

New Annual 2026 - Event Accessibility & Content Warning Information

Welcome to the New Annual Accessibility & Content Warning information.

Please Note: The information on this page serves as an overview of planned accessibility offerings and content information. Program details and session times may occasionally shift. Please visit the individual show pages on our website for the most up-to-date ticket availability, booking links, and real-time updates regarding accessibility services.

Key Highlights & Specific Accessible Sessions



Auslan Interpreted Performances

First Night Art Party (Fri 25 Sept) – Official Welcome ceremony only (Laman St outdoor precinct).

Fast Fashun | Curtain Call: Strut Your Stuff (Sat 26 Sept, 10am–2pm & Sat 3 Oct, 10:00am–2:00pm) – Museum Park.

AUTO-TUNE: regroup performance collective (Fri 2 Oct, 7:00pm) – The Playhouse.

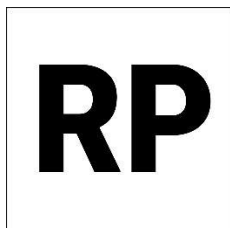
Triceratop: Lingua Franca (Sat 3 Oct, 4:00pm) – University House.

Press Play: Tantrum Youth Arts (Sat 3 October, 1:00pm) – The Playhouse.



Audio Description

Fast Fashun / Curtain Call: Strut Your Stuff (Sat 26 Sept, 10am–2pm) – Audio Description provided.



Relaxed & Low Sensory Sessions

Fast Fashun | Curtain Call: Strut Your Stuff (Sun 27 Sept & Sun 4 Oct, 10am–2pm) – Dedicated Low Sensory Sundays (Museum Park).

Triceratop: Lingua Franca (Sun 4 Oct, 4:00pm) – Dedicated Relaxed Performance (University House).

Press Play: Tantrum Youth Arts (Thurs 1 Oct - Sat 3 Oct, 10:00am and 1:00pm) – Relaxed Performances (The Playhouse).

Support Person / Assistance Available

Fast Fashun Weekday Workshops (Tue 29 Sept – Thu 1 Oct) – Dedicated support person present to assist participants (McIntyre Theatrette, Newcastle Museum).

Shows with Specific Content Warnings

Show Title	Age Rating	Content & Sensory Warnings
Loca Vida	18+	Strobe lighting, smoke/haze effects, coarse language.
AUTO-TUNE	15+	Flashing lights, loud noise, coarse language, adult themes.
Truck Driver	16+	Adult themes, drug references, sexual references.
Through the Lens of Tony Mott (Talk)	15+ (with adult)	Coarse language, references to sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll.
Sea Stories	14+	Audio/Hearing Note: This is an immersive audio-listening experience and may not be suitable for people who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing.
Wansolmoana Lunar Assembly	12+	Physical Note: Involves entering the water at Newcastle Ocean Baths. Attendees should be confident in open water or able to use the access ramp unassisted.

Complete Show-by-Show Access & Content Directory

Below is the full listing of all festival shows, including physical wheelchair accessibility, sensory notes, and age ratings:

All In

Venue: Newcastle City Hall - Concert Hall

Age Rating: 12+

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

At Sea

Venue: Canoe Pool

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible outdoor venue.

AUTO-TUNE

Venue: The Playhouse

Age Rating: 15+

Content Warnings: Coarse language, flashing lights, loud noise, adult themes.

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible venue. **Auslan Interpreted:** Friday 2 Oct at 7:00pm. Captioning TBC.

Behind the Curtain: Backstage Tours 2026

Venue: Civic Theatre

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Venue accessible (backstage tour routes may include stairs, contact box office for specific mobility requirements).

Bizarre Newcastle: A Night of Film and Music

Venue: King Street

Age Rating: 18+

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

Bloom

Venue: Charlestown Square

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

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Venue: Civic Theatre

Age Rating: 12+

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

Damien Frost & Edwina Richards Photography Workshop

Venue: Watt Space Gallery

Age Rating: 16+

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

Fast Fashun / Curtain Call: Strut Your Stuff

Venue: Museum Park (Outdoors) & McIntyre Theatrette (Newcastle Museum)

Age Rating: All Ages / Family Friendly (Workshops: 4–12 years with adult)

Accessibility: Fully wheelchair accessible.

Auslan Interpreted: Sat 26 Sept (10am–2pm) & Sat 3 Oct (TBC).

Audio Described: Sat 26 Sept (10am–2pm).

Low Sensory Sessions: Sun 27 Sept & Sun 4 Oct (10am–2pm).

Support Person: Available during weekday workshops.

First Night Art Party

Venue: Laman St Precinct (Outdoor Activation)

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Flat concrete pathways. Temporary accessible toilets and event infrastructure provided. Auslan present for Official Welcome ceremony.

Global Table

Venue: Wheeler Place

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible outdoor venue.

Grumble Boogie

Venue: Watt Space Gallery

Age Rating: 15+

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible venue.

Izabela Pluta : Cavitation (Exhibition & Installation)

Venue: Canoe Pool & The Lock-Up Contemporary Arts Space

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

Lenny's Country

Venue: Nan's Place, Carrington Foreshore

Age Rating: All Ages / Family Friendly

Accessibility: Outdoor foreshore area. Contact Curious Legends directly for tailored access needs.

Loca Vida

Venue: Spiegeltent (Civic Park)

Age Rating: 18+

Content Warnings: Smoke effects, coarse language, strobe lighting.

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible venue.

Mr Squiggle & Friends

Venue: Newcastle Museum

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Fully wheelchair accessible.

Muse : Angela Tiatia

Venue: Newcastle Art Gallery

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

Night Flowers

Venue: Watt Space Gallery

Age Rating: All Ages / Family Friendly

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

NM:PM PUNK!

Venue: Newcastle Museum

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

Petite Suite

Venue: The Oriental Hotel, Cooks Hill

Age Rating: 18+

Accessibility Warning: Not Wheelchair Accessible (stair access only).

Praxis

Venue: Newcastle Art Gallery

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.

Press Play (Tantrum Youth Arts)

Venue: The Playhouse

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible venue. Includes Relaxed Performance and Auslan Interpreted performance (dates to be confirmed).

Sea Stories

Venue: Dixon Park Beach

Age Rating: 14+

Access Warning: Audio listening experience; may be unsuitable for people who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing.

SOAK: Live at the Baths

Venue: Newcastle Ocean Baths

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible viewing areas.

Stories of Water and Earth & Nardi Simpson Workshop

Venue: Harold Lobb Concert Hall, The Conservatorium

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible venue. Live Captioning TBC for the concert performance.

The Binding Sea

Venue: Dixon Park Beach

Age Rating: All Ages

Accessibility: Accessible via paved walking path along the beach.

Through the Lens of Tony Mott (Exhibition, Workshop & Talk)

Venues: Newcastle Museum & Stag & Hunter Hotel

Age Rating: 15+ (Talk/Workshop) / All Ages (Exhibition)

Content Warning (Talk): Coarse language, sexual references, drug and rock 'n' roll references.

Accessibility: Museum exhibition is fully wheelchair accessible.

Triceratop

Venue: University House

Age Rating: 15+

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible venue.

Auslan Interpreted: Saturday 3 Oct (One show only).

Relaxed Performance: Sunday 4 Oct.

Truck Driver

Venue: The Playhouse

Age Rating: 16+

Content Warnings: Adult themes, drug references, sexual references.

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible venue.

Twisted : Night Flowers Party

Venue: Bartholomews

Age Rating: 18+

Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible entry via ground floor laneway.

Wansolmoana Lunar Assembly

Venue: Newcastle Ocean Baths

Age Rating: 12+

Access Warning: Involves entering ocean baths water. Participants must be confident in water or able to use the access ramp unassisted.

Writing Workshop with Re:group

Venue: Civic Theatre Boardroom

Age Rating: 18+ (TBC)

Accessibility: Wheelchair Accessible.