oct



PUB QUIZ

THE THINKING DRINKERS

Time	8pm
Venue	J2
Price	£18 (£11.50 student)

Returning with a brand new show. The hilarious, award-winning drinks experts host history's greatest ever pub quiz packed with loads of funny, fascinating facts and FIVE free discerning drinks for every audience member. 18+

Wed 20 Oct



GOGO PENGUIN

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J1
Price	£22.50 adv

GoGo Penguin have been internationally hailed as electrifying live performers, innovative soundtrack composers, and as a collective who channel electronic and club culture atmospheres alongside minimalist jazz and rock influences. They create music that pulses and flows from the dancefloor to meditative inner-worlds, transporting us into brand new realms.

Sat 30 Oct



POP CULTURE

LOYISO GOLA

Time	8pm
Venue	J2
Price	£17

Fresh off the release of his hour-long Netflix Stand-Up Special *Unlearning*, Loyiso Gola takes us on a hilarious journey exploring the differing impact of pop culture moments around the world. 15+

Mon 01 Nov



BEN CAPLAN PLUS GABRIELLE PAPILLON

Time	8pm
Venue	J2
Price	£15 adv

Ben Caplan is both the roar of the hurricane and the eye of the storm. His songwriting pulls from many diverse influences but both his music and his lyrics regularly draw from his Jewish heritage. Often mixing biblical imagery and klezmer inflected melodies, Caplan re-appropriates ancient sounds and themes with a decidedly contemporary twist.



SUBIRA JOY

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J3
Price	Pay What You Feel

Subira Joy explores the impact of the police and how we internalise their role to become our own repressors. Combining striking visual imagery with powerful language, this work exposes how we impede our liberation when confronted by our inner cop. 14+
BSL interpreted



Why you should come....

"Subira is one of the most exceptionally talented poets I know, and I'm so glad we have the chance to present their poetry in Cambridge. Fuelled with their justified rage against oppressive structures, Subira strings words together in a way that stings, that bites, that forces the audiences to step up and listen."

Emma, Arts Producer

Sun 07 Nov



NIGEL NG

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J2
Price	£17 adv

International stand-up comedian Nigel Ng appears in Cambridge on his latest live comedy tour. The creator of global viral sensation 'Uncle Roger' and host of podcast sensation 'Rice To Meet You', he has amassed over 250 millions views on YouTube.

Mon 08 Nov



DISPATCHES ON THE RED DRESS

ROWAN RHEINGANS

Time	8pm
Venue	J2
Price	£15 adv

Unravelling the joy and pain from a story of her grandmother's youth in 1940's Germany, Rowan Rheingans celebrates small acts of resistance. An intimate and courageous new solo show by the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winning songwriter.



JACKSONS LANE & LOST IN TRANSLATION

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J2
Price	Pay What You Feel

A brand new circus cabaret for the 21st century! A sizzling, scintillating night of daring feats, fun and fantastic performance. Expect cutting edge dance in the sky, jaw-dropping juggling, live music and much more in this feel-good show. 16+

Why you'll like it...

"I've missed circus so much over lockdowns. I've seen some great circus online but for me I need to see it in the flesh to feel the adrenalin rush thrill of it all. So what could be a better tonic for the soul as the nights draw in than some super skilled almost superhuman cabaret brilliance brought to us by our friends at London's premier home of circus Jackson's Lane."

Matt, Artistic Director

Tue 09 Nov



THIS IS THE KIT

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J1
Price	£20 adv

Fronted by Ivor Novello nominated singersongwriter Kate Stables, This Is The Kit's distinctive sound is filled with richly layered swirling melodies, brass flourishes and clearly distilled, airy-light vocals that softly weave remarkable stories while unpicking knotted feelings.

Thu 11 Nov



SNAPPED ANKLES

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J1
Price	£16 adv

As those who have witnessed the shamanic ritual of a Snapped Ankles live show will attest, they are a truly unique, communal experience. On tour with a new album, *Forest Of Your Problems*, the band bring their ancient forest rhythms and high-wire, multi-media live act to the J1 stage.

Sat 13 Nov



CÒIG

Time	8pm
Venue	J2
Price	£15 adv

With a fiery Celtic style as its musical core, Atlantic Canada's Còig offers a fresh and exhilarating mix of traditional tunes, lively instrumentals and contemporary songs performed on over a dozen instruments (vocals, fiddles, guitar, banjo, mandolin, viola, bouzouki, whistles, and more) in a lot of non-traditional ways.

Mon 15 Nov



BLACK MIDI

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J1
Price	£17 adv

If the throbbing hellscape of 2021 is supposedly causing many young bands to whimper in existential fear and lick their numerous wounds, no one passed this bleak memo on to black midi. Britain's most exciting and challenging young rock band are back on tour with a phenomenal second album, *Cavalcade*.

DOUBLE BILL: WHOLE & POWER

Wed 17 Nov



Time	7pm
Venue	J2
Price	Pay What You Feel

Emma Spearing: Whole

A dive into the depths of what happens when you lose the person who makes you whole. It's a raw, tender, messy love story, a wound splashed in whiskey and haunted by ghosts.

Charmaine Childs: Power

A circus Strong Lady celebrates the ways we are powerful, even in an uncertain world. Expect a mix of storytelling, circus, comedy and a voiceover soundtrack revealing both strength and struggle.

POWER is optimistic, uplifting, funny, physical and moving.

A double bill by members of our artist network, Troop. 16+

Stobbs Troop New Ideas commissions



Fri 19 & Sat 20 Nov



WHO AM I?

BRIDGET CHRISTIE

Time	7.30pm
Venue	J2
Price	£20

A brand new show from the Edinburgh Comedy Award, Rose D'or and South Bank Sky Arts Award winner, star of her own Netflix special and BBC Radio 4 series, *Bridget Christie Minds the Gap*. 14+

Mon 22 Nov



ISHMAEL COLLECTIVE

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J2 (standing)
Price	£12.50 adv

Helmed by producer and saxophonist Pete Cunningham, Ishmael Ensemble are an explosive new force in UK jazz. They appear at Cambridge Junction on a tour showcasing material from their new album *Visions Of Light*.

DOUBLE BILL: MOTHER CULTURE & THE MEGAN SHOW

Wed 24 Nov



Time	7.30pm
Venue	J2
Price	Pay What You Feel

Urban Foxes: Mother Culture

She looks like shit, the kids are screaming and they have completely sucked her dry. This is a one woman clowning show about the end of the world. It's a breakup story of epic, global MONUMENTAL proportions.

A Stobbs Troop New Ideas commission

Second Circle Theatre: The Megan Show

Flora and her sister Megan are making a show about their family. Megan's language hasn't evolved like everyone else's, so Flora decides to investigate and re-stage their parent's divorce to help Megan get unstuck.

A double bill by members of our artist network, Troop. 14+



Tue 23 Nov



SHAME

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J1
Price	£17 adv

Bursting at the seams with punk energy, with the patter of The Streets, the spittle of Mark E. Smith, and the underground spirit of Eddy Current Suppression Ring, combined with the frenzy, rage and exasperation of their youth. shame appear at Cambridge Junction on a tour supporting their new album *Drunk Tank Pink*.

Thu 25 Nov



CRYCRYKILLKILL

LOUISE ORWIN

Time	7.30pm
Venue	Online
Price	Pay What You Feel

A live, irreverent and explosive at-home cinema experience exploring and deconstructing horror movies through a queer lens. Featuring multiple on-stage live feeds and live scoring, it asks who gets to be the 'Final Girl' and who gets to be the 'Monster'. 16+

Tue 30 Nov



BLACK COUNTRY, NEW ROAD

Time	Doors 7pm
Venue	J1
Price	£14.50 adv

This critically acclaimed 6-piece take their influences from post-hardcore outfits like Shellac, the experimental rock of Oxbow, the brass meets prog-punk of Cardiacs and Georgia the violinist's experiences in Klezmer groups. All this topped off by vocalist Isaac Wood sounding like Steve Albini meets Jarvis Cocker.

ONLINE SHOWS



Since we were unexpectedly forced to close our doors, a lot of the artists we're working with turned their talents to creating digital work, so we're continuing to present exciting digital performance as part of our Autumn season. Keep your eyes peeled for announcements later in the year, but for now be sure to mark dates in your diary for both *Can I Live?* And *CRYCRYKILLKILL*, and have the best seat in the house to take in some ace art from home.

[See website for full details.](#)



If you're living in Cambridge or the East of England and making contemporary performance, Cambridge Junction wants to know!

Troop is our artist development club for performance makers living and working in the region, with benefits and opportunities designed to build the community and quality of artists in the area, and to help develop the local scene. It's a great opportunity to meet other local artists and let projects develop.

Membership costs just £20 for a year for access to all artist development activities and includes **two free tickets** to Theatre and Dance shows.

For full information on the programme and benefits, see junction.co.uk/artist-development

Wed 29 Sep & Thu 07 Oct



SHORT SCRATCHINGS

Time	6.30pm
Venue	J2
Price	Free (ticketed)

A friendly and very informal mixed bill of short works in progress by artists in our network, Troop.

Wed 29 Sep: Amanda Kelleher, Rachel Mariner, Jenny Swindells

Thu 07 Oct: Bar Groisman, Lucas Keen, Alan Seiglow

THE SNOW QUEEN

Wed 08 Dec – Mon 03 Jan



A NIE, CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION AND TOBACCO FACTORY THEATRES CO-PRODUCTION.

Time	Various
Duration	2 hrs
Age	5+
Price	£16.50 (£11 child) Group of 4: Save 15% (max. 2 adults)

Last year it was online but this Christmas we are back with an extended live, in-person family Christmas show!

Join Gerda on her amazing quest to save her best friend Kaj from the Snow Queen in the frozen north. Featuring a broken mirror, wild woods, helpful crows and a bicycling reindeer.

From the makers of *Snow White* and *Beauty and the Beast*, expect a magical show filled with live music and frosty fun.

See website for full details including school, relaxed and BSL interpreted performances.

HOW TO BOOK

INFO & TICKETS

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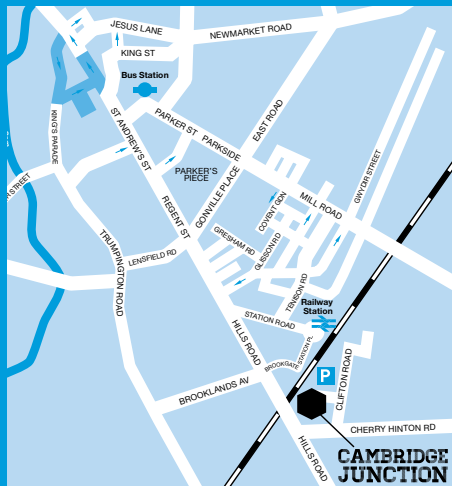
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SEE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT BOX OFFICE OPENING TIMES

All prices shown include a booking fee

INFO

- Cafe/bar open 1 hr before show start times
- Baby change facilities
- Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult
- Safety for audiences will be a number one priority in experiencing great art together. We will be taking the precautions in line with the government guidance at the time.
- Cambridge Junction is fully accessible - if you would like to discuss any access requirement prior to your visit please call 01223 511 511 or visit junction.co.uk



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