



Programme 2024

Marina Performances

Fun-packed, family-friendly performances throughout the day. No need to book. Turn up and watch.

The Crew by Fabularium • 11.15am & 2.30pm

Fabularium are back with their brand-new show, The Crew. This fast-paced family show will take you on an adventurous journey with original songs, superb musicianship, and awe-inspiring physical theatre. Follow the tale of two storm-riddled shipwrecks, two ancient cultures, and two people who must rely on each other to navigate their way to safety. It's a perfect fit for Harbour Fest.

Teabreak by Trigger • 12pm, 2pm & 4 pm

Take a well-deserved Teabreak with this heartwarming new show. As you enjoy your cup of tea, experience a transportive audio and live dance performance that takes you through the history and ritual of tea. This unique performance will leave you feeling refreshed and enlightened.

The Parade by Autin Dance Theatre • 1pm & 3pm

Don't miss the parade of the Giant Wheel, now with community performers. This large-scale moving performance features a Giant Wheel powered by six professional performers and a community cast of local participants, celebrating individual identities and local communities in a spectacular display.

Trunks by Gary 'Gacko' Bridgens • 4.15pm

Join Gary 'Gacko' Bridgens and his delightful collection of songs, tales, and routines. Meet Gacko, the Royal Troubadour of Piel Island, and his trusty perambulator of performance, Dolly. Enjoy a charming and family-friendly show full of curious cargo.

The Harbour Fest Music Hub

Come to the Hub, have a boogie with Folk Jam Remix, and listen to local choirs, performers, and acts programmed by Soundwave.

Ceilidh Jam by Folk Dance Remix • 11am & 1pm

Get ready to dance with Ceilidh Jam. This unique, funky social dance event blends traditional folk formations with street dance and freestyle moves. From the Soul Train Line to the Electric Slide, it's an inclusive and energetic experience.

DisChord Choir • 12.15

Shift Takeover!

Holly Brooker • 2.30pm

Gumshoe • 3.15pm

Danny Dunnery • 4.15

Street Performances along the Promenade

Throughout the day, there will be a series of walkabouts and street performers, including the following:

The Song Smith
Reckless Invention - Pedalo
Rag Tag Puppets
Gary Bridgens

Art, Craft and Literary Actives

There will be a series of art, craft and literary activities throughout the day.

Handpicked Productions

Unleash your creativity by making a massive fish head hat and parade around the Harbour. Whether funny, whimsical, or scary, your fish head hat will showcase your unique style. Join the fun and see the Harbour come alive with a sea of Mahoosive Fish Heeds.

National Trust

Help create a collective macrame masterpiece. Macrame is an art form where textiles are made using knotting techniques. Sailors have used macrame knots for centuries to create nets, hammocks, ropes, and even decorative items for their ships. Artist Morwenna Muir from Knotted Wood Studios will show you how to tie simple knots so that you can help create a macrame piece of art, which will grow and grow as the day develops. If you can tie your shoelaces, you can do macrame!

Florence

Find out how rope is made with our expert from Ropework UK. Ian Outram from ROPEWORK-UK developed an interest in rope work while working in the Ships Riggers with the Fishermen of Fleetwood, Lancashire. For over 40 years, his experience creating rope solutions to everyday challenges in work and play has been based on his passion for preserving the heritage of rope work, its materials, and its way of working.

KIND Creatives

The KIND project, ran by Rosehill aims to unite communities, support well-being, and help to reduce isolation across Whitehaven and surrounding areas.

Big Draw

Join Rob and Anne to create pavement, blackboard and stencil art.

Snippets

Trimmed from conversations overheard in places where people meet and gather in Whitehaven, Rosehill's poet-in-residence, Emma McGordon has created this original piece of writing that invites you to witness the beauty of ordinary life in our town.

Harbour Memories

Sit back and listen to residents of Whitehaven sharing their memories of the Harbour. Stefan Escreet from Ragged Edged Productions recorded the audio during various social events organised by the KIND project in recent months.

Do you have memories of the Harbour you would like to share with others? Take a moment to jot down a few words.

Coffee Cuplets

Rosehill's poet-in-residence Emma McGordon, as part of the KIND project, wanted to spread some playful Kindness and fun throughout Harbour Fest. Buy a drink from The Coffee Man and see what 'Couplet' you get. It's a little surprise with your brew!

Community stalls and food. King Street markets and harbour information

Throughout the day, we will have a range of community stalls, food vendors and local harbour information, including Cumbria Wildlife Trust, The Beacon Museum, The Rum Story, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project, and RNLI.

TEG Retail will host a special local entrepreneur's market on King Street, and further along on St James Square, there will be a vintage Car rally.