



AUTUMN 2023

  
\* ✿ \* MAGICAL THINGS ✿ \*  
for you to \* SEE \* and DO



A very warm Hullabaloo welcome to our autumn brochure, packed with magical things for you to see and do with your little ones, taking you all the way to our favourite time of year at The Hullabaloo - Christmas!

But, before we get ahead of ourselves, there's lots to keep you entertained across the autumn, including fantastic shows, crafts and storytelling and a whole Hulla-ween of spooktacular fun. From September, you can visit Dreamland, a sensory play experience for 0-4 year olds which takes you on a journey above the clouds.

Christmas will be truly wonderful at The Hullabaloo this year as we present Snow Mouse, a special first theatre experience for our very youngest audiences and a charming festive treat for the whole family to enjoy together.

Come and see the show, tuck into a mince pie and explore our free winter-themed play spaces. Indoors, creative play will be a soft landscape where babies and toddlers can adventure like Snow Mouse and, for older ones, wrap up warm to play in our outdoor winter light installation. There will be lots of festive crafting and fun available too and don't forget to post your letter to Santa when you visit!





With fantastic musical and sensory shows for babies and toddlers, the return of our very own fairytale adventure, Baba Yaga, spectacular dance theatre and a whole host of snowy creatures to meet - we can't wait to welcome you and your family to enjoy the magical things to see and do at The Hullabaloo this autumn.

EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME AT  
THE HULLABALOO.



There are lots of things to see, do and take part in especially designed for children with additional needs, just look for the symbol that's featured on the left of this text and find out more on page 05.

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# What's On

Winter  
2023



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Sat 14, Mon 16 & Wed 18 - Thur 19 Oct	Baba Yaga	6+ years	08
Sat 28 - Tue 31 Oct	Hulla-ween		10
Sat 28 Oct	Spooktacular Saturday: Spooky Stories	3-7 years & 6-10 years	11
Mon 30 Oct	Monster Monday: Messy Play	0-5 years	11
Tue 31 Oct	Trembling Tuesday: Silent Disco	3-12 years	11
Thur 2 - Sat 4 Nov	Snow (SNÖ)	4+ years	12
Sat 11 Nov	Create & Paint: Christmas decorations & gifts	0-7 years	17
Sat 18 Nov	Little Murmur	7+ years	13
Mon 4 - Sun 24 Dec	Snow Mouse	6 months - 4 years	14-15

## Creative Play Space

Until Sat 9 Sep	Fairytale Forest	0-10 years	18
Mon 11 - Sat 16 Sep	Space to Play	0-5 years	18
Mon 18 Sep - Wed 22 Nov	Dreamland	0-4 years	18
From Fri 1 Dec	Winter Play & Christmas Crafts	0-10 years	19



# EVERYONE is welcome!

We want every child and their family to feel comfortable at The Hullabaloo, so we make sure that there are lots of opportunities for families who have children who are neurodiverse or have additional needs to join in, in the way that suits them best. That could mean fewer people, a more relaxed pace or a familiar face.

For more information about what to expect at any of these events please go to our website, call the office or drop in and speak to one of our friendly Hullabaloo Hosts.

## What is a Neurodiverse Friendly (NDF) Performance?

Although The Hullabaloo is always pretty chilled, we do have specific NDF Performances (open to everyone) where families with additional needs might feel more comfortable. At these:

- pre-show information is available to help you prepare for your visit
- you can peek into the theatre before the show begins
- getting up, moving around and responding in your own way to the show is absolutely fine

**Baba Yaga - Saturday 14 October, 11am**

**Snow Mouse - Sunday 10 December, 11am**

## NDF Bookable slots in Creative Play

There are also lots of opportunities to play for NDF families at The Hullabaloo.

**Group session (for up to 4 families): Sat 4 & Sat 18 November**

**Individual families: Thurs 28 September & Sat 21 October**



I really appreciated that my grandson was free to move about and not have to sit in his seat.



# YOU ARE THE SUN

Hurly Burly Theatre

**Wed 20 - Sat 23 September**  
**9.45am, 11.30am & 1.30pm**

0-2  
years

Celebrate the gift of nature as we conjure a world out of breath, water, sunlight and soil in this magical musical adventure for 0-2s.

Combining the joy of gentle classical singing and sensory play, it is an invitation to see beauty in the smallest things and to let plants be our guides.

*You are the Sun* is a very first opera for babies and grown-ups that explores the magic of nature.

HurlyBurly Theatre make playful theatrical experiences for babies and adults with classical singing at their heart. They make shows where babies are free to be themselves and grown-ups have a chance to relax, bond and play.



**Duration:** 30 minutes  
+ free play after the performance

**Tickets:** Combined ticket:  
£12 (adult and child)  
Additional adult  
or child £7

Buy tickets here:





# SPARKLE

Puppetship CiC  
Presented in partnership with Blue Cabin CiC

**Thurs 5 - Sat 7 October**

Under a shimmering carousel, a magical world opens up...

Welcome aboard for a sparkling adventure around the Islands of Objects. Meet the fantastic creatures living there and keep a look out for hidden treasure.

A gentle, interactive performance and play experience for babies and young children by Alison McGowan of PuppetShip CIC and visual artist Tanya Axford.

There are two versions of this show, one specially adapted for 0-2s and one for 3-4s.

0-2 years  
& 3-4 years



**Duration: 35 minutes**

**Tickets:** Combined ticket:  
£12 (adult and child)  
Additional adult  
or child £7

**Performance times for 0-2s:**

5 Oct: 9.45am & 11.30am

6 Oct: 9.45am & 1.30pm

7 Oct: 9.45am & 11.30am

**Performance times for 3-4s**

5 Oct: 1.30pm

6 Oct: 11.30am

7 Oct: 1.30pm

*Buy tickets here - 0-2 / 3-4 years:*





# BABA YAGA

Theatre Hullabaloo & Theatre Porto

**Sat 14 October**

**11am  & 1.30pm**

Theatre Hullabaloo & Theatre Porto's hit show returns by popular demand!

In this contemporary fairytale adventure inspired by the Slavic stories of Baba Yaga, a sister and a brother are forced to flee from their home only to find themselves alone in a whole new place.

A New-Place. Surely they will find safety here? But shshshsh!

Just beyond in a chicken-leg house, lurks the most dangerous new danger, of the snap-you-up-and-gobble-you-down-if-you're-not-careful variety. The most infamous of witches. The most unpredictable of adversaries. The lip-smacking, chiddler-nicking, fear-smelling Baba Yaga!

Fantastical fairytale ingredients, physical theatre and an epic score come together in this new production which celebrates the bravery of children for everyone aged 6 years and above.

6 years  
& above

**Duration: 60 minutes**

**Tickets: £7 / £24 group ticket**

SEE

**Total genius.  
We loved the show  
so much that we  
forgot to breathe!**

*Audience  
member*

*Buy tickets here:*





## School & Nursery Visits:

# CREATIVITY for every CHILD in the NORTH EAST!

Theatre Hullabaloo believes creativity should be part of everyone's childhood. We create joyful and inspiring theatre experiences that are as brilliant as the children who take part in them.

School and nursery visits to The Hullabaloo are a fantastic way to ensure as many North East children as possible experience world-class theatre that helps them understand and make meaning in a complicated world.

Book your school or nursery in today to see:

### Baba Yaga

6+ years • page 08

Mon 16 & Wed 18 October • 9.45am & 1.30pm

### Snow Mouse

6 months - 4 years • pg 14-15

Wed 6 - Mon 18 December • 9.45am & 1.30pm

- Buy 10 tickets and get the 11th free
- 1 free teacher per 10 tickets booked
- Packed lunch spaces are available
- Follow-up activities and learning resources included



**Please contact Theatre Hullabaloo on 01325 405680 to book a show or for more information on school/nursery bookings.**



HAPPY



HULLA-WEEN



Join us at The Hullabaloo for a week of haunting Hulla-ween fun.  
Enjoy creepy crafts, best costume competitions, spooky stories,  
themed discos and monster messy play.



## Spooktacular Saturday: Storytelling with Chris Connaughton

SEE

Sat 28 October

10.15am: 3-7 years

11.30am: 6-10 years

1.30pm: 3-7 years

Duration: 30 minutes with 15 minute  
optional craft activity after

Tickets: Adult £3 / Child £3

Join expert storyteller Chris Connaughton  
for some wonderfully weird and spook-  
tacular stories. But how will they end?  
You help decide...

## Monster Monday: Messy Play

PLAY

Mon 30 October

9.45am • 11am • 1.15pm

0-5 years and their grown ups

Duration: 45 minutes

Tickets: Combined adult and child £6 /  
Additional children £3.50

Perfect for our youngest ghosts and  
ghouls, these messy play sessions  
encourage your little ones to get really  
stuck into discovering a range of spook-  
tacular sensory activities - and we do  
the cleaning up afterwards!



## Trembling Tuesday: Silent Disco

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Tue 31 October

10.30am-12pm:

3-7 years only and their grown ups

6pm-7.30pm:

3-10 years and their families

Tickets: Adult £5 / Child £5

Come and booooo-gie on down at our  
Hulla-ween silent disco!

Suitable for all the family as the tracks are  
supplied through individual headphones.  
There will also be ghoulish games and  
tonnes of other fang-tastic fun!

Feel free to dress up in eerie-sistible  
Hulla-ween costumes. The café and  
Creative Play will be open during  
these sessions.





# SNOW (SNÖ)

Dockteatern Tittut, Stockholm

**Thurs 2 - Sat 4 November**  
**11am & 1.30pm**

The snow creaks and squeaks. The ice is cracking.  
The animals move across the landscape.

*Snow (Snö)* is a dance and puppetry performance, inspired by the Sápmi landscape. The Sami language has 200 words for snow: melted snow, flying snow, sticky snow, hard snow, icy snow and more.

Thanks to a collaboration with Dans i Nord, a dance company based in the north of Sweden, Tittut has drawn inspiration from the magnificent mountain landscape full of rich wildlife. Through dance and puppets, the Sami mountain world is shaped.

4 years  
& above

Duration: 40 minutes

Tickets: £7 / £24 group ticket

SEE

Snow really offers a magical, scenic mountain of poetry.

*Svenska Dagbladet*

Buy tickets here:







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# LITTLE MURMUR

Aakash Odedra Company & The Spark Arts for Children

**Sat 18 November**  
**11am & 1.30pm**

Based on the true story of one child's struggle with letters and words. *Little Murmur* is a dance theatre show about facing challenges and overcoming the odds. An honest and funny tale about the trials and tribulations of seeing things differently.

Jump into a world of dance, technology and illustration to see this heartfelt journey take flight. *Little Murmur* explores the exaggerated realities of living in a world you can struggle to process.

Watch bodies and words fly like flocks of birds, a murmuration, a little murmur.

It's time to be mesmerised.

7 years  
& above

Duration: 40 minutes

Tickets: £7 / £24 group ticket

SEE

My 10-year-old daughter has dyslexia. She said it was "Amazing! It was exactly like the inside of my head." It has really helped her feel seen and me to understand her better.

Audience member

Buy tickets here:



# ★CHRISTMAS at The Hullabaloo★

the egg and Travelling Light present:

"Delightful!"  
The Stage

★★★★

Tickets £8  
Book now!

6 months  
- 4 years

## Snow Mouse

An enchanting winter's tale for the very young.

Come and join two new friends on their adventures  
in a magical forest full of play, puppetry and music!

**Wednesday 6 - Sunday 24 December**

THEATRE  
**Hullabaloo**



Winter has arrived and the woods are covered in white. A child hurries to put on their winter clothes so they can run outside and play in a sparkly new world. Just when they are starting to feel a bit lonely, they find a sleeping mouse buried under the soft white flakes.

Sliding, tumbling and laughing, they explore the winter wonderland together and keep each other safe and warm from the winter freeze. Come and join two new friends on their adventures in a magical forest full of play, puppetry and music.



<b>Wednesday 6 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 7 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Friday 8 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Saturday 9 December</b>	11am & 1.30pm
<b>Sunday 10 December</b>	11am  & 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	1.30pm & 6pm
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Saturday 16 December</b>	10.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm
<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	10.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm
<b>Monday 18 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>	10.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm
<b>Thursday 21 December</b>	10.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm
<b>Friday 22 December</b>	10.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm
<b>Saturday 23 December</b>	10.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm
<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	10.30am & 12.30pm

Show duration: 35 minutes



Neurodiverse Friendly performance

Buy tickets here:







**Theatre Hullabaloo is a registered charity and we work hard to maintain low cost and free activities to ensure that creativity is part of everybody's childhood.**

Almost everything we do at The Hullabaloo is heavily subsidised to make it as available to as many people as possible. Without the generosity of the local community and our funders, we wouldn't be able to do so much - can you help us to do more?

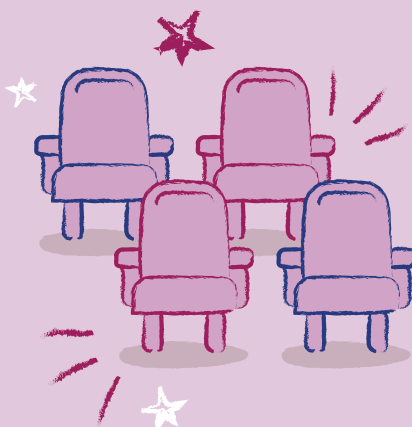
You can support Theatre Hullabaloo by:

- **Purchasing Gift Vouchers from our website**  
(they make a great present or special treat, go to the Visit The Hullabaloo page on our website)
- **Donating in person**  
(we have a donation box in the café that takes cash and card payments)
- **Donating online**  
(you can add a donation when you purchase your tickets or donate via our website)

### **Coming soon!**

We know many of you give us regular donations. We can't thank you enough for your ongoing support, and we would like to give you the recognition you deserve.

Stay tuned for news of our new Hullabaloo Membership scheme. In the meantime, if you would like to talk to us about supporting the work we do with local children and families, please do email us [info@theatrehullabaloo.org.uk](mailto:info@theatrehullabaloo.org.uk).



**THANK YOU** for helping us to make the magic happen.



# CHRISTMAS at The Hullabaloo it's where the MAGIC HAPPENS!



Come and experience the magic of Christmas at The Hullabaloo.

## Christmas Create and Paint

Sat 11 Nov

Make your own Christmas decoration or gift for a loved one with Create and Paint.

0-7 years

Limited slots available.

Visit our website to book yours.

## Reindeer Post

Santa's post box will be  
in Café Hullabaloo from  
Sat 11 Nov - Sat 2 Dec 2022

Reindeer post is making a special collection from The Hullabaloo again this festive season.

We have colouring sheets and letter templates available so that you can be sure Santa knows well in advance what to include in everyone's stockings.

Free

## Winter Play

Open daily 10am-2pm

Our outdoor space will be transformed into a wonder-filled new light installation for you to play in.

In our indoor Creative Play babies and toddlers will enjoy a super-soft landscape inspired by the adventures of Snow Mouse, whilst older children will have the opportunity to dive into festive crafts.

0-10 years • Free

Please note our outdoor space has limited capacity so there may be a wait at busy times.



# Creative PLAY

At the heart of The Hullabaloo is our Creative Play space, which has a rolling programme of themed play environments for families to enjoy together.

**Creative Play is open whenever we are, and it is always free.**

You don't need to book to attend our Creative Play, although please be aware that we limit capacities so everyone has the best experience and there may sometimes be a short wait.

## FAIRYTALE FOREST

Until Sat 9 September  
0-10 years and their grown-ups  
Mon - Sat • 10am-2pm • Free

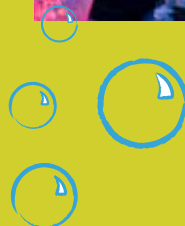
Step inside some of our favourite fairy tales and get into character in our magical forest of make believe. Mix up mystical potions, stamp across the troll bridge, make up some new stories with our character puppets and play dress-up in the magical mirror, Fairytale Forest unlocks the imaginative power of traditional tales through play.

## DREAMLAND

Mon 18 September - Wed 22 November  
0-4 years and their grown-ups  
Mon - Sat • 10am-2pm • Free

Dreamland is a beautiful sensory play installation in our creative play space that welcomes very young children and their grown-ups to take a journey above the clouds.

Tuck yourself in for a bedtime story and drift away on a feather pillow and a flock of birds to a land where you can dance on the clouds and the sound of sweet lullabies float on the wind.



## SPACE TO PLAY

**Mon 11 - Sat 16 September**

**0-5 years and their grown-ups • 10am-2pm • Free**

Whilst we conjure up Dreamland in our creative play space, we're making sure that there is still lots of space to play at The Hullabaloo! Join us in the theatre where your little one will be able to explore moving lights, giant building blocks, a relaxing reading corner or just chill out in the baby area.

## WINTER PLAY

**Fri 1 - Fri 15 December • Mon - Sat 10am-2pm**

**Sat 16 - Sat 23 December • Mon - Sun 10am-4pm**

**Open until Christmas Eve 1.30pm**

Get crafty at our festive creation station with a variety of different winter-themed activities.

In our indoor Creative Play babies and toddlers will enjoy a super-soft landscape inspired by the adventures of Snow Mouse, whilst older children will have the opportunity to dive into festive crafts.

## NEURODIVERSE FRIENDLY SESSIONS IN CREATIVE PLAY

Spend valuable family time together by booking exclusive access to Creative Play or joining one of our group sessions with a few other families. Sessions are designed specifically for families or groups with neurodiverse children and those with additional needs. Refreshments included.

### Dreamland

**For children aged 0-4 years and their families**

**Group session (for up to 4 families):**

**Sat 4 & 18 November**

**Individual families:**

**Thurs 28 September & Sat 21 October**

If you'd like to know more, please contact Theatre Hullabaloo on 01325 405680 or drop in and chat to one of our friendly Hullabaloo Hosts. Sessions must be pre-booked via our website.



The kids absolutely loved this and thank goodness for the neurodiverse session!

Without these sessions we would really struggle to attend as a family.



A very BIG THANK YOU  
to all of our supporters.



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Theatre Hullabaloo is an award-winning creative charity for children and families. We are committed to helping children and the grown-ups in their lives be the best they can be for each other.

Every year 28,000 people visit our theatre, take part in our family festivals, or enjoy our free creative play programmes. We work with some of the most deprived communities in the UK.

We couldn't do any of this without your generous support.



A special thank you to Darlington Building Society  
for supporting this season at The Hullabaloo.

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# MAGICAL THINGS to DO for FREE at The Hullabaloo

As well as a packed programme of wonderful theatre, we have much more coming up for children and their grown ups to enjoy this autumn at The Hullabaloo, including lots of free fun.

## Get creative and...

- Explore sparkle and texture with us
- Have fun making your own word art
- Send your letter to Santa by Reindeer post

## Visit the book corner and...

- Share a selection of fun stories with different themes

## Spend some time in our outdoor area and...

- Play in our wonder-filled light installation

*I think The Hullabaloo is brilliant and think we're so privileged to have it in the North East. Great interaction from staff. Super craft ideas.*





**The Hullabaloo in Darlington is the only purpose-built theatre for children and young people north of London. Situated on Borough Road, adjacent to Darlington Hippodrome, it is a special venue for children and families and an exciting place to play and learn.**

At The Hullabaloo, you will find world-class theatre made specially for children - including brilliant shows for babies and toddlers - free creative play installations, storytelling, family events and much more.

Throughout the brochure you'll notice age ranges for our shows and activities which are intended for guidance only. If you would like to discuss bringing older / younger siblings or have any questions about the programme, please do give us a ring or drop us an email.

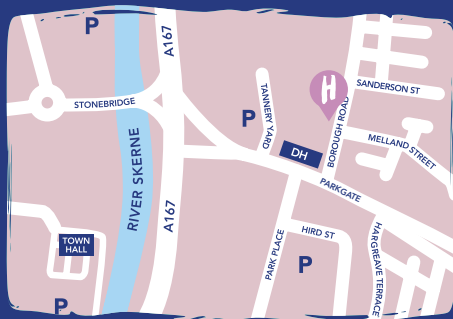
Our venue is relaxed, informal and accessible. We have a family friendly café, story corner, an outdoor space to play and a buggy park. We are accessed on ground level and have wheelchair spaces in our theatre and creative play.



**The Hullabaloo is an invaluable venue for my children and I love visiting whether that's for creative play or to watch a performance. It is well run and the staff are friendly and super accommodating. A lovely place to visit.**

# plan your visit

## How to find us



## Café Hullabaloo

**Open Monday - Saturday • 10am-2pm**

Our family friendly café provides a relaxing space to spend time with friends and family, serving hot and cold drinks and light snacks (including some gluten free options).

There are plenty of highchairs and comfy chairs available for your visit. There's easy access to toilets, baby change facilities and our buggy park. We also offer free wifi access.

## The Hullabaloo, Borough Road, Darlington DL1 1SG

The Hullabaloo is easily reached on foot from Darlington Town Centre, public transport or car. We are only a 5 minute walk from Darlington train station.

## Box Office

We share our Box Office with Darlington Hippodrome and this means they will be the lovely people taking your booking, which means you can also book tickets via them.

**Phone:** 01325 405 405

Monday - Saturday • 10am-8pm

### In person:

Monday - Saturday • 10am-8pm

Open until 6pm on non performance days

### Online:

Tickets can be booked online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and there are no booking fees.

If you would like your tickets posted out to you, there will be a £1 fee per transaction for this service.

Payments can be made by cash, MasterCard, Visa and Maestro cards, or by cheque or postal order.



Admit 1



## Parking

The Hullabaloo does not have a car park but there are short and long stay off street car parks close by to the venue. There are also 2 hour parking bays on the roads surrounding The Hullabaloo.



CREATIVITY  
for every CHILD

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