

Arts by the Sea Festival

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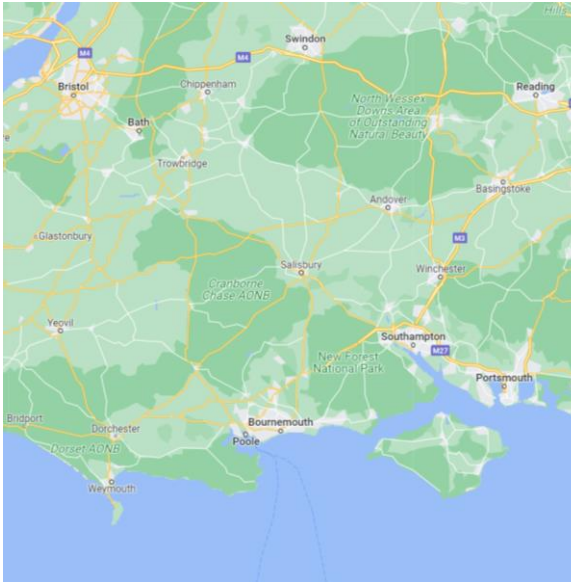




Welcome to Arts by the Sea Festival!

Arts by the Sea Festival is a free outdoor arts festival.

Our theme this year is 'Taste'.



The festival is in Bournemouth Town Centre. Our festival site runs from The Square, through Bournemouth Gardens, to the beach.



Festival dates are Friday 27th September to Sunday 29th September 2024.

Performances and activities start from late afternoon on Friday. Our last performance finishes on Sunday evening at 11pm.

Accessibility (1/2)



Arts by the Sea welcomes all and aims to be accessible to everyone.



All site locations and shows are wheelchair accessible.

Some performances will have accessible viewing areas with chairs.



There are several [car parks](#) with blue badge parking spaces and [public transport links](#) on the festival site.

There are accessible toilets in the Lower Gardens, including a Changing Places toilet.

We welcome support and guide dogs to the festival site.

Accessibility (2/2)

We have a Quiet Space to give people a break from noise and crowds. This year's Quiet Space is located in Pavilion Dance.
















We have sound-cancelling ear defenders available to loan out from our Information Point in the Lower Gardens.

Some areas of our festival site can get very crowded, particularly the route through the Lower Gardens.

We have more information on our different sites on pages 6 to 8 of this guide.

PERFORMANCE KEY

-  Dance
-  Light
-  Music
-  Workshop
-  Installation
-  Performance
-  Sensory spectacle
-  Join in
-  Family friendly
-  Walkabout
-  Speech free
-  After dark
-  Local artist

Our Performance Key in our brochure highlights:

- Types of art form
- Sensory spectacles
- Join in participatory activities
- Family-friendly
- Walkabout performances
- Speech-free performances
- After dark performances and installations
- Local artists

Assistance & Help



For more information contact:

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Arts by the Sea's friendly volunteers are on hand to help with information and directions. They wear bright pink T-shirts.

Photography and filming



We have photographers and film makers capturing footage to share online and use in the future.

If you don't want to be photographed, please let our photographers or volunteers know.

Site Information



The Square

The Town Square will host our King Ramps Skate Park as well as other performances. Demos, workshops, and free skate sessions will be on over the weekend.

Please speak to our Skate Park host or festival volunteers if you would like any more information about getting involved and accessibility for this activity.

The Town Square can be very busy during peak times.



Lower Gardens

The Lower Gardens will host several different performances and walkabout acts. There is a flat path leading through the gardens with some benches throughout.

Note that there is a short fence bordering most of the grassy areas with some access points.



The Lower Gardens has public toilets and our Changing Places Toilets. This is also where you will find our Information Point.



Bandstand Field

The Bandstand Field is located within the Lower Gardens. This area has an access point and often people will bring their own camping chairs or picnic blankets to use while enjoying the music from the Bandstand.



Westover Gardens / Picnic Park Deli

There is a slope and incline to reach Westover Gardens from the Lower Gardens. You can also access this site from Westover Road.



Westover Gardens has Picnic Park Deli, a local café, where you can sit and enjoy a beverage or light lunch.



Street Food Corner

Street Food Corner is the area beside the Pier Approach flyover. It is accessible.



Pier Approach

The Pier Approach is fully accessible from the Lower Gardens and from the beach. There is a slight slope if you arrive via Exeter Road.

This area can get very crowded, especially on sunny days!



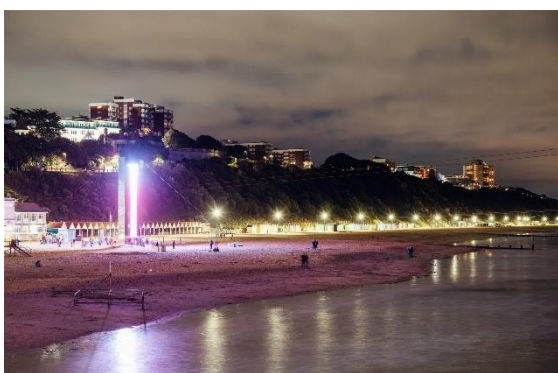
Beale Place

Beale Place is on Old Christchurch Road (Bournemouth High Street). There is a slight incline from Bournemouth Square to Beale Place. This is an accessible site, but it can get busy at peak times.



Pavilion Terraces

Level access to Pavilion Terraces is from the Pier Approach via the Upside-Down House or there is lift access from Westover Road and the Pavilion. Seating and accessible toilets are available in Pavilion Dance.



Beach (East Cliff Zig Zag)

Our Festival Spectacular will be placed on the beach by East Cliff Zig Zag. This is accessible from the Pier Approach from along the promenade. This can get busy at peak times and we expect crowds for the Sunday Evening Finale.

Festival Highlights

The Honey Pot – Pyrite Creative

Thursday 26th September at midday (12:00) – Sunday 29th September at midday (12:00)

Location: East Cliff Zig Zag

The Honey Pot is an impressive honeycomb-shaped structure. Across the weekend, take pleasure in exploring in and around The Honey Pot, admiring the beautiful and intricate details of the structure.

Festival Finale

Sunday 29th September 19:30 – 20:30

The festival will close on Sunday night with an astounding display of fire and community spirit. Watch members of community groups and schools in the Torchlight Trail as they make their way along the Prom towards The Honey Pot.

The finale will include fire and fireworks





Evanescent – Atelier Sisu

Friday 27th September and Sunday 29th September, all day

Location: Lower Gardens

Immerse yourself in a playful world of light and colour, as you explore giant bubble structures created by award-winning artistic duo Atelier Sisu.

Evanescent will be illuminating the Lower Gardens throughout the duration of the festival, so head along at dusk and beyond to explore.



Animated light projections with light art creatives with artwork from Rebecca Strickson

Friday 27th September and Sunday 29th September, 18:00 – 23:00

Location: Pavilion Terraces

Rebecca's work will be showcased on the Upside Down House in collaboration with Light Art Creatives in a mesmerising light projection display.

Image Credit: WBTC Portrait Community



Image Credit: Interferencés

Digital Graffiti by Interferencés

Friday 27th September and Sunday 29th September, 18:00 – 23:00

Location: Pavilion Terraces

This stunning digital projection-led piece invites you to try your hand at digital graffiti, ‘spraying’ your own temporary designs onto Bournemouth’s iconic Pavilion.



Skate Ramp – King Ramps

Friday 27th September and Sunday 29th September, 11:00 – 21:00

Location: Town Square

Pop-up skate ramp. Demonstrations, workshops and sessions where you can join in.



Music from the Bandstand

Friday 27th September, 18:00 – 21:00

Saturday 28th September, 12:00 – 20:45

Sunday 29th September, 12:15 – 19:00

Location: Bandstand Field

Lots of different types on music on the bandstand.



Family Catwalk Extravaganza - Ghetto Fabulous

Saturday 28th September, 15:00 – 15:45, 17:30 – 18:15

Sunday 29th September, 13:00 – 13:45, 15:30 – 16:15

Location: Pier Approach

Enjoy Drag Queens and Kings compete in a dance, fashion and lip-sync contest.

Image credit: David Oakes



Truth – Ramshacklicious & Hijinx

Saturday 28th September, 13:00 – 13:35, 16:00 – 16:35

Sunday 29th September, 11:30 - 12:05, 15:00 – 15:35

Image credit: Ramshacklicious

Location: The Square

Performers with learning disabilities and autism in an interactive and joyful show.



Twist and Shine – Kaleider

Friday 27th September and Sunday 29th September, 18:00 – 22:00

Location: Lower Gardens

Manipulate luminous sculptures to create your own light masterpiece.

Image credit: Kaleider

Green Hub

Saturday 28th September - Sunday 29th September, 10:30 - 15:30

Location: Lower Gardens

Get hands-on and explore the ways you can help our planet in your day-to-day life.





Swan in Love - Gary & Pel

Saturday 28th September, 12:00 - 12:45, 14:30 - 15:15, 17:15 - 18:00

Sunday 29th September, 12:00 - 12:45, 14:00 - 14:45, 16:15 - 17:00

Location: Lower Gardens/Street Food Corner

Sanp some pictures or take a ride in their 7ft swan pedalo.



The Story Works & Arts Award

Saturday 28th September - Sunday 29th September, 10:00 - 16:00

Location: Westover Gardens – Picnic Park Deli

Join in for some playful, creative arts & crafts, as well as to pick up an Arts Award booklet.

Mughal Miniatures: The Awakening - Sonia Sabri Company

Saturday 28th September, 14:30 - 15:00, 17:30 - 18:00

Sunday 29th September, 12:30 - 13:00, 16:00 - 16:30

Location: Beale Place

A celebratory dance taking inspiration from traditional art of Indian and Persian miniature painting.



Image credit: Greta Zabulyte

The Poetry Takeaway

Saturday 28th September - Sunday 29th September, 11:30 - 16:30

Location: Street Food Corner

You're invited to meet our poetry chefs, talk to them about your life, which will then be transformed into personalised on-the-spot poetry for you to take home.



Image credit: The Poetry Takeaway

Tell us what you think...



We'd love to hear what you thought about Arts by the Sea and if you have any ideas for how we can improve!

Fill in our festival survey:



This survey will be live from Friday 27th September.