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What is Hat Fair?

Hat Fair is an Outdoors Arts festival that takes place every summer across the historic city of Winchester. The festival takes its name from the busking tradition of throwing money into a hat at the end of a performance.

Hat Fair is organised by the arts and education charity Play to the Crowd, which also runs Playmakers and Theatre Royal Winchester.

What is Hat Fair Carnival?

Hat Fair opens with a burst of riotous colour and costumes as hundreds of children from local schools, and community groups, parade along Winchester's High Street in our Hat Fair Carnival.

'Look Back, Look Forward, Look Up!'

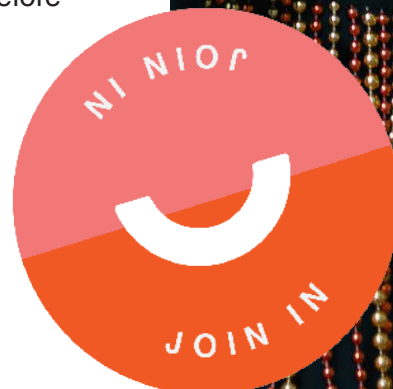
Hat Fair returns in summer 2024 and Hat Fair Carnival will take place on Fri 5 July at 1pm. This year we are celebrating Hat Fair's 50th Anniversary with our theme 'Look Back, Look Forward, Look Up!'. We will be 'Looking back' at past Hat Fair artists, 'Looking up' at acrobats and aerial acts and 'Looking forward' to sustainable costumes, robotics and imagination.

We have an amazing opportunity for a limited number of schools and community groups to take part.

We have once again teamed up with The New Carnival Company, a pioneering arts development organisation based on the Isle of Wight specialising in carnival and outdoor public celebrations, to deliver this project.

From February to July 2024 we will be offering sessions alongside The New Carnival Company for teachers, group leaders, and practitioners, covering basic costume-making, backpack creation, and prototyping.

Participants will create costumes specifically for the parade, before participating in Hat Fair Carnival 2024 in July.



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Training, development & taking part

This year Playmakers is offering expert training with The New Carnival Company in the following for teachers and practitioners to take part in:

- Basic Costume Making Skills, Thu 1 Feb 2024, 10am-5pm
In person at Theatre Royal Winchester
- Backpacks and Additional Costume Making Workshop, Thu 22 Feb 2024, 10am-5pm
In person, venue tbc, Winchester City Centre venue.
- Prototyping your Carnival Costume Thu 21 or Fri 22 March 2024.
Each group will be allocated 1x 3-hour session.
In person at Theatre Royal Winchester
- Teachers and Community leaders will also receive support throughout the process from Playmakers.

All training is included. We are happy to discuss support with the cost of materials to make costumes. We do not want the cost of materials to be a barrier to you taking part so please do email Hannah (details below) with any questions.

What will participants achieve?

- Participants will have the opportunity to produce costumes and take part in the Hat Fair Carnival 2024.
- Participants will have the opportunity to develop their creativity in the design and making of their costumes.

The sessions for participants (approx. 6-8 hours) can be delivered to fit in with your group's timetable - 1 day sessions, weekly sessions, or after school/group sessions. Whatever works best for you. Please find the full schedule on the final page.

Groups will receive an illustrated guide inspiring costume design, aligned with the theme 'Look Back, Look Forward, Look Up!' Encouraging participants to identify their inspiration, the support extends to crafting bespoke costumes that reflect their choices.

If you would like to take part, or if you would like further information or an informal chat about the project, contact Hannah Jones, Engagement Producer.

- **Email: hannah.j@playtothecrowd.co.uk**
- **Call: 01962 673 753**

What is Arts Award?

Arts Award is a UK qualification for young people aged 5 to 25, fostering artistic and creative development. The program aims to inspire creativity, build confidence, and provide a structured framework for engaging with and appreciating the arts.

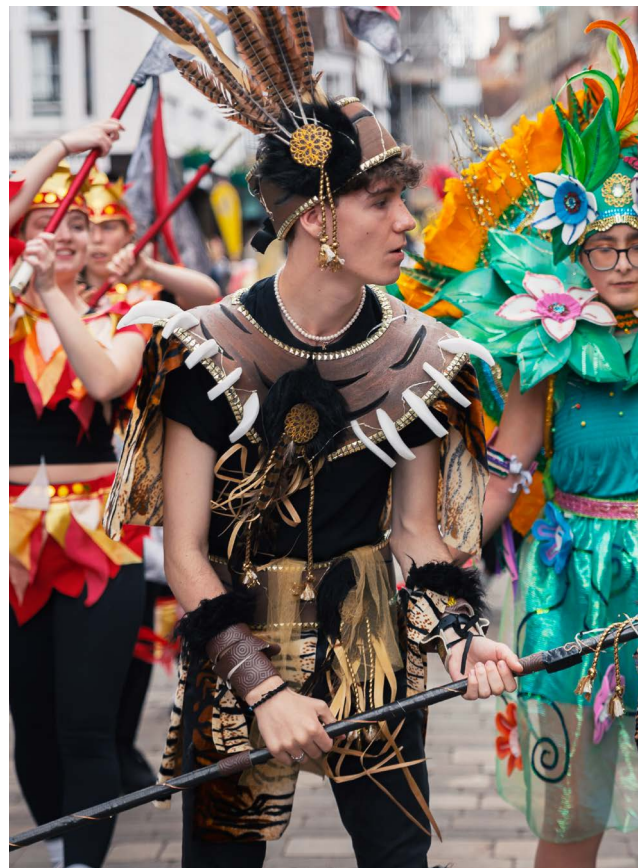
Arts Award Discover

If you are interested in your participants using their participation in the 2024 Hat Fair Carnival towards Arts Award Discover, please let us know when you sign up. Play to the Crowd is an Arts Award Centre and we have trained assessors to support you.

The Schedule

Date/Time	Item	Details	Content
Thursday 1 February 2024	<p>Basic Carnival Costume Making Skills 1 full day, 10-5pm</p> <p>Delivered by: The New Carnival Company</p> <p>Location: Theatre Royal Winchester</p> <p>Numbers: you can invite other teachers / leaders / teaching staff / parents / carers to take part and develop their skills too!</p> <p>N.B. the lead teacher/group leader must attend this session</p>	<p>A friendly, fun introduction to Carnival - what makes a good carnival costume and how you will inspire your participants to create their own, vibrant and inspiring costumes.</p> <p>No prior experience necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the history of Carnival. What makes a good Carnival costume. How to design a Carnival costume. Get ready to deliver an Inspiration Session which engages your participants with this year's Hat Fair Carnival theme 'Look Back, Look Forward, Look Up!'
Thursday 22 February 2024	<p>Carnival Backpacks and additional Costume Making Skills 1 full day, 10-5pm</p> <p>Delivered by: The New Carnival Company</p> <p>Location : TBC (Winchester City Centre Venue)</p> <p>Numbers: you can invite other teachers / leaders/teaching staff /parents /carers to take part and develop their skills too!</p> <p>N.B. the lead teacher/group leader must attend this session</p>	<p>This one-day workshop will focus on how to extend costumes from the body and explore additional costume making techniques.</p> <p>Prior experience is helpful but not essential.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extending costumes from the body Additional progressive costumes making skills Get ready to deliver to participants.
February - March 2023 (you decide)	<p>Inspiration and prototyping session 2 hour session</p> <p>Delivered by: Participating teachers and community leaders</p> <p>Location: In your own school or community group</p> <p>Deadline for designs: Thursday 14 March 2024</p>	<p>You will deliver a workshop for your participants, generating costume ideas, using what you've learned so far.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the excitement and background of Carnival with your participants. Work with your participants. to design your groups unique Carnival costume responding to this year's theme 'Look Back, Look Forward, Look Up!' Submit your designs to the New Carnival Company who will develop these into a vibrant, achievable model which you will work through with them in the prototyping session.
21 or 22 March 2024 If we have more than 4 groups prototyping, we will need to deliver over the two days.	<p>Prototyping your Carnival Costumes 3 hour session</p> <p>Delivered by: The New Carnival Company</p> <p>Location: Theatre Royal Winchester</p>	<p>Each group is offered a 3 hour time slot to prototype their costumes with The New Carnival Company.</p> <p>Group leaders will be supported to transfer costume ideas into reality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the model that the New Carnival Company has created based on your groups unique costume design You will leave the session with an example costume you have made using the model Create patterns and templates ready for your workshops Experiment and problem solve using the mode Help and guidance with ordering material for costumes
April - May 2024	<p>Making sessions Approx. make time 6-8 hours</p> <p>Delivered by: Teachers and Community Leaders</p> <p>Location: In your own school or community group</p>	<p>Making sessions can be delivered in different ways to suit your individual school's needs and timetable. You will explore options with the New Carnival Company during the prototyping session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants will have patterns and templates to work from, created by New Carnival Company.

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May - June 2024	Troubleshooting /support visit Delivered by: The New Carnival Company & Playmakers	The New Carnival Company and Playmakers will be available for advice and support to work through any issues so that you have everything you need in place for the Carnival.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tailored support, based on individual group needs
Fri 5 July 2024, 1pm	Hat Fair Carnival	More details to follow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants. take part in Winchester's magical, vibrant Hat Fair Carnival sharing the results of all of your hard work with communities from across the city.



For further details about how you can join in and get creative visit playmakers.org.uk