

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

Accessible events at Imagine Children's Festival

Imagine Children's Festival is back in 2023! Our half-term festivities include a wide range of inclusive and accessible events for a variety of needs, allowing everyone to experience the very best children's theatre, comedy, music, literature, dance and, most importantly, full-on fun.

The festival features British Sign Language, Makaton, non-verbal and Sensory Adapted performances.

Imagine Children's Festival is a Relaxed festival, meaning that all performances have a relaxed approach to noise and movement in the space, and you are free to enter and exit as needed. A chill-out space and noise-cancelling headphones are also available for both adults and children.



Performance & comedy



Tales from Acorn Wood

WED 8 – FRI 10 FEB

Packed with toe-tapping songs, puppetry and all the friends from Acorn Wood, this live theatre show is based on Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's beloved stories.

The performance on Thursday 9 February at 11am is Sensory Adapted, to be more accessible for audiences with sensory sensitivities.

For ages 1 – 6



Thu 9 Feb, 11am & Fri 10 Feb, 4.30pm



Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish

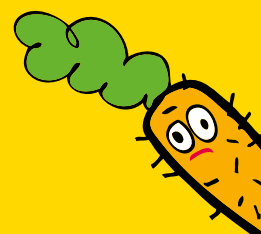
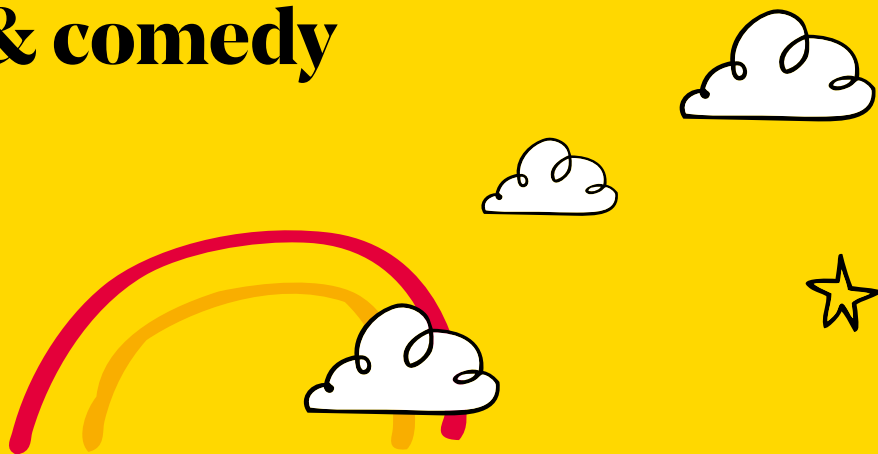
SAT 11 & SUN 12 FEB

This riotous hour is an imaginative adaptation of Michael Foreman's environmental tale, with dancing dinosaurs and fuelled by rock'n'roll.

For ages 3+



Sun 12 Feb, 11.30am





Choogh Choogh: Sensory Adapted

SUN 12 FEB, 11AM

All aboard for a delightful train journey through India, combining classical Indian dance with contemporary movement, theatre and play.

This performance is adapted to be more accessible for audiences with sensory sensitivities. This may include children, young people and adults with neurodivergence such as autism, learning difficulties or other sensory or communication needs.

For ages 3+



Everything Has Changed

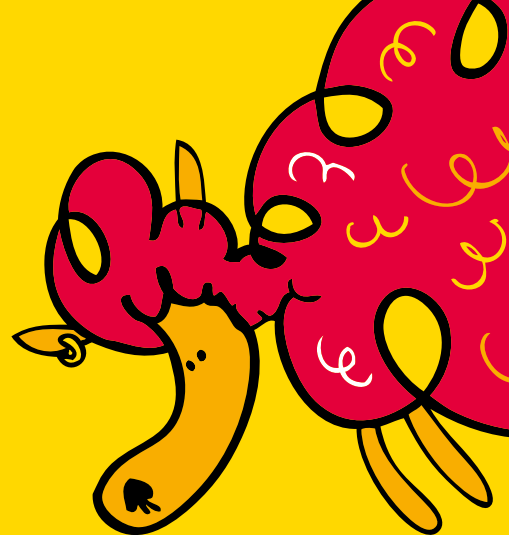
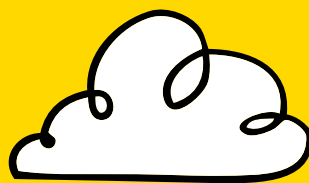
FRI 17 & SAT 18 FEB

A joyful, kaleidoscopic family show about change, why change happens – and how we can deal with it.

For ages 6 – 11



Fri 17 Feb, 11.30am



Hermit

WED 15 & THU 16 FEB

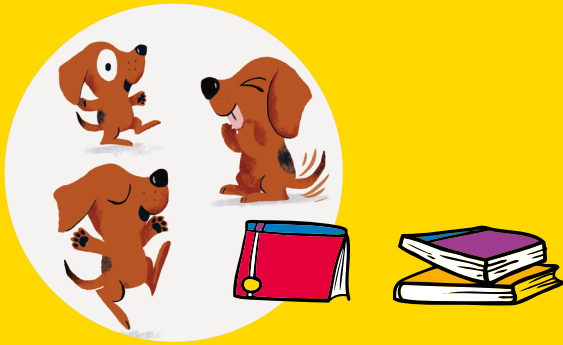
There's a teeny tiny house, but who's inside? An imaginative, interactive show about being alone and coming home.

This performance is non-verbal and suitable for children with English as an additional language or with developing communication skills.

For ages 2 – 6



Awesome authors



Family Fun with Michael Rosen

SAT 11 FEB

The children's author leads a session of stories, poems and rhymes, performing from new book *I Am Happy* and many of his best-loved classics.

For all ages

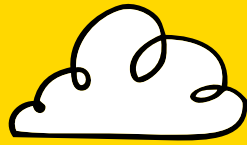


Ben Garrod: EXTINCT

WED 15 FEB

Find out how hurtling asteroids, huge lava fields and even some unexpected garden inhabitants have nearly wiped life from our planet with the TV scientist.

For ages 6+



Magic and Dragons with Cressida Cowell

SUN 12 FEB

Get writing and drawing tips, and hear about the new book, *Which Way to Anywhere*, from Cressida Cowell, creator of the *How to Train Your Dragon* series.

For ages 7+



Super storytellers & poetry



Ashley & Jordan Banjo: The Day We Saved the Future

MON 13 FEB

Get caught up in a time-travelling, world-saving adventure at the launch of a new book by TV personalities and Diversity street dance stars Ashley and Jordan Banjo.

For ages 7+



Kevin & Katie Tsang: Space Blasters

THU 16 FEB

Space Blasters writing duo Katie and Kevin Tsang take you on an interstellar STEM-themed adventure bursting with talk about gadgets, inventions and space facts.

For ages 6+

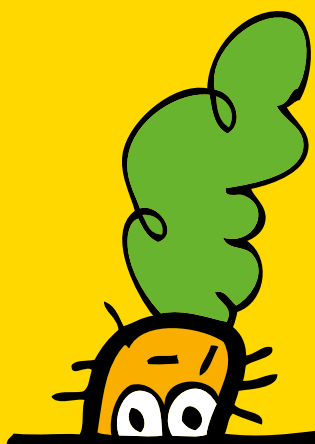


The Brothers McLeod: Knight Sir Louis

THU 16 FEB

Conjure up your very own knight characters in an interactive event with the creators of the Knight Sir Louis book series, and the Circle Square series on Channel 5.

For ages 7+



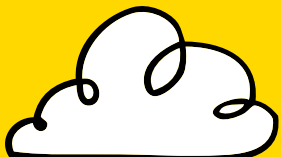
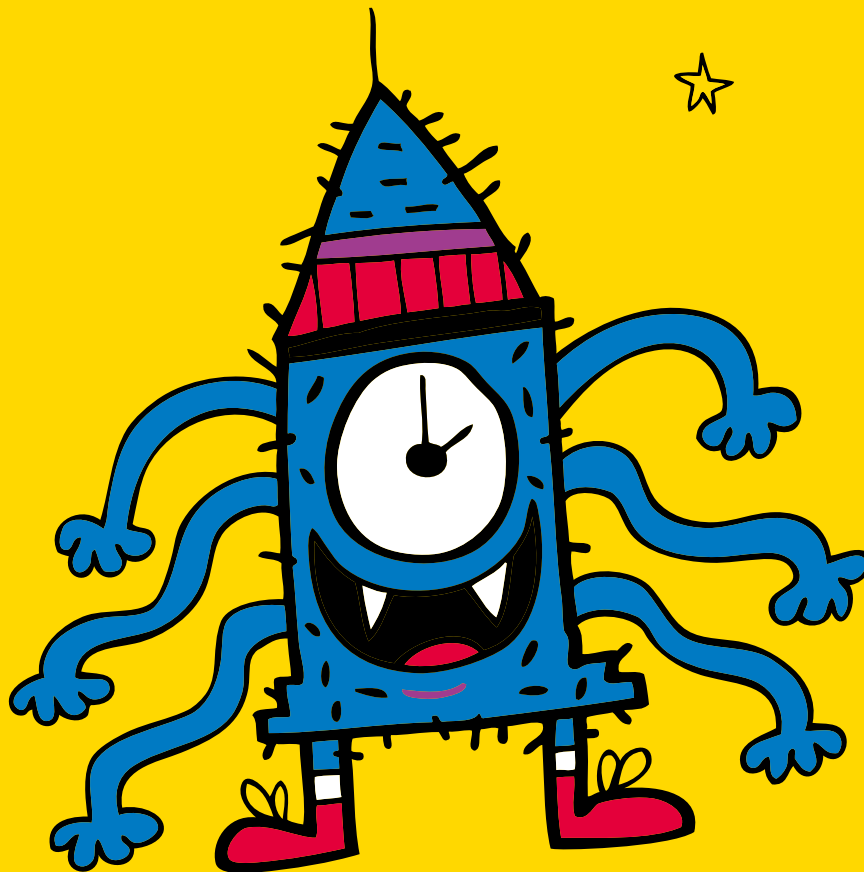
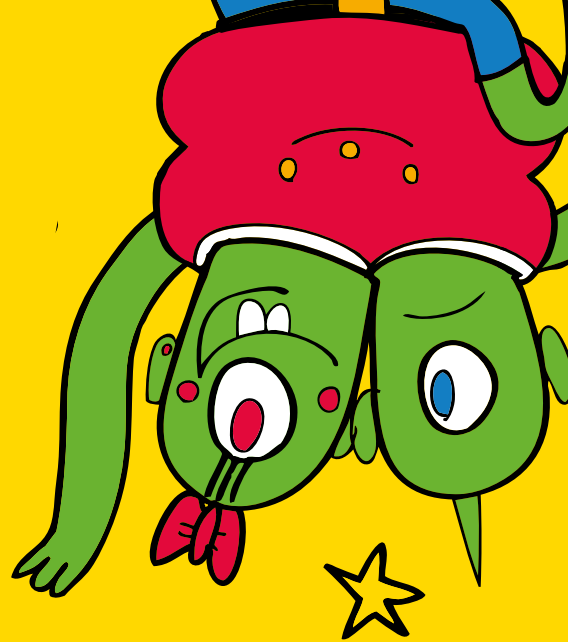


Zanib Mian: Planet Omar & an Ultimate Rocket Blast

THU 16 FEB

Blast off with children's author Zanib Mian, at an interactive event celebrating the fifth book in the Planet Omar series.

For ages 7+



Free family fun



Rise and Fall

THU 9 FEB

Rise and Fall is a playful performance for children, and a relaxing experience for adults, exploring balloons – from small floating moons to vast bouncing orbs.

Rise and Fall is a non-verbal show. This makes it accessible to a range of children and adults, including d/Deaf and hard of hearing people, and non-English speakers.

For ages 2 – 5



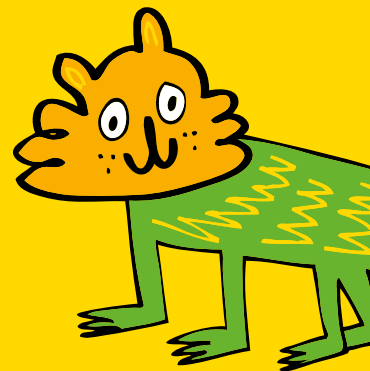
Lunchbox Jukebox

SAT 11 – FRI 17 FEB

Every lunchtime we're handing over the reins to you and asking for your favourite tunes to soundtrack the snacking.



Sun 12 & Fri 17 Feb, 12.30pm



Rhymes LIVE

FRI 10 FEB

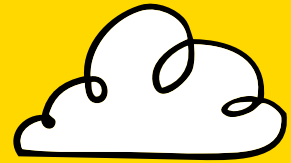
Meet instruments, sounds, songs, colours and a few animals in an interactive show from the London Rhymes team.

For ages 0 – 5



Fri 10 Feb, 2pm





Play Unlimited with The Herd: Sensory Adapted

SAT 11 FEB

Play in a room full of stuff, where anything can happen, in an environment specially adapted for those with sensory sensitivities.

This performance is designed to be more accessible for audiences with sensory sensitivities. This may include children, young people and adults with neurodivergence such as autism, learning difficulties or other sensory or communication needs.

For all ages



The Marvellous Myth Hunter

SUN 12 FEB

Love heroes, monsters and mythical tales? Dust off your maps and strap on your jetpacks for a journey around the world at our free storytelling event.

For ages 5+



Sun 12 Feb, 1.30pm



Wellbeing Wind-Down

SUN 12 – FRI 17 FEB

Using simple yoga, concentration and mindfulness exercises, these daily wind-downs help families manage stress while encouraging children's creativity.

For ages 5+



Fri 17 Feb, 3.30pm





Top Draw

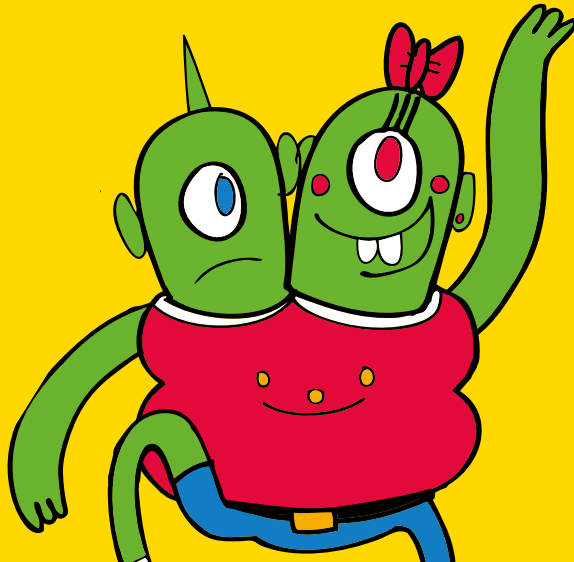
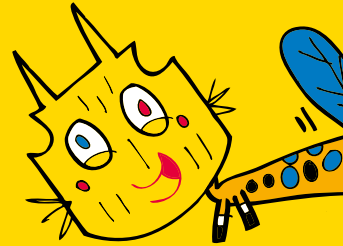
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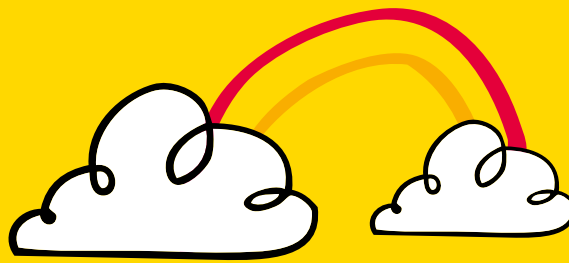
Pens, felt-tips and pencils at the ready!
Journey with us on an ink-filled day of
illustration and storytelling.

For ages 5+



Fri 17 Feb, 1.30pm





How to book

Online

southbankcentre.co.uk/imagine*
To book tickets for BSL-interpreted performances, email accesslist@southbankcentre.co.uk

By phone

020 3879 9555*
*Booking fees apply online (£3.50) and over the phone (£4). There are no booking fees for in-person bookings, Southbank Centre Members and Supporters Circles.

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British Sign Language interpreted



Makaton

Getting here

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and Stamford Street

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Hermit © Simone De Jong & Moon Saris

Everything Has Changed © Alex Brenner and Guy Sanders

Family Fun with Michael Rosen © Robert Starling

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