



AUTUMN 2026



MAGICAL THINGS
for you to SEE,
MAKE and DO



Theatre Hullabaloo is an award-winning arts charity that creates extraordinary creative experiences for children aged 0-10 and their families.

When you visit The Hullabaloo, you'll find world-class theatre made specially for children - including brilliant shows for babies and toddlers - free artist-designed creative playscapes, storytelling, socially prescribed play programmes and much more.

We're delighted to be presenting this season's programme in a new partnership with Northumbria Financial Management - thanks to them for helping us to make the magic happen!

Autumn 2026 is jam-packed with brilliant shows, activities and our favourite times of the year; Hulla-ween and Christmas! Plus we are launching our brand new creative playscape in collaboration with London's Unicorn Theatre - Whatever The Weather!

We can't wait to see you at The Hullabaloo for all the magical things we have to see, make and do!

Theatre Hullabaloo xx



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.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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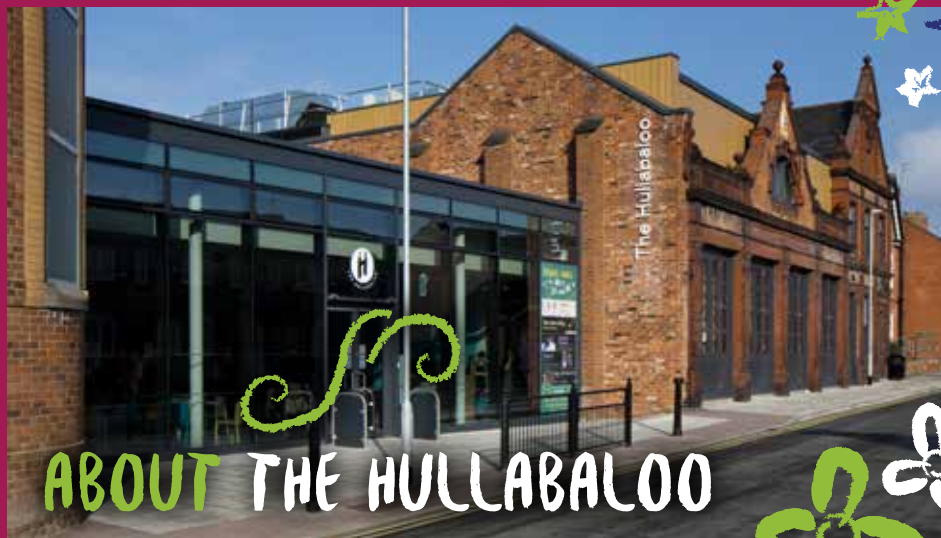
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Hullabaloo has been an incredible resource for my family over the years. Both my daughters have spent a lot of time here and we come to lots of the shows. All the staff are lovely.



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.

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.

At the heart of The Hullabaloo is our Creative Play space which showcases a variety of artist designed immersive playscapes throughout the year. Babies, children and their grown-ups can play for free together between 10am-2pm Wednesday - Saturday. There's no need to book but there may be a wait during busy periods.



Very friendly and welcoming staff,
I found it easy, even though
it was my first time!

FREE CREATIVE PLAY at The Hullabaloo

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WHATEVER THE WEATHER

Theatre Hullabaloo and Unicorn Theatre
Wed 2 September 2026 - Sat 6 February 2027
0-7 years and their grown-ups
Wed - Sat, 10am-2pm
Free, but donations very welcome

This autumn our brand new playscape, Whatever the Weather, will be making its debut at The Hullabaloo!

The creative play space invites children, aged 0-7, and their grown-ups to immerse themselves in the wonderful world of weather, sparking curiosity and imagination through sensory play, theatrical elements and sound journeys - dance in a snow storm, wear a cloud, build an ice castle, bask in the sun and discover other surprises along the way.

Inspired by ideas from children, Whatever the Weather is an artist-designed space that celebrates the different ways children naturally play - encouraging families to discover, imagine and explore together.

This creative playscape has been designed by Linbury Prize finalist Rūta Irbītė with dramaturgy by Daniel Naddafy, in collaboration with Theatre Hullabaloo and Unicorn Theatre.



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EVERYONE is welcome!

We want every child and family to feel comfortable, so we offer lots of opportunities for those who are neurodivergent or have additional needs to join in their own way - whether that means smaller audiences, a relaxed pace, or a familiar face.

For details about what to expect, visit our website, call us (01325 405 680), or chat with one of our friendly Hullabaloo Hosts.

NEURODIVERGENT FRIENDLY (NDF) PERFORMANCES

While The Hullabaloo is always relaxed, our NDF performances (open to everyone) offer extra support for families who may need it. At these performances:

- You'll receive pre-show information to help you prepare for your visit
- You can explore the theatre before the show begins
- Moving around and responding naturally is absolutely fine
- Audience sizes are smaller for a calmer experience
- A safe, creative space is available if your child needs a break

The kids absolutely loved this and thank goodness for the neurodivergent session! Without these sessions we would really struggle to attend as a family.



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



★ NOF PERFORMANCES

Landscapes • pg 11
Fri 23 October • 1.30pm

Not Now Bernard • pg 12
Fri 30 October • 1.30pm

Little Red Riding Hood • pg 17
Sun 13 December • 10am
Mon 21 December • 1.30pm



★ NOF ACTIVITIES

Whatever the Weather • pg 5
Individual sessions for families at 2.45pm,
3.20pm, 3.55pm and 4.30pm
on Sat 26 September & Sat 21 November

Group session for up to 4 families
at 2.30-3.30pm on Sat 17 October

Monster Masks and Spooky Crafts • pg 13
Sat 31 October • 1.30pm-2.30pm





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AFTER PARTY

HurlyBurly

Wed 16 & Thur 17 September

10am & 1.30pm

The arrival of a new baby is the beginning of a long, beautiful and messy journey. Join us at the *After Party*, a place of joy, rest, solidarity and festivity as we support and celebrate each other through the long and transformative journey of parenthood.

Combining the beautiful and uplifting vocal music of the HurlyBurly ensemble with a playful and immersive multi-sensory world, this performance experience offers families time and space to relax together whilst the interactive performance ebbs and flows around them.

After Party is 90 minute durational performance for 0-2s where families can join and leave at whichever points they like. Or you're very welcome to stay for the duration.

After Party is a Theatre Hullabaloo Little Wonders Commission.

0-2 years

Duration: 90 mins

Tickets: £10 per person

Multi-buy offer available! Purchase tickets to any of our Autumn 26 shows at the same time and receive 5% off for 2 shows, 10% off for 3 shows or 15% off for 4 or more shows.

SEE

Coming through the gold curtain was like entering another world, it felt like a festival.

Audience member



VELCRO BABIES

Dora Rubinstein

Thur 10, 17, 24 September & 1, 8 October

10am-10.40am (0-12 months)

11.15am-11.55am (12-24 months)

0-12
months
or 12-24
months

Duration: 60 minutes

**Tickets: £4 per person
per session**

Velcro Babies is a new immersive circus theatre experience for babies and their caregivers, it's currently in development and we would like to invite you and your little one to help us shape the show by joining some relaxed baby-centred circus play sessions.

Join artists, Dora and Jane, as they invite you and your baby/toddler to explore circus apparatus, props and playful ideas together.

There is no charge for these sessions, but if you are able to make a donation to Theatre Hullabaloo to help cover our costs, you can do this at checkout. Suggested donation is £4 per session.



DU IZ TAK?

Tiny Pickles Theatre

Sat 10 October

10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm

Come and peer into a miniature world of little puppets and discover a delightful group of friends exploring their ever-changing home. Adapted from the award-winning and beautiful book by Carson Ellis.

Du Iz Tak? is an enchanting, unusual and magical theatre show for young families. As you gaze into a miniature world insects pop up from hidey holes and go about their daily tasks, chatting in their own special language. This delightful group of friends busily inhabit their ever-changing home as the seasons come and go, creating a gloriously visual feast of a show.

3+ years

SEE

Duration: 30 minutes

**Tickets: £8 per person
£30 group ticket
(max 4 people,
min 1 child)
Under 12 months
free**

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Funny,
imaginative and
thought provoking.
A show for all the
family.

Audience
member



LANDSCAPES

Xenia Aidonopoulou

Fri 23 October • 10am & 1pm (NDF)

Sat 24 October • 11am & 1.30pm

3+ years

Join four curious travellers as they journey through changing seasons and enchanted natural worlds filled with flowers, snow, rain, moonlight and wonder. Featuring captivating dance, original music and immersive visual design, *Landscapes* invites young audiences to explore, imagine and discover the beauty of the world around them.

A playful, sensory experience celebrating nature, curiosity and connection that'll be enjoyed by children, teenagers and adults alike.

Landscapes is a Theatre Hullabaloo Little Wonders commission, co-commissioned by Sadler's Wells & Pavilion Dance South West.



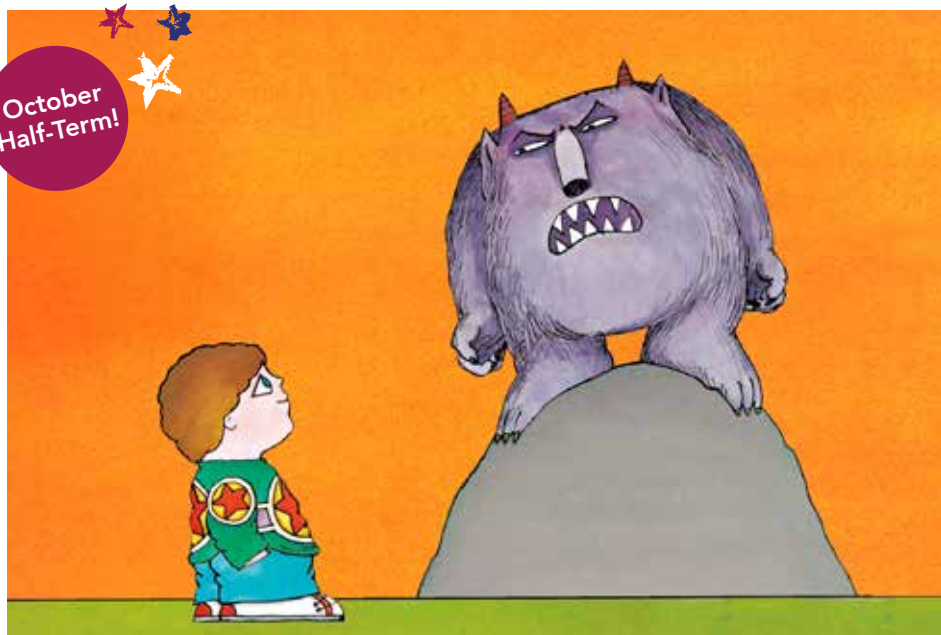
Duration: 45 minutes

**Tickets: £10 per person
£36 group ticket
(max 4 people,
min 1 child)
Under 12 months
free**

**11 for 10 ticket
offer for Friday
shows**

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10% off for 3 shows or 15%
off for 4 or more shows.**

October
Half-Term!



NOT NOW BERNARD

SEE

Roustabout Theatre

Thur 29 October • 1.30pm

Fri 30 October • 11am & 1.30pm (NDF)

3+ years

Duration: 55 minutes

Tickets: £10 per person
£36 group ticket
(max 4 people,
min 1 child)
**Under 12 months
free**

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'There's a monster in the garden and it's going to eat me.'

What happens when nobody listens?

David McKee's wickedly funny story roars on to the stage in Roustabout Theatre's fantastical and colourful adaptation of this classic and much-loved picture book. Through physical comedy, a live soundtrack performed on instruments and household objects, and an ENORMOUS purple monster, this show explores big themes of attention, imagination, and being heard, offering lots to talk about for both children and adults.

With integrated Makaton, this accessible production is suitable for everyone aged 3+.

Supported by Arts Council England, the egg, and Front Room Theatre.

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HULLA-WEEN!

MONSTER MASKS AND SPOOKY CRAFTS

Theatre Hullabaloo

Sat 31 October

9.30am, 11.15am, 1.30pm (NDF) & 3.15pm

1-5 years

Duration: 60 minutes

Tickets: £4 per person
Under 12 months
free

We've created the ultimate Halloween themed family fun session so there's something for everyone to enjoy together!

Join us for mask making, Halloween games, messy trays and lots more fun! There'll even be a creepy corner full of books and baby toys to keep your littlest ghosts and ghouls happy.

We'll also have creepy crafts that are free to enjoy in our café!



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



We have two delightful shows for audiences to enjoy this December as well as Merry Music & Jingle Play sessions, Create & Paint visiting, Reindeer Post and more!

The Yule Tree is our very first Christmas opera for babies (pg 16) , and Little Red Riding Hood is our show for the whole family (pg 17).

We can't wait for families and friends to come together at The Hullabaloo and enjoy what's on offer!



Reindeer Post

Sat 7 - Sat 28 November

Wed- Sat, 10am-2pm

Free but donations are welcomed

Reindeer Post is making a special collection from The Hullabaloo again this festive season. We have colour sheets and letter templates available so you can be sure that Santa knows what to include in your little ones stockings.

Create & Paint

Fri 13 November

10.15am, 11am, 12pm, 12.45pm, 1.30pm,
3.30pm & 4.15pm

Prices from £6-£12 per item

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

Merry Music & Jingle Play

Fri 20 November & Wed 9 December

10am, 11.30am & 1.30pm

60 mins • For ages 0-4

£4 per person

Back by popular demand! Join us for a joyful hour of festive fun designed especially for little ones and their grown-ups.

Our festive sing & play sessions blend music, storytelling, and creative play to celebrate the magic of the season.

Enjoy a relaxed hour filled with songs, interactive games and a gorgeous festive story to get into the spirit - plus a mince pie and a warm drink for grown-ups to enjoy along the way.

For details of performance times and extended opening across the festive period, please visit our website:

theatrehullabaloo.org.uk





THE YULE TREE



HurlyBurly in association with Theatre Hullabaloo

Thur 26 November - Sun 6 December
Various times

0-2 years

Duration: 40 minutes

Tickets: £10 per person

Multi-buy offer available! Purchase tickets to any of our Autumn 26 shows at the same time and receive 5% off for 2 shows, 10% off for 3 shows or 15% off for 4 or more shows.

Gather round *The Yule Tree* to celebrate the magic of Christmas and welcome in the new year.

HurlyBurly invites you and your baby on a multisensory journey through a year in the life of a tree: feeling the wind on your cheeks, marching through fallen leaves and smelling new blossoms. As the days get shorter the Christmas preparations begin. What secrets does *The Yule Tree* have in store?

With beautiful singing and relaxing music at its core, *The Yule Tree* is an opportunity for 0-2s and their carers to unwind and have fun this festive season.



LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Lyngo Theatre in association with Theatre Hullabaloo

Thur 10 - Thur 24 December
Various times

3+ years

Duration: 55 minutes

Tickets: £12 per person

Multi-buy offer available! Purchase tickets to any of our Autumn 26 shows at the same time and receive 5% off for 2 shows, 10% off for 3 shows or 15% off for 4 or more shows.

Join us this Christmas for a magical retelling of a much-loved story. In our story, a wardrobe can take you to magical spaces, to all sorts of tales and wonderful places. This wardrobe is a portal to the wild wood where something is roaming the forest and a little girl has just received a beautiful red cloak from her granny.

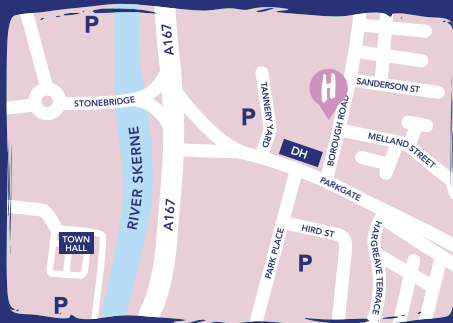
Join a very cheeky wolf in granny's clothing as he takes Little Red Riding Hood on an adventure down the path into the snowy wild wood.

Don't miss our festive treat full of catchy songs and hilarious puppets - all the better to thrill you with!

**55 minutes
of pure
childhood joy!**
number9reviews 

plan your visit

How to find us



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

Open Wednesday - Saturday, 10am-2pm

The Hullabaloo offers a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere for everyone. With a family-friendly café, cosy story corner, outdoor play space, creative play space and studio theatre, it's the perfect place to unwind and enjoy time with friends and family.

Our venue is accessible at ground level and features ample toilet facilities, including a Changing Places Toilet. We also have a baby changing room, and a handy buggy park. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the venue.

Our café is managed by Darlington Hippodrome and serves a selection of hot and cold drinks, along with light snacks - including gluten-free options.

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.



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. Please be aware of resident parking bays.



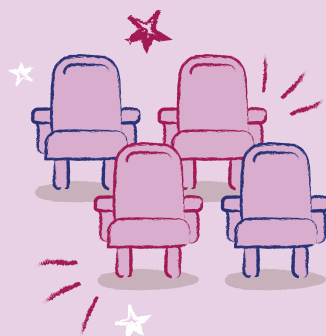


At Theatre Hullabaloo, we believe every child deserves magical, creative experiences that inspire imagination and joy.

As a registered charity, we work passionately to keep our performances and activities low-cost or free, so that no child ever misses out because of cost. Every moment of wonder at The Hullabaloo is made possible through generous subsidies and the incredible support of people like you. With your help, we can reach even more children, spark more imaginations, and make creativity a part of every childhood. Together, we can make the magic happen - will you help us 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
- **Pay It Forward**
you can now donate the cost of your ticket (via our website) to a family who wouldn't usually be able to experience the magic of our theatre



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

THANK YOU for helping us to make the magic happen.



A very BIG THANK YOU
to all of our supporters.



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