

## The Homecoming '19: Line-up

Starts	Ends	Show	Location & map key
11am	11:05am	<b>The Ringmaster opens The Homecoming 2019!</b>	High St
11am	5pm	<b>Spinsonic</b>	Red Lion Square
11:05am	11:50am	<b>Blazing Saddles</b>	Starting: High St Finale at Ironmarket
11:30am	12pm	<b>polaDroid</b>	Starting: High St 
12pm	12:25pm	<b>dip</b>	Ironmarket
12:15pm	1pm	<b>Acro-Chaps</b>	Starting: High St 
1pm	1:25pm	<b>Gibbon</b>	Castle Walk
1pm	1:30pm	<b>polaDroid</b>	Starting: High St 
1:30pm	2pm	<b>Roots</b>	High St
2pm	2:45pm	<b>Blazing Saddles</b>	Starting: High St Finale at Ironmarket
2:50pm	3:15pm	<b>dip</b>	Ironmarket
3:05pm	3:50pm	<b>Acro-Chaps</b>	Starting: High St 
3:50pm	4:15pm	<b>Gibbon</b>	Castle Walk
4pm	4:30pm	<b>polaDroid</b>	Starting: High St 
4:30pm	5pm	<b>Roots</b>	High St

Turnover for Map = walkabout performances

# WELCOME

Roll on up for **The Homecoming**, a thrilling day of outdoor circus taking place right here in the home of modern circus itself, **Newcastle-under-Lyme**.

Returning for its fifth outing, **The Homecoming** celebrates the legacy of local legend **Philip Astley** in a day of free, pop-up contemporary performance outdoors in the town centre.

*Expect cutting edge entertainment as extraordinary juggling, spectacular trampolining, hilarious acrobats, hands-on workshops and more take over the high street.*

And this year after the daytime action stay in town for **The Homecoming by Night** as our performers take their talents indoors to town centre bars for a spot of a circus over a drink or a bite to eat.

Supported by Arts Council England, **The Homecoming** is delivered by Newcastle BID in partnership with Appetite and Newcastle Borough Council.

Don't forget to look out for The Homecoming Ringmaster brought to life by Stage Door Johnny and share your snaps from the day on social media using **#Homecoming19**.

**Enjoy!**

### Who was Philip Astley?

Born in Newcastle-under-Lyme in 1742, Philip Astley was the son of a cabinetmaker who grew up to become the father of the modern circus, developing the 42-foot diameter ring still used in circus across the world today. **To read more about the great man visit: [www.philipastley.org.uk](http://www.philipastley.org.uk)**



# BLAZING SADDLES

by The Bicycle Ballet Co.

**Time:** 11:05am • 2pm

**Location:** Starting High St Catch finale on Ironmarket

A joyful, roving, outdoor dance performance that unfolds in a series of sequences around the town, **Blazing Saddles** celebrates a step change moment for women in the 1890s when bicycles became available for the very first time and women seized their new-found freedom.



With clowning, costume, cycling and cake, **Blazing Saddles** tells the story of a group of women caught up in the thrill of independence.

# SENSORY CIRCUS

by Spinsonic

**Time:** 11am – 5pm

**Location:** Red Lion Sq

**Spinsonic Circus** is proud to present **Sensory Circus** at **Homecoming '19!** Reckon you could be a circus star? Join them for an afternoon of inclusive circus skills for all ages and abilities. Disability, dementia and ASD friendly, you can have a quiet moment in the Sensory Chill Out tent too with circus play tents, tunnels, blankets, books and sensory toys. Join in the fun and see if you can run away with the circus.

Have a go at hula hoop, juggling, diablo, plate spinning, starter stilts, poi spinning, balance beam, flower sticks and more.



# GIBBON

by Patfield & Triguero, co-produced by Gandini Juggling

**Time:** 1pm • 3:50pm

**Location:** Castle Walk

Breakout juggling stars Chris Patfield and José Triguero present **Gibbon**, a hilarious and surreal show mixing up dance, physical theatre and circus to explore the absurd and comedic connections between people. As the action cuts between hypnotic patterns and juggling movement sequences, marvel at the duo's slick technical skill and performance chemistry!

Devastatingly slick and wonderfully thought provoking, this is contemporary juggling not to miss.

# POLADROID

by Silent Rocco

**Time:** 11:30am • 1pm • 4pm

**Location:** Starting High St

Say hello to robotic photographer **polaDroid**, the mobile photo booth! With his camera face he takes real analog pictures of YOU, his spectators and spits them out literally, instantly.

"Master of mime **Silent Rocco** lives and breathes his characters, mesmerizing the audience with a silent art form well beyond antiquated mime clichés." Preston City Guild Festival, UK

# ACRO-CHAPS

**Time:** 12:15pm • 3:05pm

**Location:** Starting High St

Hailing from the golden age of music hall we are proud to present strongmen Victor, Ian and younger brother Barnaby. Both on the ground and up in the air these Strong Brothers will perform extraordinary feats of strength, daring and balance.

Acro-Chaps are sure to leave you stunned with appreciation. Roll up, roll up for the Greatest Show on Earth!



Top: Andy Philipson  
Bottom: Stanislav Briza



## ROOTS

by Highly Sprung

**Time:** 1:30pm • 4:30pm

**Location:** High St 1

A lost soul lives in a tree. In its branches they feel safe. But now someone else wants to live in the tree too. Can they live happily together? Or is there something even scarier lurking amongst the branches?

Highly Sprung presents **Roots**, a bold and beautiful performance told entirely without words on a six-metre high, rotating tree structure exploring identity, belonging and how we build community. Using aerial movement, bungee ropes and dynamic dance, characters spin, leap and fly in an intriguing, entertaining and visually stunning experience for all the family.

**A story with humanity at its heart, Roots invites you to consider how, when we embrace difference we can build a better future for us all.**

### The Homecoming 2019 Map



- 1 High Street
- 2 Red Lion Square
- 3 Ironmarket
- 4 Castle Walk

## DIP

by Max Calaf Sevé

**Time:** 12pm • 2:50pm

**Location:** Ironmarket 3

**dip is an ode to how we find each other...**

When Jonah, Oliver and Max cross paths they decide to embark on a quest to learn about each other, what challenges them and what brings them together.

Cue light-hearted, breath-taking, air-twisting tricks and funky live tunes with a good dose of humour that gives extraordinary new life to everyday objects and conventional instruments. Through astonishing trampolining and poetic touch, **dip** celebrates how humans find each other in a world of isolation through cooperation, acceptance and serendipity.

Co-commissioned by Without Walls, Out There International Festival of Circus and Street Arts, Salisbury International Arts Festival and Hat Fair.



Image: Greg Jackson



## The Big Feast Festival 2019

Stoke-on-Trent's freshest outdoor arts festival is back!

The **Big Feast** returns to the City Centre this August for two days of scrumptiously **free** entertainment. Serving up tip-top, world-class performances, bring along the whole family for a truly tasty weekend!

Plan your visit: [appetitestoke.co.uk](http://appetitestoke.co.uk)



**Fri 23 – Sat 24 Aug 2019**  
 City Centre, Stoke-on-Trent

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## OUTDOOR CINEMA Spectacular

GRAB YOUR PICNIC BLANKET AND ENJOY THE MAGIC OF OUTDOOR CINEMA IN GLORIOUS NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

**25TH AUGUST**  
 MARY POPPINS RETURNS

**26TH AUGUST**  
 RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET

Bring the whole family for a fabulous afternoon and evening out. There will be hot-dogs, popcorn, drinks and more on sale!

For more information visit [newcastleunderlyme.org](http://newcastleunderlyme.org)  
**NO TICKETS REQUIRED**  
 this is a FREE community event



## The Homecoming by Night '19 Line-up

As the sun goes down at **The Homecoming '19**, stay with us to experience three extraordinary performers pop-up for mini performances in bars in Newcastle Town Centre.

**Witness extraordinary circus talent whilst you sit back with a drink or two!**

Start time	End time	Performer	Venue
6pm	6:15pm	Patfield & Triguero	Cappello Lounge 58 Ironmarket, ST5 1PE
6:15pm	6:30pm	Acro-Chaps	Yates 14 - 16 Ironmarket, ST5 1RF
6:30pm	6:45pm	polaDroid	Oscars 20a Ironmarket, ST5 1RF
6:45pm	7pm	Patfield & Triguero	The Limestone Vaults Pepper St, ST5 1PR
7pm	7:15pm	Acro-Chaps	The Kiln 85 High St, ST5 1PS
7:15pm	7:30pm	polaDroid	Wellers 3 Pepper St, ST5 1PR



Left: Malcolm Hart  
 Right: Andy Phillipson



## the HOME COMING

**THE MODERN CIRCUS RETURNS TO NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME**  
**Saturday 29 June 2019, 11am – 5pm**  
 Newcastle Town Centre



Followed by **The Homecoming by Night**  
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