

# LIGHT UP 6-8 NOV LANCASTER

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## IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE

THURSDAY 6 - SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 5pm-10pm

LANCASTER CITY CENTRE

Light Up Lancaster is a magical light-art trail, with enchanting artworks and beautiful installations to discover across the city's streets and squares.

This year's theme, In The Blink Of An Eye, shapes a festival of illusion and change, with fun, engaging and clever artworks. It's all about transience - even the things we think are always going to be the same. But, as a wise saying goes - thanks to impermanence everything is possible!

All the artworks and installations are FREE to enjoy and perfect for all the family.

Everything will be beautifully lit and there to explore throughout the festival on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 5pm to 10pm.

Plus there will be a tempting food market in Market Square, curated by Food Futures - the perfect opportunity to visit the festival after school or work, and grab a bite to eat before exploring.

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# LANCASTER CASTLE




EXPERIENCE A FESTIVAL OF SHAPESHIFTING, ILLUSION AND EVER CHANGING 'THE BLINK OF AN EYE'

www.lancastercastle.com

### By The Light of Our Losses by: idontloveyouanymore

OUR FREEDOM: THEN & NOW

This beautiful, reflective project at Light Up Lancaster is supported by part-funding from Our Freedom: Then & Now, and is a unique example of a creative response to the national project.

Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage's new poem for the project, asks: 'where can they find Freedom Road, we don't say turn right by the church, left by the bank, we stroll where we want and live as we please. And there it is.'

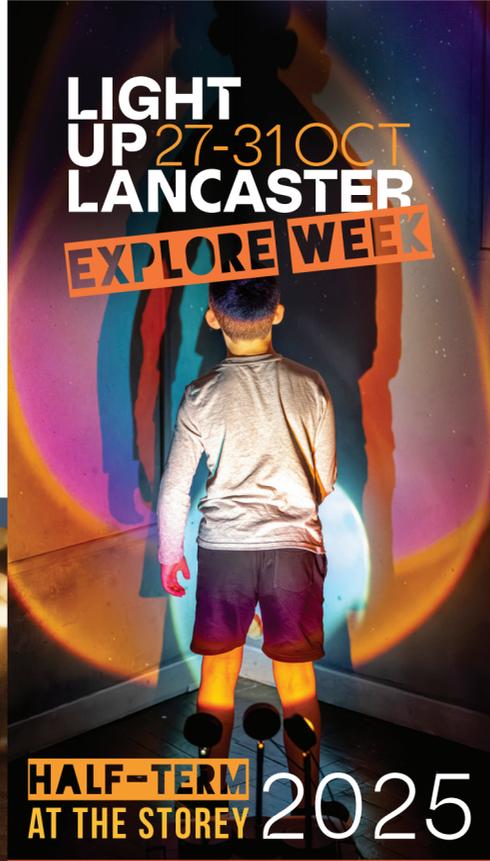
By The Light of Our Losses also asks you to 'stroll where you want' to discover a heartfelt monument to all things lost - an invitation to pause and reflect.

The trail of lightbulbs, each inscribed with individual messages, will reach Moor Space at The Dukes, where draping festoons of the lights reflect stories of loss, liberation and resolve.

The legacy continues beyond Light Up Lancaster at www.ourlostthings.com



# LIGHT UP 27-31 OCT LANCASTER EXPLORE WEEK



## HALF-TERM AT THE STOREY 2025

FUN AND EXCITING SESSIONS

FAMILY FRIENDLY FREE EVENT

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# WILLIAMSON PARK LANCASTER

COME AND VISIT OUR MINI ZOO & BUTTERFLY HOUSE AT WILLIAMSON PARK - OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND!

Adult: £5  
Child: £3.50 (under-5s free)  
Family of 4: £16.50  
Concessions/Students: £4

NEW REFRESHMENT STALLS NOW OPEN!

Refresh & Refuel! Enjoy hot and cold drinks, tasty snacks, ice cream and indulgent desserts.

Located at the bottom of the historic Memorial Steps.



# FRIENDS OF LANCASTER LIBRARY

## AFTER DARK: LIGHT UP CAFÉ

COME AND RELAX AFTER DARK AT THE LIBRARY CAFÉ - DISCOVER ASTONISHINGLY GOOD CAKES AND SOME SURPRISING FINDS IN AMONGST THE BOOKSHELVES!

6 PM - 9 PM  
6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> NOV  
LANCASTER LIBRARY MARKET SQUARE




# Lancaster University

Connected to Our Communities

## Supporting Light Up Lancaster

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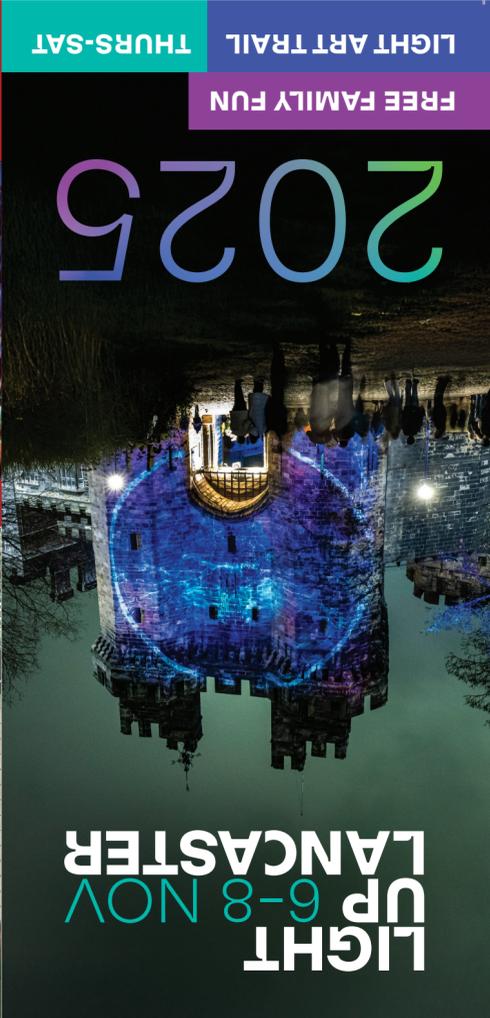


Contemporary Garden Buildings



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FREE FAMILY FUN LIGHT ART TRAIL THURS-SAT



# DID YOU KNOW?

Lancaster's historic buildings and city centre squares will be illuminated with festival artworks, but you'll also find installations in some unexpected places too!

Look out for the storytelling lightbulbs of By The Light Of Our Losses across the city, visit the canal basin near the Water Witch, or make your way up to beautiful Williamson Park to discover some surprising and mesmerising installations.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

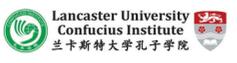
Let us know what you thought of the festival for the chance to win £100 worth of High Street Vouchers



# Lancaster University Confucius Institute

Understanding China - Mandarin language classes  
Cultural experiences  
Business support  
School visits

Contact us at ci@lancaster.ac.uk



# LOVE LANCASTER Christmas

## Fantastic Family Friendly Events

Every Sunday from Christmas lights switch on  
23rd November - 14th December

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# THE SNOW QUEEN

21 NOVEMBER - 31 DECEMBER 2025

01524 598500 | tickets@dukeslancaster.org | dukeslancaster.org

# Room Hire

Looking for the perfect venue to host your next conference, meeting, exhibition, or lecture?

The Storey is the place for you!

Get in touch to find out more about our rooms and offers...

events@lancaster.gov.uk  
01524 582226



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OUR FREEDOM: THEN & NOW

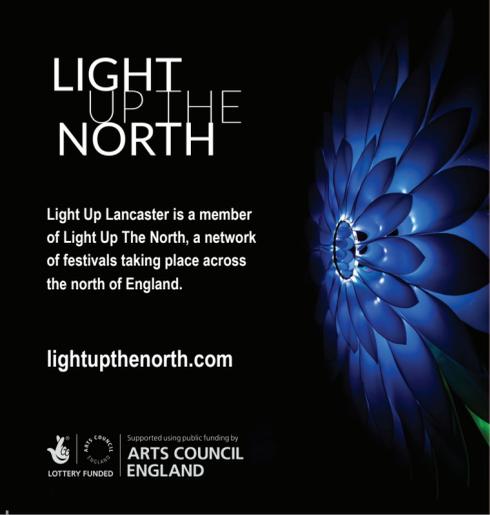
CLOSING LOGOS

Pots of Possibility

# LIGHT UP THE NORTH

Light Up Lancaster is a member of Light Up The North, a network of festivals taking place across the north of England.

lightupthenorth.com



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Brand Digital Marketing

## Champion and marketing partner of Light Up Lancaster

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# SHINE AND CELEBRATE

From light trails to Viking tales, music, markets and magic - each season brings a celebration, where creativity dances through streets, parks, and buildings steeped in memory.

LANCASTER + MORECAMBE BAY

Discover. Create. Share.



# SUE BRIDGES

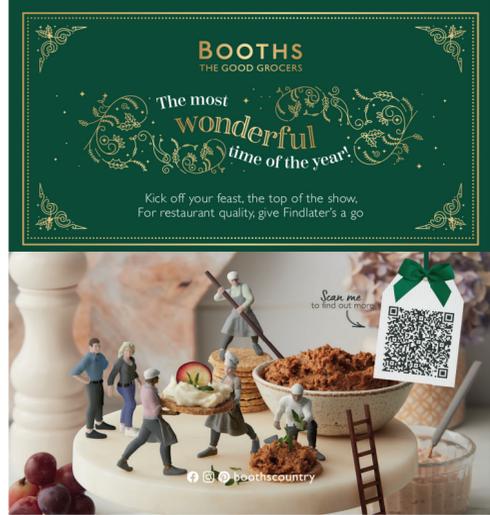
ESTATE AGENTS

Proud to be supporting Light Up Lancaster

# BOOTH'S THE GOOD GROCERS

The most wonderful time of the year!

Kick off your feast, the top of the show. For restaurant quality, give Findlater's a go



# OUR SUPPORTERS

Light Up the North, Friends of the Storey Gardens, LESS: Promoting Sustainable Living, SilverDoor, Lancaster Priory, Friends of Lancaster Library, St Nic's Arcades, The Borough, Canal & River Trust, Swift Scaffolding, Williamson Park, EDF, The Water Witch, The Merchants 1688.

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Designed by Hotfoot Design



### THE STOREY (GALLERY) 1

#### Shadowplay: Dark and Light Joseph Lindley and Roger Whitham

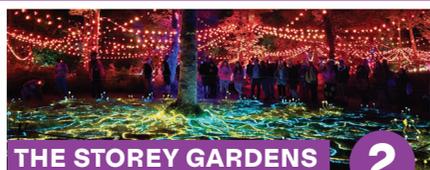
Become a digital alchemist and puppet master of light and dark. Shadowplay: Dark and Light blurs the line between human and machine creativity. No two moments will ever be the same as you take part in a playful intersection of light, dark, movement, and cutting-edge AI technology.



### THE STOREY (MUSIC ROOM) 1

#### The Sky That Changes Millie-Beth Wright

A dreamlike ceiling projection inviting audiences to lie back and watch shifting stories of light. From lanterns of the Mooncakes Festival to neon nights and flickering fireflies, each chapter reflects on how fleeting glowing moments connect us yet also reminds us that nothing lasts forever.



### THE STOREY GARDENS 2

#### Mycelium – Living Connections By Stevie Thompson

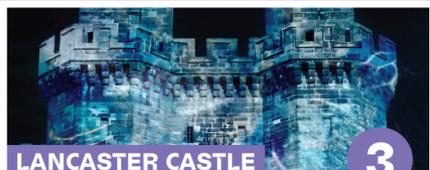
A luminous, ground-based installation inspired by underground fungal networks. Audiences activate gentle pulses of light through touch and movement — momentary signals that echo the fleeting nature of connection. Like the mycelium itself, the artwork quietly responds, then fades, leaving only traces of shared presence.



### LANCASTER CASTLE WALL 3A

#### Molecular Clouds By Daksha Patel

This beautiful, interactive projection reveals invisible greenhouse gases as ephemeral and colourful molecular forms. It invites audiences to reach out and 'touch' them - removing them from the atmosphere. An engaging, playful and collective way to experience climate change themes.



### LANCASTER CASTLE 3

#### Still Waters Run Deep By James Hooton, Diego Moral Pombo

Experience Lancaster Castle's John O'Gaunt Gate transformed into a living glacier. Through rhythmic animation and a musical score crafted from the sounds of glacial movement, the artwork challenges our understanding of stillness by revealing the hidden significance and motion of glaciers. The impermanence of these immense structures has a global impact on us all.



### LANCASTER CASTLE 3

#### Veil By artist: Flolux

An immersive laser light and sound installation, bringing to life Lancashire's voices, songs and stories-celebrating its people and history. Light and sound flow together in a poetic, multisensory experience for all ages. The soundscape features works by poet Ethel Holdsworth, oral histories from the Elizabeth Roberts archive and balladist Jennifer Reid. (Created using Liberation Laser Software).



### WILLIAMSON PARK 12

#### Things That Light Up Things That Go On Things

A beautiful, ever-changing, colourful pathway – an artwork that doubles as a route to other artworks. Site-responsive, atmospheric and clever, Things That Light Up has been created to generate a glowing corridor with maximum sustainability. Please use Wyresdale Road Entrance to Williamson Park



### WILLIAMSON PARK 12

#### Fading Sophie Laly

A beautiful video installation featuring the appearance of a house, projected full scale. Twilight reveals the subtle change of the landscape: light fades, night falls, the house appears and disappears again at sunrise.

Be immersed in the landscape - becoming part of the scene as darkness falls...

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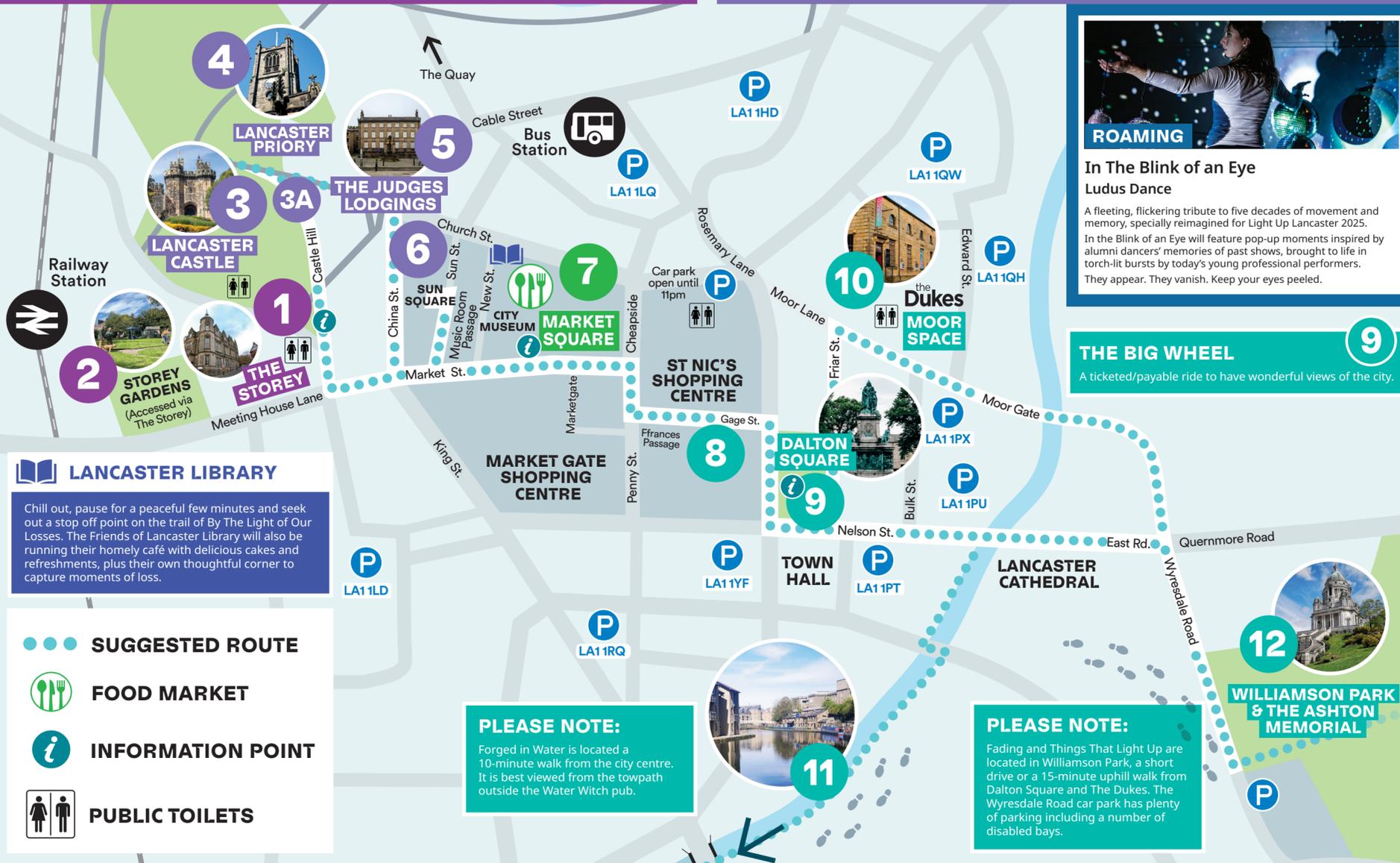


### LANCASTER CANAL 11

#### Forged In Water Limbic Cinema

Exploring the surreal world of artificial reefs. Holographic-style visuals depicting human-made structures beneath the ocean are revealed on transparent, airborne water particles, creating an ethereal and immersive display.

These otherworldly seascapes are brought to life through sound design, music, and animation.



**LANCASTER LIBRARY**  
Chill out, pause for a peaceful few minutes and seek out a stop off point on the trail of By The Light of Our Losses. The Friends of Lancaster Library will also be running their homely café with delicious cakes and refreshments, plus their own thoughtful corner to capture moments of loss.

- SUGGESTED ROUTE**
- FOOD MARKET**
- INFORMATION POINT**
- PUBLIC TOILETS**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Forged in Water is located a 10-minute walk from the city centre. It is best viewed from the towpath outside the Water Witch pub.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Fading and Things That Light Up are located in Williamson Park, a short drive or a 15-minute uphill walk from Dalton Square and The Dukes. The Wyresdale Road car park has plenty of parking including a number of disabled bays.



### STARTING AT THE DUKES 10

#### BSL Interpreted Tours of the Festival Martin Glover

Specialist facilitator Martin Glover offers British Sign Language (BSL) guided tours of the artworks and installations, highlighting their meanings and the processes behind their creation. NB: this BSL tour (no spoken English) that is aimed at deaf, hard-of-hearing BSL users and fluent friends. Scan QR to book. Saturday 8 Nov | 5pm or 7.30pm. Each tour lasts up to 2 hours.



### THE DUKES, MOOR SPACE 10

#### By The Light of Our Losses idontloveyouanymore

A monument to all things lost. Collecting and sharing real losses from real people, with an invitation to find, to share and to celebrate each other's lost things, however big or small, mundane or ephemeral. Scan QR or visit ourlostthings.com Commissioned by Light Up Lancaster, The Space and The Dukes as part of Our Freedom Project. Sound Design by WeMakeAudio



### DALTON SQUARE 9

#### Dear Joan... imitating the dog

As nighttime falls, an old man is penning a letter when he gets an unexpected visitor – one that he can't ignore. Author CS Lewis wrote over 10,000 letters in his lifetime, many of them to children. One of them was Joan. Surely, there's always time for one more word of advice...



### GAGE STREET 8

#### Peddie's Chocolate Shop Illuminos

In 1950 Illuminos's Grandfather, Bob Peddie, opened a chocolate shop at 191 Blackburn Road, Accrington. Now 75 years later, in a magical installation, Peddie's Chocolate Shop has returned once again. Step inside the shop as boxes come alive with the creation of confectionery and wondrous tales.



### MARKET SQUARE 7

#### Night Food Market

Visit Market Square and enjoy hot food, cakes and drinks on offer from a local street food market. Grab supper from the stalls or surrounding shops, sit in our outdoor dining space and enjoy DJ sets or Bhangra dance and drumming performances.



### MARKET SQUARE 7

#### Preston City Mela

Friday 7pm - Bollywood and Traditional Light Dance performance Saturday 7:30pm - Bhangra and Dhol performance Preston City Mela will add a riot of vibrant, colourful music and dance. Their team will captivate audiences in Market Square with their distinctive, joyful, live performances with a chance to dance along with the professionals. Bhangra is a pulsating, high energy mix of Bhangra Dancers & Dhol drummers - one of the most used instruments played at celebrations and at festivals.