



AUTUMN 2024



MAGICAL THINGS  
for you to SEE,  
MAKE and DO

# WELCOME to the HULLABALOO

Autumn 2024 seems to have arrived at lightening speed and we couldn't be happier to share all the magical things to see, make and do at The Hullabaloo!

From the best play experiences to the cutting of edge of Early Years dance, plus a fantastic range of neurodivergent friendly and British Sign language integrated activities and shows - there really is something for everyone!

This season we're welcoming hyperlocal, national and international companies to The Hullabaloo for a programme that's full of the perfect mix of delights! From shows full of circus, puppetry, live music and song to epic fairytales.

We're delighted to present our brand-new Creative Play space: Bloom which has been created as part of a research project with children from Borough Road Nursery. We've really enjoyed working with the local community and can't wait to introduce you to this very special play adventure.

We're celebrating three festival periods; Diwali, Hulla-ween and Christmas and each one is full to the brim with fantastic shows and activities. Our festive season will take you above the clouds in a dreamy land with our brand-new 'Wishmas Skies' experience, Hullabaloo favourite 'Dreamland' and Cloud Man our alternative Christmas show for children aged 3+.

We can't wait to see you at The Hullabaloo this autumn!

Theatre Hullabaloo x



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# PLAY for FREE at The Hullabaloo

At the heart of The Hullabaloo is our Creative Play space where babies, children and their grown-ups can play in for free together between 10am-2pm Monday - Saturday.

## Bloom

**Mon 23 September - Sat 16 November**  
**10am-2pm • 0-10 years**

Join us in our brand new garden-like play space that invites little ones to explore, adventure, and grow vibrant ideas together with their grown-ups.

Lounge and snuggle, roll and dance, play and discover in this enchanting space where ideas can germinate, curiosity will grow new shoots and young minds develop as creativity blooms.

Made with the children and educators at Borough Road Nursery together with Theatre Hullabaloo artists and researchers, this creative play space has been shaped through research into how children and adults want to be together in creative spaces. It's designed as a gentle restorative space for babies, children and adults alike and has been particularly enjoyed by the SEND children at the nursery.

## Dreamland

**Mon 25 November - March**  
**10am-2pm • 0-4 years**

Our very popular Creative Play installation, Dreamland, is returning to The Hullabaloo! Dreamland is a beautiful sensory play installation in our creative play space designed for very young children aged 0-4 years and their grown-ups. Tuck yourself in for a bedtime story and drift away on a feather pillow, listen to the sound of sweet lullabies and be mesmerised by beautiful bubbles in lit-up tubes.







## ABOUT THE HULLABALOO

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, socially prescribed play programmes and much more!

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.

What a wonderful initiative! Such a gem, we will definitely be back. Coffee was great too and the kids enjoyed the play area with books and colouring in.







# What's On

Autumn  
2024



See, Make, Play or Do	Date	Show/activity	Age	Page
SEE	Sat 28 Sep	A Tiger's Tale	4+ years	10
SEE	Fri 4 & Sat 5 Oct	The Sticky Dance	3-5 years	11
SEE	Fri 11 & Sat 12 Oct	Daisy Donald	4+ years	12
SEE MAKE	Fri 25 & Sat 26 Oct	Diwali: Celebration of Lights	0-10 years	13
SEE PLAY	Mon 28 - Thu 31 Oct	Hulla-ween		14-15
	Tue 29 Oct	Trembling Tuesday: Pumpkin Patch	2+ years	
	Wed 30 Oct	Wicked Wednesday: Spooky Storytelling	3-7 years & 3+ years	
	Thu 31 Oct	Trick or Trick Thursday: Messy Play	6 months - 5 years	
	Mon 28 - Thu 31 Oct	Hulla-ween Crafts	0-10 years	
SEE	Fri 1 & Sat 2 Nov	The Chronicles of Atom & Luna	6+ years	16
MAKE	Sat 9 Nov	Create & Paint	0-7 years	18
MAKE	Sat 9 - Sat 30 Nov	Reindeer Post	0-10 years	19
SEE	Thu 14 & Fri 15 Nov	Chiffonnade	2+ years	17
DO PLAY	Fri 22 & Sat 23 Nov	Play in the Everyday	1-3 years, 3-5 years & under 7s	09
DO	Sun 1 - Tue 24 Dec	Wishmas Skies	3-10 years	19
SEE	Tue 3 - Tue 24 Dec	Cloud Man	3+ years	20-21

# EVERYONE is welcome!

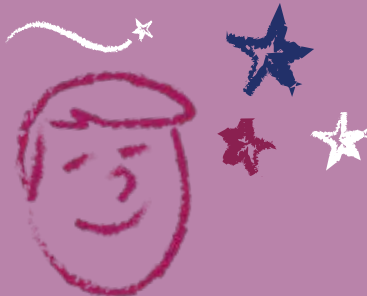
We want every child and their family to feel comfortable at The Hullabaloo, so we make sure that there are lots of opportunities for families who have children who are neurodivergent or have additional needs to join in, in the way that suits them best. That could mean fewer people, a more relaxed pace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

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

## What is a Neurodivergent 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



As always, The Hullabaloo was a fabulous venue. They're super inclusive and very aware of neurodiversity and additional needs.

They even included a visual story on their webpage to help guests to prepare for their trip.

*Mum of boys, north east*

## NDF Performances & activities

### Play in the Every Day (pg 09)

For under 7s

Sat 21 September • 2.15pm-3pm

Sat 23 November • 2.15pm-3pm

### The Sticky Dance (pg 11)

3-7 years

Sat 5 October • 2pm-2.50pm

### The Chronicles of Atom & Luna (pg 16)

6+ years

Fri 1 November • 1.30pm-2.40pm

### Cloud Man (pg 20-21)

3+ years

Sun 8 November • 11am-11.45am

Sat 14 December • 1pm-1.45pm

Mon 23 December • 10am-10.45am

### British Sign Language

There will be a British Sign Language integrated performance of *A Tigers Tale* on Sat 28 September at 11am.

### Bookable NDF 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/groups with Neurodivergent children and those with additional needs. Refreshments included.

### Group sessions (for up to 4 families)

#### Bloom (pg 03)

Tue 29 October • 2.30pm-3.30pm • for children aged 0-10 years and their families

#### Dreamland (pg 03)

Fri 29 November 2.30pm-3.30pm • for children aged 0-4 years and their families

### Individual sessions

Each family has exclusive use of the Bloom Creative Play space:

Thu 26 September • 2.30pm / 3.05pm / 3.40pm

Sat 19 October • 2.30pm / 3.05pm / 3.40pm / 4.15pm

Fri 8 November • 2.30pm / 3.05pm / 3.40pm / 4.15pm

If you'd like to know more and to book, please contact Theatre Hullabaloo on 01325 405680 or visit [theatrehullabaloo.org.uk/shows/](http://theatrehullabaloo.org.uk/shows/)





Nursery & school shows & activities:

# 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 and creative activities 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 and creativity that helps them understand and make meaning in a complicated world. Book your school or nursery in today to see:

We support your visit to The Hullabaloo by offering:

- Buy 10 tickets and get 1 free
- Spaces to eat packed lunches
- Follow-up activities and learning resources

## Daisy Donald (pg 12)

4+ years • Fri 11 October • 10am & 1pm

## Diwali: Celebration of Light (pg 13)

KS2 Years 4-6 • Fri 25 October  
9.30am-11.40am & 12.45pm-14.50pm

## Cloud Man (pg 20-21)

3+ years • Tue 3 - Thu 19 December • 9.45am & 1.30pm

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



# PLAY in the EVERYDAY

**Fri 22 & Sat 23 November**

**10am: 1-3 year olds**

**11.15am & 1pm: 3-5 year olds**

**Various times:  NDF sessions for under 7s**

**45 minute sessions**

**Tickets: Combined ticket  
£3 (adult and child)**

**Additional adult  
or child £3**

Back by popular demand, *Play in the Everyday* is the perfect way to play with your little ones in our fun session and then re-use these skills at home!

*Play in the Everyday* provides an abundance of opportunities to express creativity and explore everyday objects in new ways. Our Hullabaloo Host Laura will be your guide as you follow your fascination, create, and have fun in a world filled with endless possibilities.



“Loved it. Great value, super variety of resources.  
Good timing - 45 mins was perfect.  
Would love more of these sessions!”

Buy tickets here:





# A TIGER'S TALE

M6 Theatre Company

**Sat 28 September • 11am\* & 1.30pm**

4+ years

M6 Theatre presents a fantastical production by the award-winning playwright Mike Kenny. Based on the extraordinary story of Fenella, the Holmfirth Tiger, *A Tiger's Tale* is a high-spirited balancing act of circus, puppetry, live music and song.

From a circus train in South Africa, to a steamboat on the Atlantic Ocean and onward to West Yorkshire, a ramshackle travelling troupe tell us the unbelievable true story of a family of acrobats and their adopted tiger cub.

Join Titch, Ma and Pa on their riotous adventure into a world where 'all the best stories end with a surprise.'



**Duration: 50 minutes**

**Tickets: £7 per person /  
£24 group ticket /  
11 for 10 large  
group offer**

**\* BSL integrated performance**

*Buy tickets here:*







# THE STICKY DANCE



Second Hand Dance

**Fri 4 October • 09.15am & 1pm**

**Sat 5 October • 10am & 2pm** 

3-5 years

**Duration: Up to 2 hours**

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

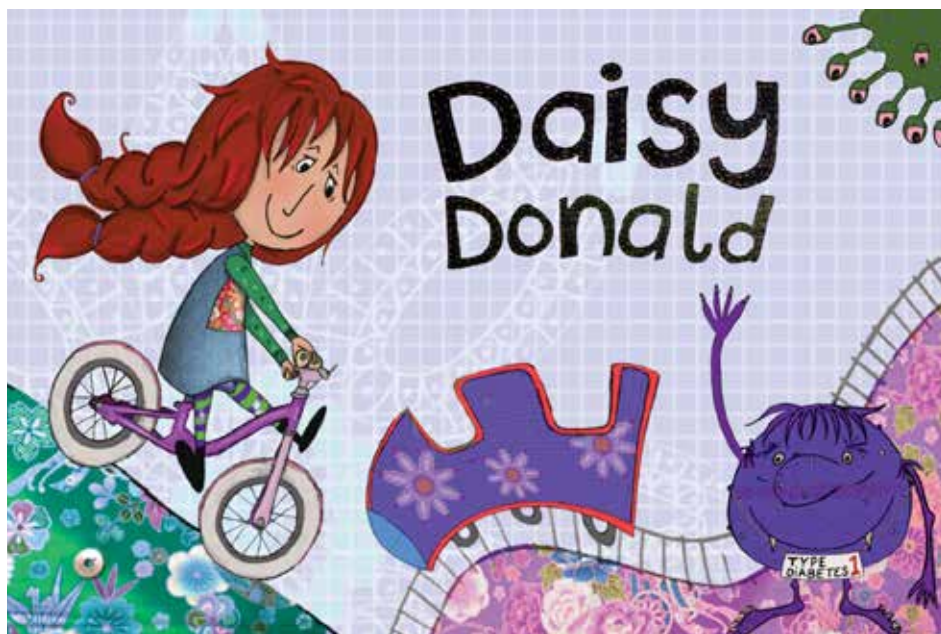
Three dancers' shimmy through the audience weaving a tapestry of sticky tape in this tactile dance performance for young children. They invite you to tape, stick and groove, to see and feel sound or to be still, watch and listen.

Audiences are encouraged to explore freely, choosing how they engage, and turning the rules upside down.

*The Sticky Dance* is open for 2 hours for each performance. We recommend you spend approximately 45 minutes in the space, although you can choose to stay for longer or less. Please book one of the entrance slots available every 15 minutes. The first 2 slots have a lower capacity, for children who might prefer a gentler start.

Buy tickets here:





# DAISY DONALD

Blackbird Creative Arts

**Fri 11 October • 10am & 1pm (schools)**  
**Sat 12 October • 11am & 1.30pm (families)**

4+ years



**Duration: 50 minutes**

**Tickets: £7 per person /  
£24 group ticket**

In a world of musical monsters, rollercoasters and invisible capes, Type 1 Daisy discovers she's a "Warrior not a Worrier".

Daisy Donald is bright and bold but she's hiding a secret... she lives with Type 1 Diabetes, an invisible disability. When Daisy's world goes grey, is she ready for an adventure with 3 sneaky, shuffly monsters Moe, Sky and Eddy?

Through her fantastical world of music and learning to "Ride the Rollercoaster"; when Daisy needs to be brave, will she learn how to find her own invisible superhero cape?

Adapted for the stage from Jade Byrne's much-loved book, this brand-new family show takes you on a remarkable journey of learning about disabilities and difference, filled with take-home songs and positive messages of acceptance.

We can't wait to welcome Darlington-based Blackbird Creative Arts to share their new show at The Hullabaloo!

*If your nursery or school would like to attend the show, please call 01325 405680.*

*Please see pg 08 for special offers for nurseries and schools.*

Buy tickets here:





# DIWALI: CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

Theatre Hullabaloo in partnership with Manasumitra

**Fri 25 October (schools) • 9.30am & 12.45pm**

Schools are invited to join us for a carousel of creative activities to learn about and celebrate the festival of Diwali.

Try out some Bollywood dance, design your own Rangoli, learn more about sarees and immerse yourselves in a sound bath with stories of the Ramayana, this is a jam-packed half day for groups of up to 30 children.

Years 4-6

**Duration: 2 hours**

**Tickets: £5 per child**

## DIWALI: SOUND BATH

**Sat 26 October (public) • 10am-3pm**

Pop along and enjoy this beautiful sound bath experience alongside the calming backdrop of our latest Creative Play experience, Bloom.

Children and their grown-ups can enjoy being 'bathed' in sound waves, music and stories that celebrate Hinduism's famous epic tales of Ramayana.

0-10  
years

**Duration: Drop-in session  
of approx. 15 mins**

**Free, no need to book**

## DIWALI: DIYA & RANGOLI FAMILY WORKSHOP

**Sat 26 October (public) • 11am & 1pm**

It's time to get creative! Join us for this visual arts workshop led by artist Jayamini de Silva.

Children and their grown-ups can create their own Diya lamp which are symbolically lit during prayers, rituals, and ceremonies in the Hindu culture. We'll also be creating pretty Rangoli patterns - a traditional artform in Hinduism.

7+ years

**Duration: 1 hour**

**Tickets: £3 per person,  
free babe in arms**





HAPPY



HULLA-WEEN



We're mixing things up this year and have a brand-new event to throw into the Hulla-ween cauldron!

Join us at The Hullabaloo for family friendly pumpkin carving, ghoulish games, spooky storytelling, mad messy play and creepy crafts!



### Wicked Wednesday: Hulla-ween Spooky Storytelling

SEE

Wed 30 October

10.15am - 3-7 years

11.30am - 3+ years

1.30pm - 3-7 years

£3 per person

Join one of our fabulous regular Hullabaloo storytellers, Chris Connaughton, as he takes you on a Halloween journey into a fairytale forest. Who will we meet? Which paths shall we take? The ideas are up to you, with a little bit of Chris' help.

### Hulla-ween Crafts

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Mon 28 - Thu 31 October

10am-2pm • 0-10 years

FREE, self-led activity

Come along and create some spooky arts and crafts in our café area.

### Trembling Tuesday: Hulla-ween Pumpkin Patch

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Tue 29 October

10am • 11.30am • 1.30pm • 2+ years

£3 per person

Join us for a family friendly pumpkin painting and decorating session, alongside ghoulish games and tons of other fang-tastic fun!



### Trick or Trick Thursday: Hulla-ween Messy Play

PLAY

Thu 31 October

9.45am • 11.30am • 1.45pm

6 months-5 years and their grown ups

£3 per person

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



# THE CHRONICLES OF ATOM & LUNA

Funnelwick Limb in association with  
Theatre Porto and Eastern Angles

**Fri 1 & Sat 2 November • 11am & 1.30pm**

6+ years

**Duration: 70 minutes**

**Tickets: £7 per person /  
£24 group ticket  
Free babe in arms**

Join Atom and Luna on the adventure of a lifetime this Autumn! This family friendly show from poet and BBC favourite Murray Lachlan Young is packed full of poetry, puppetry, imagination and fun. Audiences will be treated to this epic fairytale adventure brought brilliantly to life on stage using puppets, physical performance, live action and much much more.

“Thoroughly enjoyed this magical production yesterday, such a beautiful crafted piece of theatre! the children and their adults, were engrossed in the modern fairytale.”

*Buy tickets here:*





# (CHIFFONNADE

Teatro 4Garoupas (GER) + Carré Blanc Cie (FRA)

**Thu 14 & Fri 15 November • 10am & 1pm**

**Sat 16 November • 11am & 1pm**

2+ years



**Duration: 45 minutes**

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

A planetary sphere rolls across the stage. Or is it an ark or is it a cocoon? The dancer explores the big wide world, one hand, one foot, one head at a time, until she is brave enough to emerge.

Somewhere between dream and reality, full of emotions, and as colourful as life itself, *Chiffonnade* is about growing up, blossoming, releasing oneself from the chrysalis, discovering the world and flying until eventually, the dancer finds her freedom in the most extraordinary way you can imagine...

Winner of Best Dance Performance at FETEN Festival, Spain, 2024. *Chiffonnade* is a co-production between Teatro 4Garoupas and Carré Blanc Cie.



Buy tickets here:







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



Join us for a magical festive season at The Hullabaloo; children and their grown-ups can let their imaginations float above the clouds in our Dreamland Creative Play space, whisper imaginings into our brand-new Wishmas Skies and visit the Cloud Men in this year's fabulous festive show.

Children will also have the chance to make their own Christmas decoration or gift for a loved one with Create and Paint, send a letter to Santa via Reindeer Post and get creative with our Christmas crafts.



## Christmas Create and Paint

**Sat 9 November**

Our annual Create and Paint Christmas session returns to The Hullabaloo again this season and we can't wait to see the creations you make.

Children will have the opportunity to make a truly special gift for a loved one in our festive theatre space.

**0-7 years (older siblings welcome)**

**30 minute creative sessions at:**

**9.45am • 10.30am • 11.15am**

**12.30pm • 1.15pm • 2pm**

**Visit our website to book your slot today.**

**Prices available on the website.**

## Reindeer Post

**Santa's post box will be in Café Hullabaloo from Sat 9 - Sat 30 November**

**Free • No need to book**

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.

## Wishmas Skies

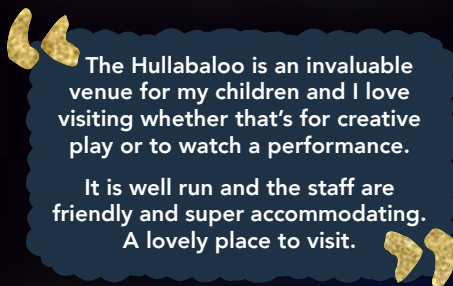
**Sun 1- Tue 24 December • 10am-2pm**

**3-10 years • Free, no need to book**

Enter our outdoor space and be transported into the sky to make a wish amongst the clouds! One family at a time will have the opportunity to whisper their wishes for the new year into our specially-designed cloud pod.

These special imaginings will then be captured and turned into a magical soundscape as the wishes multiply across the festive season.

**Please note this activity has limited capacity so there may be a wait at busy times.**





# CHRISTMAS at The Hullabaloo

Constellation Points presents:

"A joy  
to behold!"  
The Herald  
★★★★

3+  
years

Tickets  
£10  
Book now!

## Cloud Man

"A deceptively simple story that  
will melt even the flintiest of hearts."

The List ★★★★★

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Claude has always had his head in the clouds. He is a cloud expert and all of his life he has dreamt of seeing a Cloud Man - an extremely rare creature who lives a quiet life high up in the sky.

Audiences will follow the clues to the very top of Cloud Mountain where the views are always surprising. If you are lucky, you may see something very special indeed.

Currently performed by Samuel Watson, directed by Alasdair Satchel, original soundtrack by Niroshini Thambar and Nik Paget-Tomlinson, with set and puppets by Ailie Cohen.

Join us at The Hullabaloo for this truly magical show.



<b>Tuesday 3 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 4 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 5 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Saturday 7 December</b>	11am & 1.30pm
<b>Sunday 8 December</b>	11am ☺ & 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 10 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 11 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 12 December</b>	1.30pm
<b>Friday 13 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Saturday 14 December</b>	10am, 1pm ☺ & 3pm
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	10am, 1pm & 3pm
<b>Tuesday 17 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 19 December</b>	9.45am & 1.30pm
<b>Saturday 21 December</b>	10am, 1pm & 3pm
<b>Sunday 22 December</b>	10am, 1pm & 3pm
<b>Monday 23 December</b>	10am ☺, 1pm & 3pm
<b>Tuesday 24 December</b>	10am & 1pm

Show duration: 45 minutes

☺ Neurodivergent Friendly performance

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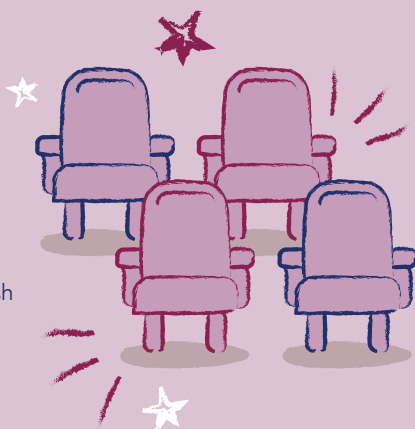


**Theatre Hullabaloo is a registered charity and we work hard to maintain low cost and free activities to ensure that creativity is part of everybody's childhood.**

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)
- **Taking a Seat in our theatre**  
(a brilliant gift to mark a special birthday with a seat plaque and certificate for the lucky recipient)
- **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)



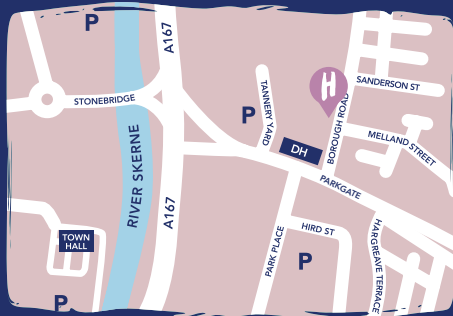
**We are very grateful to our funders and to local businesses for their support too.**

If you are a business who 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.

# 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 making your booking over the phone.

**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.

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.



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