

NEVILL HOLT FESTIVAL 2025

30 MAY -
22 JUNE

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FAMILY SHOWS
IN CONVERSATIONS**

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NEVILL HOLT FESTIVAL 2025

This June, escape to the enchanting **Nevill Holt Estate** in Leicestershire for an unforgettable celebration of music, art and ideas.

Now in its second year, **Nevill Holt Festival** returns with a world-class line-up that includes over 80 shows from leading musicians, artists, writers and speakers. Across our award-winning venues and stunning gardens, guests can enjoy a programme that spans opera, classical and contemporary music, jazz, history, visual art, politics, comedy, family events and literature.

This year, we're thrilled to announce a new partnership with **Underbelly**, one of the UK's most exciting live entertainment producers. This collaboration brings fresh energy and even more variety to our stages, from comedy and cabaret to family shows in the theatre and, for the first time, a 1920s Spiegeltent.

We also welcome **Opera North**, with whom we kick-off our five year collaboration with a dazzling production of Mozart's witty and romantic masterpiece, *Così fan tutte*. Returning favourites **Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra** will light up the stage once again, and soul star **Jalen Ngonda** makes a much-anticipated return following his electric debut last year.



During the festival, over 100 young people will be performing, continuing our commitment to nurturing young talent, particularly supporting students from the David Ross Education Trust (DRET) schools.

In our popular talks series, hear from some of the UK's most inspiring voices including **Richard E. Grant, William Dalrymple, Mishal Husain, Prue Leith** and **Trinny Woodall**. Live podcast recordings of hit shows such as **Talk Art** and **The Good, The Bad & The Rugby** will bring behind-the-scenes insight and brilliant storytelling to Nevill Holt's theatre stage.

This festival champions creativity in every form. Families can enjoy a wide programme of fun and accessible events, while art lovers can discover sculpture from **Antony Gormley, Rachel Whiteread, Marc Quinn** and more, alongside exhibitions of work by award-winning artist, **Chila Burman**.

Finally, this year, food and drink will be in the spotlight, with exciting new dining experiences that promise to be every bit as magnificent as all other aspects of the Nevill Holt experience. London's **Maison François** will be taking over the main marquee on the lawn to create *The Garden Restaurant*.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the all-day à la carte menu, even if you're not coming for a show - **The Garden Restaurant by Maison François** is a destination in its own right.

We are also delighted to welcome Ben Tish of **Cubitt House**, who will host two seasonal feasts, inspired by the sun-soaked flavours of the Mediterranean.



BOOKING INFORMATION

Book tickets online at nevillholtfestival.com/whats-on

Reserve your table at The Garden by Maison François - nevillholtfestival.com/dining

Have further questions? Please get in touch with our Box Office team.

Email: nhfboxoffice@underbelly.co.uk
Phone: +44 (0)1858 437 451

Opening Hours:

Prior to the festival, our Customer Service Team is available Monday to Friday, with **phone lines open 11am – 4pm**.

During the festival, our on-site Box Office team will be available throughout the festival's opening times.

ART & GARDEN ACCESS

Ticket holders will also have complimentary access to the estate gardens and Modern British sculpture collection as well as the exhibitions by Chila Burman, Saatchi Yates and Northants & Rutland Open Studios.

Or if you'd like to visit our gardens and exhibitions but don't have tickets for an event, you can also purchase garden or sculpture only tickets for as little as £10! (see pages 30/31).

**The Gardens will open 30 minutes earlier exclusively to members on Opera days.*

IS THERE A DRESS CODE?

There are no rules! Some people like to use a visit to Nevill Holt as an opportunity to dress up, but we don't have a black tie policy at our opera. Wear whatever makes you feel good! But do check the weather in advance.

OPENING TIMES

May		
Friday	30	5pm
Saturday	31	10am
June		
Sunday	1	10am
Friday	6	3pm*
Saturday	7	10am*
Sunday	8	10am*
Tuesday	10	3pm*
Wednesday	11	3pm*
Thursday	12	10am*
Friday	13	12pm
Saturday	14	10am
Sunday	15	10am
Monday	16	5pm
Thursday	19	5pm
Friday	20	9.30am
Saturday	21	10am
Sunday	22	10am

OPERA NORTH'S AND NEVILL HOLT'S

Così fan tutte

MOZART'S COMIC MASTERPIECE

6 - 12 June 2025

It's difficult to think of an opera that contains more music of sheer beauty than Mozart's comic masterpiece – or has a more unsettling libretto.

The plot – in which the cynical Don Alfonso bets that the fiancées of two young men won't stay faithful for long if put to the test – is a work of supreme artifice. Yet the opera charts the boundaries of real and feigned emotion, trust and deception, loyalty and desire, with unsparing truthfulness.

Opera North is the North of England's leading national opera company. Rooted in Leeds, international in outlook, they're passionate about making opera and music vital for everyone in our communities. They create bold, ambitious, world-class productions of classics and lesser-known works, and their Learning & Engagement team delivers inspirational activity for people of all ages. At the heart of the Company are the brilliant singers and musicians of their full-time Chorus and Orchestra.

"We're very excited to be entering into a five-year collaboration with Nevill Holt Festival, enabling us to work together to make amazing new work at this inspiring festival in the stunning surroundings of the Leicestershire countryside. This mutually beneficial collaboration facilitates the opportunity to deliver great opera in a new context, while also enabling more learning and engagement activity to be developed in the area, reaching out to, and connecting with, the wider community".

Laura Canning, *General Director & CEO, Opera North*

CAST

Fiordiligi

Ella Taylor / Charlie Drummond

Dorabella

Heather Lowe / Siân Griffiths

Ferrando

Egor Zhuraskii / Stuart Jackson

Guglielmo

Seán Boylan / Andrew Randall

Despina

Claire Lees / Gillene Butterfield

Don Alfonso

William Dazeley

Performance dates

6, 8, 11 June / 7, 10, 12 June

Chorus and Orchestra
of Opera North

Conductor: Chris Hopkins

Direction: Cecilia Stinton

Set Designer: George Leigh

Lighting Designer: Mike Lock

Costumes realised by:

Stephen Rodwell

*Sung in English with English surtitles
Running time 4hrs and 45 minutes
including 2 hour interval.*

Don't forget to pre-book
the Summer Menu by **Maison
François** for the long interval.

Book now at
nevilleholtfestival.com/dining

Find out more on page 29.



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SPORT & WELLNESS

AGGERS AND TUFFERS: PART 2

After a sell-out appearance in 2024, Jonathan “Aggers” Agnew and Phil “Tuffers” Tufnell are back to open Nevill Holt Festival 2025 with a new show that’s packed with hilarious and captivating tales from the world of cricket. Expect plenty of laughter, behind-the-scenes stories and a lively celebration of the sport they love.

📅 Friday 30 May ⌚ 7pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre from £35



FAMILY (ages 5+)

THE SHOWSTOPPERS' KIDS SHOW

If your children could create their very own dream musical – where would they start?

The Showstoppers' Kids Show takes your kids' ideas and turns them into marvellous, musical adventures in front of their very eyes. The kids decide where the story is set, who the characters are and what happens next – everything is made up on the spot entirely from audience suggestions.

★★★★★ ‘Make sure you see this show and then go again.’ *Broadway Baby*

📅 Saturday 31 May ⌚ 1.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre from £17.50



MUSIC

A NIGHT IN HARLEM
23ARTS HOT JAZZ WEEKEND

Travel back in time to the heart of the Harlem Renaissance with an evening of jazz, singing, tap and poetry.

Led by award-winning trumpeter, Dominick Farinacci, with players coming all the way from New York, *A Night In Harlem* will transport you to the Jazz Age, with its era-defining improvisation.

This promises to be an unforgettable night for jazz aficionados and newcomers alike.

📅 Friday 30 May ⌚ 8.30pm (70 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent from £35



FOOD

THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF WINNER MATTY EDGELL

Join *The Great British Bake Off* champion Matty Edgell as he brings his signature charm and expertise to Nevill Holt Festival! Matty will be sharing insider tips, mouthwatering recipes and the secrets behind his showstopping cakes with live demos. Whether you're a baking enthusiast or just love great food, this is an unmissable experience. Make it a Bake Off double event and see both Matty and Prue Leith in the same afternoon.

📅 Saturday 31 May ⌚ 2pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent from £19.50



FOOD (for guests 18+)

CUBITT HOUSE EATS WITH BEN TISH

Inspired by sun-soaked Mediterranean flavours, this convivial Saturday promises a decadent spread of sharing style dishes, warm hospitality and stories from the kitchen.

Guest will enjoy lunch, a Q&A with Ben and leave with a signed copy of his latest cookbook, *Mediterra*.

Come hungry!

📅 Saturday 31 May ⌚ 12pm (3hrs) 📍 The Kitchen Garden from £120



FOOD

AN AUDIENCE WITH DAME PRUE LEITH DBE

Spend the afternoon with the delightful Dame Prue Leith, best known as a judge on *The Great British Bake Off* and host of *Prue's Cotswold Kitchen*. With a career spanning Michelin-star restaurants, cookbooks and novels, Prue's vast experience also includes judging *The Great British Menu* and *My Kitchen Rules*. She'll share insights from her latest projects in a truly unforgettable afternoon with a culinary legend! Make it a Bake Off double event and see both Matty and Prue Leith in the same afternoon.

📅 Saturday 31 May ⌚ 3.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre from £35



ART & DESIGN

YINKA SHONIBARE CBE RA
in conversation with **EVA LANGRET**

Join acclaimed artist Yinka Shonibare CBE RA for a thought-provoking conversation with Eva Langret, Director of Frieze London, as they explore the themes of cultural identity, race and class in the context of globalisation. Shonibare will discuss his work's examination of Africa-Europe relations, historical narratives and national identities, along with his commitment to ecology through sustainability initiatives at his G.A.S. Foundation in Nigeria.

📅 Saturday 31 May ⌚ 4.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent from £25



MUSIC

MUSICAL MAESTROS & THE BIRTH OF SWING
23ARTS HOT JAZZ WEEKEND

Join the New York Jazz Sextet for an unforgettable celebration of three jazz legends: Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and George Gershwin. This vibrant performance honours Armstrong's *Hot Five* centennial and presents the UK premiere of a fresh new arrangement of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. With tap, song, storytelling, and the dynamic MCing of poet Orlando Watson, this show will transport you to the heart of jazz.

*Including an interval

📅 Saturday 31 May ⌚ 8pm (110 mins*) 📍 Theatre from £55



ARTS & CULTURE

RICHARD E GRANT

Join beloved actor and author Richard E Grant for an exclusive evening of showbiz stories and heartfelt reflections. Sharing moments from his extraordinary career and his bestselling memoir *A Pocketful of Happiness*, Richard offers warmth, wit and wisdom as he honours a promise made to his late wife: to find joy every day. From *Withnail and I* to *Saltburn*, his tales will move and delight. Book signing to follow in the Festival bookshop.

📅 Saturday 31 May ⌚ 5.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre from £35



SPORT & WELLNESS

GENTLE SOMATIC YOGA

This 60 minute gentle somatic yoga practice is a floor-based exploration of mindful movement, designed to release tension, improve mobility and restore balance to your body and mind. Somatic yoga focuses on slow, intentional movements that deepen body awareness, helping to ease stress and support long-term resilience and relaxation.

📅 Sunday 1 June ⌚ 10.30am (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent from £15



COMEDY & CABARET

UNDERBELLY'S COMEDY ALLSTARS

Enjoy the opening weekend with a night of laughter in Nevill Holt Festival's brand new venue, a breathtaking 1920s Spiegeltent. Underbelly is bringing its flagship comedy line-up show from the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and London to Nevill Holt Festival for the first time. Visit the festival website to see the full line-up.

*Including an interval

📅 Saturday 31 May ⌚ 6.30pm (90 mins*) 📍 Spiegeltent from £25



SPORT & WELLNESS

EARTHLY ELEVATION SOUND HEALING

Experience a calming, meditative journey designed to rebalance your inner state. This 1-hour sound bath, led by Earthly Elevation, combines guided meditation, breathwork and vibrational frequencies to create harmonious sounds and sensations. The session invites you into a deep state of relaxation, nourishing both body and mind. Embrace tranquillity and experience the soothing benefits of this unique, serene practice.

📅 Sunday 1 June ⌚ 12.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent from £15



MUSIC

LADIES OF THE BLUES
23ARTS HOT JAZZ WEEKEND

Witness timeless classics brought to life by the *Ladies of the Blues*. Led by the stunning vocals of Shenel Johns, this show will take you on a musical journey through the rich repertoire of legendary blues icons from Bessie Smith to Ethel Waters, Billie Holiday and Ma Rainey.

Join us for an afternoon of heartfelt artistry, rich history, and the indomitable spirit of the women who shaped this music.

📅 Sunday 1 June ⌚ 2pm (70 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £30



MUSIC

MARTIN HAYES TRIO

Experience an evening of soul-stirring music with the Martin Hayes Trio, led by one of Ireland's most celebrated fiddlers. Founder of *The Gloaming* and *The Common Ground Ensemble*, Martin Hayes is renowned for his artistry and adventurous spirit, and has performed for presidents, including President Obama in 2011.

With performances across major international stages and a critically acclaimed album, *Peggy's Dream*, Hayes brings his extraordinary musical vision to Nevill Holt for a night of depth, beauty and pure Irish tradition.

📅 Sunday 1 June ⌚ 5.30pm (90 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £30



FOOD (for guests 18+)

ENDLESS LUNCH WITH MAISON MIRABEAU AND CUBITT HOUSE

In partnership with Maison Mirabeau, join Cubitt House for an afternoon of fire, flavour and fine rosé. Hosted by Cubitt House Chef Director, Ben Tish, this Endless Lunch brings the spirit of the South of France to Nevill Holt.

Expect a feast of Provence-inspired dishes, cooked over an open fire and served sharing style, with award-winning Mirabeau rosé.

📅 Saturday 7 June ⌚ 12pm (3hrs) 📍 The Kitchen Garden

from £120



FOOD

SOPHIE GRIGSON: EXPLODING TOMATOES AND OTHER STORIES

Join Sophie Grigson for a delicious journey through the sun-drenched landscapes of southern Italy. From hidden fishing villages in Puglia to the chestnut forests of Calabria's Sila mountains, Sophie weaves travel tales, local legends and timeless recipes to bring this vibrant region to life featuring unique ingredients, passionate producers, and unforgettable dishes. Sophie will be interviewed by Louise Beale.

📅 Saturday 7 June ⌚ 1.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent

from £20



ART & DESIGN

GLENN BROWN
in conversation with MARCO LIVINGSTONE

Join one of Britain's most extraordinary contemporary artists, Glenn Brown, in conversation with art historian Marco Livingstone. They'll discuss Brown's recent work, which includes curating exhibitions at The Brown Collection and Florence's Museo Novecento, creating murals and shell grottoes, and continuing his series inspired by antique frames. Brown will also share insights into *The Sight of Something*, his new exhibition with Matthew Weir at London's Freud Museum.

📅 Saturday 7 June ⌚ 2.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Chapel

from £25



HISTORY & POLITICS

TOM BOWER
THE UNAUTHORISED BIOGRAPHER DIGGING THE DIRT

Join acclaimed investigative journalist and bestselling author Tom Bower in conversation with *The Times'* Tom Newton Dunn, as they explore a career spent uncovering the truth behind some of the world's most powerful figures. With over 40 years experience and 27 books, on subjects from Robert Maxwell to the Beckhams, Bower shares the highs, lows and unexpected moments of digging deep into public lives. A book signing will follow the event.

📅 Saturday 7 June ⌚ 3.15pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent

from £25



FAMILY (ages 5+)

THE WORLD OF HARRIET MUNCASTER ON ISADORA MOON

Step into the magical world of Harriet Muncaster's best-selling series of books, *Isadora Moon*. Harriet will be reading from her latest books, demonstrating how to draw Isadora Moon and other beloved characters, and answering your questions about her enchanting worlds.

After the event, there will be an opportunity to have your book signed by Harriet—don't miss the chance to meet the creator of Isadora Moon, Mirabelle, Emerald and Victoria Stitch!

📅 Sunday 8 June ⌚ 12pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £10



FAMILY (ages 8+)

MADAME CHANDELIER'S OPERA PARTY FOR KIDS

Expect dazzling divas, dramatic death scenes and hilarious high notes with Madame Chandelier!

Will you meet an evil queen who sings way too high, a princess who can't stop crying, or a priestess who's always on fire? Anything could happen at this opera party!

Madame Chandelier brings opera to life with humour, energy and a flair for the dramatic. An unforgettable experience for the whole family.

📅 Sunday 8 June ⌚ 1.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent

from £14.50



ART & DESIGN

NINA CAMPBELL OBE, VEERE GRENNY AND ALIDAD MAHLOUJ with Editor of House & Garden HATTA BYNG DESIGN AND DECORATION: LESSONS FROM THE GREATS

Three of the UK's most revered and influential designers, who have created extraordinary interiors for highly discerning clients all over the world, bring their wisdom and experience to discuss what makes a well-designed interior, interviewed by the Editor of *House & Garden*, Hatta Byng.

📅 Thursday 12 June ⌚ 12pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £25



ART & DESIGN

SIR MICHAEL CRAIG-MARTIN CBE RA in conversation with MARCO LIVINGSTONE

Join veteran visual artist, Michael Craig-Martin, as he discusses his life and work with art historian, writer and curator, Marco Livingstone.

Craig-Martin is one of the definitive figures of British art and one of the most influential artists of his generation. His work has been exhibited around the world, including at the Royal Academy of Arts in London, where a solo exhibition of his work was staged last year.

📅 Thursday 12 June ⌚ 1.15pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent

from £25



ARTS & CULTURE

TALK ART PODCAST LIVE With special guest HARLAND MILLER

Join actor Russell Tovey and gallerist Robert Diament, the hosts of award-winning podcast *Talk Art*, joined by very special guest Harland Miller.

Talk Art features exclusive interviews with leading artists, curators and gallerists, and occasionally hosts talented friends from the world of acting, music and journalism.

Join us for an exclusive live recording, in which Russell and Robert will explore the magic of art and how it connects us in such fantastic ways.

📅 Thursday 12 June ⌚ 2.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £30



HISTORY & POLITICS

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE

One of Britain's greatest living historians, William Dalrymple is known around the world for bringing the extraordinary history of the Indian subcontinent to life. He is the award-winning author of bestselling books such as *White Mughals* and is the co-host of the hit podcast, *Empire*.

Join us to discover how, from 250BC to 1200AD, India transformed the world and created an historic empire of ideas.

📅 Friday 13 June ⌚ 1.45pm (75 mins) 📍 Chapel

from £35



ART & DESIGN

**THE ART OF STYLE:
AN AFTERNOON WITH
SIR PAUL SMITH**

Join legendary designer Sir Paul Smith for an inspiring conversation on creativity, curiosity and the power of staying playful. From dressing Manchester United to designing Leica cameras, Rapha gear, and even a MINI, Paul's collaborations span fashion, interiors and beyond. This is your chance to meet the man behind the stripe and hear him recount his experiences, from humble beginnings to the recent curation of a blockbuster Picasso retrospective in Paris.

Friday 13 June 2pm (60 mins) Theatre

from £35



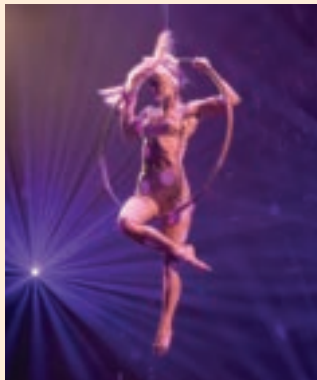
ARTS & CULTURE

**A COUNTRY HOUSE
REBORN: NEVILL HOLT AND
THE REVITALISATION OF A
COUNTRY ESTATE**

Nevill Holt Hall is a family home, but it also embodies the story of 'The English Country House' and how it has had to adapt to survive. By exploring Nevill Holt's architectural and social history (from its medieval origins through to the present day), this live recording of *The Country House Podcast* will examine the rise and fall of English country houses through the lens of Nevill Holt.

Friday 13 June 4.45pm (60 mins) Spiegeltent

from £20



COMEDY & CABARET

**UNDERBELLY'S
CABARET ALLSTARS**

This exclusive event brings together top international acrobats, aerialists, jugglers and cabaret stars, all curated by one of the leading circus & cabaret producers in the UK. Expect jaw-dropping feats, breathtaking aerial performances and one big Friday night party. Get your tickets now!

Friday 13 June 7.30pm (70 mins) Spiegeltent

from £27.50



MUSIC

**RONNIE SCOTT'S
JAZZ ORCHESTRA**

Don't miss Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra, one of the UK's finest big bands and a highlight of last year's festival! Known for their dynamic range - from roaring swing to funky Latin grooves - they bring classic hits by Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and more to life. Under the direction of Pete Long, with Georgina Jackson on vocals and trumpet, this performance will bring a vibrant celebration of world-class jazz to Nevill Holt Festival.

**Including an interval*

Friday 13 June 8pm (105 mins*) Theatre

from £60



MUSIC

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY PROM
Presented in partnership with **MAGIC CLASSICAL**

Celebrate the King's Official Birthday and Trooping of the Colour with a very special lunchtime concert. Presented by Opera North and Nevill Holt Festival, this one-off event features much-loved British music performed by the acclaimed Orchestra of Opera North.

Joining them are four brilliant school choirs from the David Ross Education Trust, coming together from Loughborough and Northampton for a joyful and patriotic musical celebration. Hosted by Magic Classical's Charles Nove.

Saturday 14 June 12pm (90 mins) Theatre

from £60



FAMILY (ages 8+)

**THE BEATBOX COLLECTIVE:
BEATBOX EXPERIENCE
FOR KIDS**

Discover your inner voice and create music using nothing but the human anatomy. Learn how to beatbox with The Beatbox Collective.

Expect live beatbox battles, the weird, wild and most wonderful sounds and the time of your life!

Entry requirements: yourself, your voice and your imagination! Let's make some noise!

Saturday 14 June 12.15pm (60 mins) Spiegeltent

from £17.50



HISTORY & POLITICS

JOHNNY MERCER AND RACHEL JOHNSON: A LIFE ON THE FRONT LINES IN WAR AND WESTMINSTER

Johnny Mercer, former Minister of State for Veterans' Affairs and British Army officer, sits down with the journalist and broadcaster Rachel Johnson to discuss the essential and often explosive relationship between war and politics.

What's more dangerous and brutal - War or Westminster?

📅 Saturday 14 June ⌚ 1.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Chapel

from £20



ART & DESIGN

CHILA BURMAN
in conversation with **JONATHAN BADYAL**

Join Chila Kumari Singh Burman MBE, one of the UK's most vibrant artists, for an intimate conversation with Universal Music's Jonathan Badyal. One of the first British Asian female artists to be the subject of a major monograph, Chila explores feminism, identity, gender and representation through her work. Known for her neon Tate Britain commission, she's exhibited nationwide. This summer, she brings her joyful, boundary-pushing vision to Nevill Holt Festival with *Chila Burman: Love Memoirs*

📅 Saturday 14 June ⌚ 3pm (60 mins) 📍 Chapel

from £15



ARTS & CULTURE

PAM AYRES – DOGGEDLY ONWARD

Join national treasure Pam Ayres for an afternoon of wit, warmth and wonderful poetry. One of the UK's best-selling poets, Pam has been delighting audiences since her TV debut in 1975.

She'll share stories and poems from her latest collection *Doggedly Onward - A Life in Poems*, reflecting on her life and career with trademark humour and charm. A joyful celebration of poetry and storytelling, not to be missed.

📅 Saturday 14 June ⌚ 3.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £32



SPORT & WELLNESS

OLYMPIC HEROES WITH ALISTAIR BROWNLEE

Join two-time Olympic gold medallist Alistair Brownlee for an exclusive conversation with surprise guest Olympians as they share the highs and lows of life at the top of their game. Widely considered one of the greatest triathletes of all time, Brownlee explores the dedication, discipline and resilience behind such success.

This is a rare chance to go behind the scenes with Britain's brightest sporting stars. Inspiring, revealing, and not to be missed.

📅 Saturday 14 June ⌚ 4pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent

from £20



HISTORY & POLITICS

BORIS JOHNSON
in conversation with **ANDREW ROBERTS**

Boris Johnson makes an exclusive appearance at the festival this year. The former Prime Minister will sit down with historian and journalist, Andrew Roberts, to talk about his life in politics.

📅 Saturday 14 June ⌚ 5.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £40



MUSIC

HACKNEY COLLIERY BAND

Hackney Colliery Band come to Nevill Holt Festival with their genre-defying brass sound and electrifying live energy. Since 2009, this East London collective has reimagined what a brass band can be, from thrilling crowds at the 2012 Olympics to releasing critically acclaimed albums.

Their latest album, *Collaborations: Volume Two*, blends bold instrumentals and vocal-led tracks with harp, cello and even conch shells—pushing boundaries once again in spectacular style.

📅 Saturday 14 June ⌚ 8.15pm (75 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent

from £35



FAMILY

DEAD POETS LIVE AND DRET CHILDREN'S POETRY PERFORMANCE

Dead Poets Live presents *What is Poetry?*, a lively, funny and accessible introduction to poetry for KS3 students. Through engaging skits and powerful performances, the show explores what poetry does, featuring voices from across cultures and centuries. Also enjoy a special performance by winners of a regional poetry competition run by the Josephine Hart Poetry Foundation and David Ross Education Trust (DRET) - bringing poetry to life.

📅 Sunday 15 June ⌚ 11am (75 mins) 📍 Chapel

from £17.50



ARTS & CULTURE

THE JOSEPHINE HART POETRY HOUR – THE POETRY OF THE NATURAL WORLD

The Josephine Hart Poetry Hour brings iconic poetry to life through the voices of renowned actors. From its beginnings as *The Gallery Poets* in 1980s London to performances at the National Theatre, Hay Festival, and Harvard, it has captivated audiences around the world. Now at home in the British Library, the Poetry Hour returns to Nevill Holt Festival with a special programme celebrating the natural world through the words of great poets.

📅 Sunday 15 June ⌚ 1.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Chapel

from £25



ARTS & CULTURE

**MISHAL HUSAIN
BROKEN THREADS: A FAMILY FROM EMPIRE TO INDEPENDENCE**

Award-winning broadcaster Mishal Husain, formerly of *BBC Radio 4's Today programme* and now Editor-at-Large at Bloomberg News, brings her powerful storytelling to Nevill Holt Festival. In her acclaimed memoir *Broken Threads*, inspired by a fragment of her grandmother's wedding sari, she traces her family's journey through letters, diaries and memories—revealing a generation shaped by empire, war, independence and partition.

📅 Sunday 15 June ⌚ 3.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £25



MUSIC

YEVGENY SUDBIN

Described by *The Telegraph* as “potentially one of the greatest pianists of the 21st century,” Yevgeny Sudbin makes his festival debut for a performance of rare brilliance. An exclusive BIS Records artist, his award-winning recordings of Scriabin, Rachmaninov and Scarlatti have earned global acclaim, topping charts and winning accolades from *Gramophone*, *BBC Music Magazine* and more. Don't miss this chance to hear one of today's most exceptional pianists live in concert.

📅 Sunday 15 June ⌚ 5.30pm (90 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £30



SPORT & WELLNESS

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE RUGBY LIVE

Get ready for a riotous evening as *The Good, The Bad & The Rugby Live* and *Unleashed* comes to Nevill Holt Festival. Expect sharp banter and outrageous stories as ex-England star James Haskell (*The Bad*), broadcaster Alex Payne (*The Good*) and special guest, former Leicester Tiger, World Cup winner and British & Irish Lion, Ben Kay, take to the stage. With laughs, games, and audience interaction, it's a night of rugby like you've never seen it.

📅 Monday 16 June ⌚ 6.30pm (70 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £65



SPORT & WELLNESS

**THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE RUGBY
POST-SHOW DINNER**

Make your *The Good, The Bad & The Rugby* evening complete with a post-show dinner hosted by the stars of the show. Join Hask, Payno and their special guest, Ben Kay, to get more rugby stories and 'behind the scenes' gossip. Enjoy a full feasting dinner menu by Maison François and red/white wine on the tables. Numbers are limited so book early!

📅 Monday 16 June ⌚ 8pm 📍 The Garden by Maison François

from £100



MUSIC

GAVIN BRYARS IN CONCERT WITH YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM DRET

Join renowned composer Gavin Bryars and students from local David Ross Education Trust (DRET) schools for a powerful evening of music. With the Gavin Bryars Ensemble, they'll perform *The Sinking of the Titanic* and *Jesus' Blood Never Failed Me Yet* - two deeply moving works that explore memory, loss and hope. From the haunting echoes of a ship's final moments to the quiet dignity of a homeless man's hymn, this promises a rare and emotional musical experience.

Thursday 19 June 6pm (60mins) Theatre

from £25



SPORT & WELLNESS

THE MIDLIFE ROLLERCOASTER: PERIMENOPAUSE, MENOPAUSE & THE SURPRISING IMPACTS

Midlife brings hormonal shifts that can catch us off guard, impacting mood, skin, sleep, and more. In this honest, uplifting talk, Jackie Lamyman shares her personal journey through perimenopause and how it led to founding her skincare brand, Made Of More, using hemp seed oil grown on her Lincolnshire farm. With insights from doctors, specialists, and midlife women alike, she explores how to support wellbeing.

Friday 20 June 2pm (60mins) Chapel

from £10



SPORT & WELLNESS

FRIDAY FEEL GOOD FLOW YOGA

Yoga isn't about how far you can stretch — it's about what you discover along the way.

Join Ali Parkinson for a morning flow that gently awakens the body, builds warmth and strength, and nurtures a deeper connection between mind, body, and heart.

Through breath and movement, you'll be guided to listen inward and move with kindness — all in the peaceful, natural beauty of Nevill Holt.

Friday 20 June 10am (60mins) Spiegeltent

from £15



FOOD

IN CONVERSATION WITH EM THE NUTRITIONIST (EMILY ENGLISH)

Join leading nutritionist and *Sunday Times* bestselling author Emily English for an inspiring in-conversation event exploring her new book *Live to Eat*. She'll share practical tips on eating well when life is busy, mastering your morning routine and creating nourishing meals you'll actually enjoy. Packed with warmth, insight and real-life advice, this is your chance to feel inspired, informed and ready to cook with confidence.

Friday 20 June 3.30pm (60mins) Theatre

from £30



ARTS & CULTURE

IN CONVERSATION WITH TRINNY WOODALL

Trinny Woodall is the dynamic founder of Trinny London, the fast-growing beauty brand known for personalised, multitasking makeup and skincare. Since 2017, she's sold over 7 million products in 180 countries and built a global community, the Trinny Tribe.

A bestselling author and podcast host, Trinny's bold, empowering approach has earned multiple awards. Join her in conversation as she shares her journey, insights and the fearless spirit behind her success.

Friday 20 June 1pm (60 mins) Theatre

from £35



COMEDY & CABARET

ARCHIE MANNERS

With appearances on *The Last Leg*, *The Late Late Show with James Corden* and *Good Morning Britain*, Archie Manners is one of the UK's most sought-after magicians.

Famed for his sharp wit, he's entertained everyone from the British Royal Family to intimate dinners in Miami and festivals in Dubai.

His global acclaim includes rave reviews in *The Telegraph*, *The Times* and *The Daily Mail*.

Friday 20 June 5.15pm (60 mins) Spiegeltent

from £25

FRIDAY 20 JUNE



COMEDY & CABARET (ages 16+)

LEICESTER COMEDY FESTIVAL PRESENTS

Get ready for a night packed with laughs, as this unmissable showcase brings together the very best of this year's Leicester Comedy Festival. From award-winning veterans to rising stars, it's a celebration of the funniest acts to hit the stage.

Hosted by Sikisa (*Live at the Apollo, Jonathan Ross's Comedy Club*). Full line-up available on our website.

📅 Friday 20 June ⌚ 7pm (75 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent

from £25



COMEDY & CABARET

DAD'S ARMY RADIO SHOW

The nation's favourite sitcom returns as *Dad's Army Radio Show* brings three brand new episodes to Nevill Holt Festival. With two actors, two microphones and over twenty-five characters, this acclaimed stage production hilariously recreates the beloved BBC comedy.

David Benson and Jack Lane brilliantly bring Walmington-on-Sea to life in a nostalgic, laugh-out-loud tribute to Perry and Croft's classic television show.

'Benson & Lane carry it all off beautifully.'

★★★★ *Daily Telegraph*

*Including an interval

📅 Friday 20 June ⌚ 8pm (110 mins*) 📍 Theatre

from £30



COMEDY & CABARET

BOUNDER AND CAD

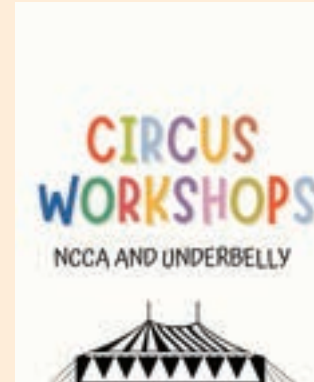
Selling out time and time again, Bounder & Cad return to Nevill Holt Festival with their 5-star show. Expect 'blissfully funny' songs, 'supremely entertaining' shtick, and maybe even some 'ballet'.

Selected for *BBC Radio 4Extra's Comedy Club Pick of The Year* for two years running, these 'troubadours of the TikTok age' will charm with original numbers backed by a jazz trio, skewering everyone from James Bond to Vladimir Putin.

📅 Friday 20 June ⌚ 9pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent

from £25

SATURDAY 21 JUNE



FAMILY (Suitable for ages 5-12)

CIRCUS WORKSHOPS BY THE NATIONAL CENTRE OF CIRCUS ARTS AND UNDERBELLY

Give your child the chance to run away to the circus - just for a day! In this exclusive workshop at the National Centre of Circus Arts, children aged 5 to 12 can learn beginner circus skills in a fun, supportive environment. Led by expert trainers, this rare opportunity offers a taste of professional circus training usually reserved for top performers. Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid missing out!

📅 Saturday 21 June ⌚ 11am and 2.45pm (2hrs) 📍 Spiegeltent

from £35



FAMILY (ages 8+)

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 SONGS

Join 'The Broadway Beats,' six kids on a globetrotting adventure to recover stolen songs from hit musicals! When the mischievous villain, The Maestro, steals iconic numbers from *Bugsy Malone*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Cabaret*, *Six*, and more, the gang must solve riddles, outsmart the thief, and bring the music back to the world.

Featuring unforgettable performances, dazzling locations, and a spectacular finale, *Around the World in 80 Songs* is a heartwarming celebration of the magic of musicals.

📅 Saturday 21 June ⌚ 1pm (90 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £17.50



FAMILY (ages 8+)

GEORGIA CHANNON: THE CURSE OF THE SILVAN OAKS

On the summer solstice, Georgia presents a midsummer-themed talk featuring her debut children's novel, *The Curse of the Silvan Oaks*. Georgia will highlight her favourite scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the play that inspired her novel. She'll discuss strong characters, portals, conflict, and magic in children's books, while exploring what hooks readers into a plot. Join her for an action-packed session of literary insights and fantasy storytelling!

📅 Saturday 21 June ⌚ 1pm (60 mins) 📍 Chapel

from £10

SATURDAY 21 JUNE



ARTS & CULTURE

POSTING LETTERS TO THE MOON

Enjoy a romantic, funny and moving portrait of life during the Second World War, as actors Lucy Fleming and Simon Williams (*The Archers*, *EastEnders* and *Upstairs, Downstairs*) read the wartime letters of Lucy's parents - Oscar-nominated *Brief Encounter* star Celia Johnson and her husband, writer and explorer Peter Fleming, brother of Ian Fleming. From secret missions to film sets, their letters reveal a deeply personal story of love, separation and resilience in extraordinary times.

📅 Saturday 21 June ⌚ 4pm (80 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £25



SPORT & WELLNESS

IN CONVERSATION WITH LAUREN STEADMAN

Join Paralympic gold medalist, world champion triathlete and *Strictly* star Lauren Steadman for an inspiring conversation. From early setbacks to Paralympic triumph, Lauren's journey is one of resilience and self-belief. She'll share insights from her career, including the power of public platforms and representation. Expect humour, powerful reflections on overcoming challenges, and a reminder that true strength comes from how we face life's toughest moments.

📅 Saturday 21 June ⌚ 5.30pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegel tent

from £25



ARTS & CULTURE

HOW NOT TO BE A POLITICAL WIFE

An evening with **SARAH VINE**

In this gripping, no-holds-barred account, Sarah Vine lifts the velvet curtain on life inside Westminster - and what happens when politics doesn't just enter your home, but starts to dismantle it from within. *How Not To Be a Political Wife* is part memoir, part survival guide, and all truth. It's a tale of high hopes and harsh realities, of spin, betrayal, loyalty, laughter, and loss. If you've ever wondered what it really feels like to live in the shadow of power, buckle up.

📅 Saturday 21 June ⌚ 6pm (60mins) 📍 Theatre

from £25

SATURDAY 21 / SUNDAY 22 JUNE



COMEDY & CABARET

JASON BYRNE: HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

Jason Byrne returns to Nevill Holt Festival for a night of hilarious comedy with his new show! With his head "in the clouds," Jason pulls magic from his imaginative mind straight to the stage.

Whether stormy stand-up, calm fun, or audience members with clouds on their heads, Jason's unpredictable, fluffy, and stormy humour will keep you laughing all night.

'Jason Byrne is so good it hurts'
★★★★ *Metro*

📅 Saturday 21 June ⌚ 8pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £30



MUSIC

BEA AND HER BUSINESS

Fresh, fearless and impossible to ignore, Bea and her Business is quickly becoming one of the UK's most exciting new pop voices.

With over 100 million streams and 350 million TikTok views, her self-taught sound blends raw honesty with razor-sharp hooks, channelling the spirit of Lily Allen, Lana Del Rey, and Marina. Come along for a night of music with the UK's next international star.

📅 Saturday 21 June ⌚ 9pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegel tent

from £40



FAMILY (ages 8+)

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Featuring unforgettable performances, dazzling locations, and a spectacular finale, *Around the World in 80 Songs* is a heartwarming celebration of the magic of musicals.

📅 Sunday 22 June ⌚ 10.30am (90 mins) 📍 Theatre

from £17.50



FAMILY (ages 8+)

COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS

Since 2005, Comedy Club 4 Kids has been bringing together the best stand-ups, sketch acts and cabaret stars to perform for children and their families – without the rude bits!

This is not your average comedy club. Performed in the daytime, when kids are allowed in, *Comedy Club 4 Kids* is a riotous treat. Expect a hilariously high chance of the entire audience claiming to be called Bob!

The line-up includes an ever-changing cast of comedians and performers, ensuring every show is a unique experience.

📅 Sunday 22 June ⌚ 1.15pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent from **£14.50**



HISTORY & POLITICS

UNGOVERNABLE: in conversation with SIMON HART

Interviewed by **SIR ALAN DUNCAN**

In a first-of-its-kind extraordinary look at life as a chief whip, *Ungovernable* is a revealing, real-time, blow-by-blow account. Simon Hart offers a glimpse of what truly goes on in Westminster behind closed doors. In conversation with Sir Alan Duncan.

📅 Sunday 22 June ⌚ 4.15pm (60 mins) 📍 Spiegeltent from **£25**



HISTORY & POLITICS

ANDREW ROBERTS & SIMON SEBAG MONTEFIORE

Join two of Britain's most esteemed historians, Andrew Roberts and Simon Sebag Montefiore, for an exclusive conversation on biography and history. Montefiore is an award-winning, internationally bestselling author of *Stalin* and *Catherine the Great & Potemkin*. Roberts is one of the UK's most authoritative voices on modern history, renowned for his biographies of Churchill and Napoleon. Together, they offer unparalleled insight into history's most compelling figures.

📅 Sunday 22 June ⌚ 1.15pm (60 mins) 📍 Theatre from **£30**



MUSIC

JALEN NGONDA

Jalen's debut album delivered future classics like *Come Around and Love Me* and *Rapture*, earning spins on *BBC 6 Music* and *Radio 2*.

His single *Illusions* led to a viral Piano Room session and a performance at Glastonbury. With nearly 10 million monthly streams and fans including Snoop Dogg, Kehlani and Elton John, his rise continues.

Following a sell-out performance at Nevill Holt 2024, Jalen returns with his signature soulful sound as our festival closing concert.

📅 Sunday 22 June ⌚ 7.30pm (80 mins) 📍 Theatre from **£65**



HISTORY & POLITICS

JEFFREY ARCHER & TOM NEWTON DUNN Mallory – Everest's Greatest Mystery

Did George Mallory reach the summit of Everest before disappearing in 1924? A hundred years on, the question remains unanswered. Join best-selling author Jeffrey Archer and broadcaster Tom Newton Dunn—Mallory's great nephew—as they explore the life, legacy, and mystery of one of history's most captivating adventurers.

📅 Sunday 22 June ⌚ 3pm 📍 Theatre from **£25**



MISCELLANEOUS

FREE EVENTS

Every weekend, there will be family friendly, free entertainment available on the grounds.

And don't forget, as ticket holders, you're welcome to explore the award winning gardens and appreciate the wonderful collection of sculptures by world renowned artists such as Anthony Gormley, Marc Quinn, Nic Fiddian-Green and Rachel Whiteread among others.

Be sure to make the most of your time at Nevill Holt!

THE GARDEN RESTAURANT BY MAISON FRANÇOIS

World-class entertainment deserves world-class food. This year, Nevill Holt Festival is thrilled to partner with **Maison François** to present *The Garden Restaurant*.

Opened in 2021 by François O'Neill, Ed Wyand and Executive Chef, Matthew Ryle, Maison François is a critically and culinary acclaimed brasserie in the heart of St. James in London's West End. Its consistently delicious food and immaculate service continue to pack out the impressive dining room from morning to night with a who's who of London's movers and shakers

"It could spark joy in the saddest heart."
Grace Dent *The Evening Standard*

The Garden by Maison François will be Nevill Holt's first full scale pop-up restaurant. Occupying one half of our wonderful central marquee, the restaurant will serve delicious French classics all day and into the evening, often using produce from Nevill Holt's own Kitchen Garden. Dishes include oeufs mayonnaise, moules marinière, steak frites and ratatouille, as well as a selection of their most famous signature desserts.



There will be family-friendly menu options too and even a bar snacks menu for a light bite with drinks.

The Garden is open for reservations to all, regardless of whether you have a ticket for a show or not (we hope you do though). If you are coming to the Festival, do make sure that you book a table before or after your event. If you live locally, just treat **The Garden** as your new restaurant home for the month of June.

Reservations can be made online at nevilleholtfestival.com/dining

You'll also find further information & sample menus here.



EATING AT THE OPERA

Our restaurant partner, **Maison François**, has created an exquisite three-course Summer Menu to enjoy during the interval of *Così fan tutte*. Let us take care of dinner and enjoy world-class dining in our wonderful marquee for you and your guests.

The Summer Menu is £65 per person and is only available by pre-booking online at nevilleholtfestival.com/dining

SUMMER MENU*
BY MAISON FRANÇOIS

Tomato salad, vierge vinaigrette, burrata, fresh herbs

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Poached salmon, fennel cassoulet, aioli or Ratatouille, sauce pistou, salade verte

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Éclair au chocolat



Opera guests can also book a private pavilion for up to 10 people – a perfect way to relax and take in the surroundings. Picnics are permitted exclusively on opera days and only for ticket holders. They are not allowed on any other festival days.

Festival attendees can enjoy two special events hosted by London's **Cubitt House**

CUBITT HOUSE EATS

with **Ben Tish**
Saturday 31st May | 12pm

Your ticket includes lunch and a signed cookbook from Ben Tish



ENDLESS LUNCH

with **Maison Mirabeau & Cubitt House**
Saturday 7th June | 12pm

Your ticket includes sharing style lunch and Mirabeau rosé.



VISITING AT THE WEEKEND?

We'll have family-friendly food options available, along with traditional strawberries and cream, and a selection of ice creams—perfect for a relaxed day out in the countryside.

*other dietary options available

ART & GARDENS

All festival ticket holders can explore Nevill Holt's picturesque gardens, designed by Chelsea Gold Medal winner **Rupert Golby** and Head Gardener **Andy Bretherick**.

Visit our gardens and exhibitions
Entry £10



Set within the stunning grounds lies an outstanding permanent collection of 20th and 21st Century British sculpture, including works by celebrated artists **Nic Fiddian-Green, Antony Gormley, Rachel Whiteread, Eduardo Paolozzi** and **Allen Jones**. This year visitors can also enjoy **Chila Burman's** iconic *Ice Cream Van*, which forms part of her jubilant exhibition *Chila's Festival of Works*, and sculptures by local artists from the Northants & Rutland Open Studios.

Above: *Monumental Horse at Water* by Nic Fiddian-Green
Left: *Another Time X* by Antony Gormley



Top: *Yantra and Manuk* by Eduardo Paolozzi
Left Middle: *Taxi* by Allen Jones
Above: *Manifold 2 (9:8)* by Conrad Shawcross
Left: *In Mind of Monk* by Peter Randall-Page

EXHIBITIONS

CHILA BURMAN: LOVE MEMOIRS



We are thrilled to have leading contemporary artist **Chila Kumari Singh Burman** headline this year's festival. Her vibrant exhibition *Love Memoirs* is a joyful celebration of her fantastical and colourful world.

Born in Liverpool and raised in the Punjabi Hindu culture of her parents, Burman masterfully weaves together threads of Hindu mythology, Bollywood imagery, colonial history, personal memories and pop culture.

Her work explores themes of gender, cultural identity, and the defiance of stereotypes - all with her signature playfulness and bold expressiveness. Including her iconic neons, prints, collage, sculpture and installations, this exhibition is both thought-provoking and delightfully uplifting.

You'll find *Love Memoirs* illuminating both the Chapel and gallery spaces within the Theatre.



Parvati, Hindu Goddess

Tuk Tuk



Find out more, including timings at nevillholtfestival.com/art.

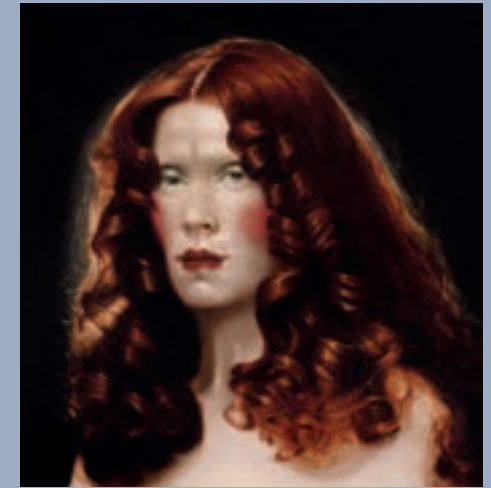
CURATED BY SAATCHI YATES

This summer we're excited to partner with renowned contemporary art gallery Saatchi Yates, who we have invited to curate one of the rooms in Nevill Holt Hall.

Founded by Phoebe Saatchi and Arthur Yates, the gallery is celebrated for championing emerging artists and challenging the conventions of the London art scene.



Happy Dinner by Rachel Zhang



Furrow by Benjamin Spiers

During designated times, visitors will have the opportunity to step into their world and discover the work of contemporary artists **Benjamin Spiers, Danny Fox, Rachel Zhang** and **Will St. John**.

NORTHANTS & RUTLAND OPEN STUDIOS: SCULPTED IN STONE

We are delighted to welcome Northants & Rutland Open Studios to the festival - an organisation which fosters a diverse and vibrant artistic community across Northamptonshire and Rutland. *Sculpted in Stone* presents the work of local artists Régis Chaperon and Ana Ruiz Agúí, whose bold and imaginative approaches push the boundaries of stone, to create a striking collection of unique works.



Medusa by Ana Ruiz Agúí



No Prob Llama by Régis Chaperon



SCULPTURE TRAIL

1. **Monumental Horse at Water**
Nic Fiddian-Green
2. **Seated Man** Sean Henry
3. **Yantra and Manuk** Eduardo Paolozzi
4. **In Mind of Monk** Peter Randall-Page
5. **Taxi** Allen Jones
6. **Another Time X** Antony Gormley
7. **Little Banquet** Allen Jones
8. **Carefree Man** Allen Jones
9. **Into the Wild** Nic Fiddian-Green
10. **The Wanderer** Sean Henry
11. **Dancers** Allen Jones
12. **Chicken Shed** Rachel Whiteread
13. **Manifold 2 (9:8)** Conrad Shawcross
14. **The Ed Stone**
15. **10 Signs for a Park**
John Wood & Paul Harrison
16. **The Frog Turning into a House**
Eduardo Paolozzi
17. **Halley** Richard Perry
18. **Ice Cream Van** Chila Burman



INFORMATION BEFORE YOU ARRIVE!

HOW TO BOOK

You can purchase tickets anytime online at:
nevilleholtfestival.com/whats-on

Booking steps:

- Select your event and click **Book Now**
- Choose your preferred date and time using the calendar
- If tickets are available, you'll be directed to the ticket options page
- If sold out, a red **"Sold Out"** sign will appear on the calendar

Book More and Save!

Enjoy exclusive savings when you plan a full day of entertainment:

- **10% off when you book 2 shows**
- **20% off when you book 3 shows**

Discounts are applied automatically at checkout when booking multiple shows for the same day.

Already booked and the discount isn't applying? Contact our Box Office to add more shows for the same day and receive the discount.
(Note: discounts cannot be applied retrospectively.)

If you need support, contact the Box Office

- Email: nhfboxoffice@underbelly.co.uk
- Phone: **+44 (0)1858 437 451**
- Opening Hours:
Before the festival: Monday to Friday, 11am-4pm
During the festival: On-site team available throughout opening times

When you arrive

Please note Nevill Holt Festival is e-tickets only: All tickets will be issued electronically as a PDF email attachment. No paper tickets will be provided but you're welcome to print your tickets if you prefer. Our friendly team can scan both electronic and printed tickets.

HOW TO RESERVE DINING

Book your dining from Maison François at nevilleholtfestival.com/dining.

This includes securing a table for à la carte dining at The Garden by Maison François, and pre-booking the Summer Menu for the long Opera interval.

HOW TO FIND US

Nevill Holt Festival is held in the picturesque surroundings of the Nevill Holt estate, situated on a hilltop just outside the South Leicestershire village of Medbourne. It's easy to get to the site by car (**use LE16 8EG in your satnav**) and parking is available opposite the main gate.

Nevill Holt is within easy reach of Northampton, Corby, Leicester, Birmingham and Nottingham. Market Harborough station is a 15-minute taxi journey away (7 miles), and is serviced by trains from across the region. It is also easily accessible from London – we are just a 1-hour journey from St Pancras. All performances finish in time to catch the last trains.

If you need a taxi from the station, contact **Murphy's Taxi's on 01858 410 210 or 01455 55 9000.**

When to Arrive

Opening times vary by performance. Please check the 'Grounds open' time on page 3 before your journey.

ACCESS

Our team is committed to making your visit easy and enjoyable.

Available facilities:

- Four step-free seats in the theatre stalls
- Accessible toilets near the theatre entrance
- Buggy transport to assist with getting around the site

If you have specific access needs, contact:
Email: nhfboxoffice@underbelly.co.uk

PRIVATE HOSPITALITY

Hospitality Packages & Private Dining

To reserve a hospitality package, please contact:
Email: anita@nevilleholtfestival.com

WATERSTONES POP-UP STORE

The Festival bookshop from Waterstones Market Harborough will be selling books from all of our authors and speakers as well as hosting some post-event book signings.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Day	Date	Time	V	Performance
Fri	30	7pm	T	Aggers and Tuffers: Part 2
		8.30pm	S	A Night in Harlem (23Arts Hot Jazz Weekend)
Sat	31	12pm	K	Cubitt House Eats with Ben Tish
		1.30pm	T	The Showstoppers' Kids Show
		2pm	S	The Great British Bake Off Winner Matty Edgell
		3.30pm	T	An Audience with Dame Prue Leith DBE
		4.30pm	S	Yinka Shonibare CBE RA in Conversation with Eva Langret
		5.30pm	T	Richard E Grant
		6.30pm	S	Underbelly's Comedy Allstars
		8pm	T	Musical Maestros and the Birth of Swing (23Arts Hot Jazz Weekend)
Sun	1	10.30am	S	Gentle Somatic Yoga
		12.30pm	S	Earthly Elevation Sound Healing
		2pm	T	Ladies of the Blues (23Arts Hot Jazz Weekend)
		5.30pm	T	Martin Hayes Trio
Fri	6	5pm	T	Così fan tutte
Sat	7	12pm	K	Endless Lunch with Maison Mirabeau and Cubitt House
		1.30pm	S	Sophie Grigson: Exploding Tomatoes and Other Stories
		2.30pm	C	Glenn Brown in conversation with Marco Livingstone
		3.15pm	S	Tom Bower – The Unauthorised Biographer Digging the Dirt
		5pm	T	Così fan tutte
Sun	8	12pm	T	The World of Harriet Muncaster On Isadora Moon
		1.30pm	S	Madame Chandelier's Opera Party for Kids
		3pm	T	Così fan tutte
Tue	10	5pm	T	Così fan tutte
Wed	11	5pm	T	Così fan tutte
Thu	12	12pm	T	Design and Decoration: Lessons from the Greats
		1.15pm	S	Sir Michael Craig-Martin CBE RA in conversation with Marco Livingstone
		2.30pm	T	Talk Art Podcast Live
		5pm	T	Così fan tutte
Fri	13	1.45pm	C	William Dalrymple
		2pm	T	The Art of Style: An Afternoon with Sir Paul Smith
		4.45pm	S	A Country House Reborn: Nevill Holt and the Revitalisation of a Country Estate
		7.30pm	S	Underbelly's Cabaret Allstars
		8pm	T	Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra

TICKET BUNDLE OFFER

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Day	Date	Time	V	Performance
Sat	14	12pm	T	The King's Birthday Prom
		12.15pm	S	The Beatbox Collective: Beatbox Experience For Kids
		1.30pm	C	Johnny Mercer & Rachel Johnson: A Life on the Front Lines in War & Westminster
		3pm	C	Chila Burman in conversation with Jonathan Badyal
		3.45pm	T	Pam Ayres – Doggedly Onward
		4pm	S	Olympic Heroes with Alistair Brownlee
		5.30pm	T	Boris Johnson in conversation with Andrew Roberts
		8.15pm	S	Hackney Colliery Band
Sun	15	11am	C	Dead Poets Live and DRET Children's Poetry Performance
		1.30pm	C	The Josephine Hart Poetry Hour: The Poetry of the Natural World
		3.30pm	T	Mishal Husain: Broken Threads: A Family from Empire to Independence
		5.30pm	T	Yevgeny Sudbin
Mon	16	6.30pm	T	The Good, The Bad & The Rugby Live
		8pm	G	The Good, The Bad & The Rugby – Post-Show Dinner
Thu	19	6pm	T	Gavin Bryars in concert with young musicians from DRET
Fri	20	10am	S	Friday Feel Good Flow Yoga
		1pm	T	In conversation with Trinny Woodall
		2pm	C	The Midlife Rollercoaster: Perimenopause, Menopause & the Surprising Impacts
		3.30pm	T	In conversation with Em the Nutritionist (Emily English)
		5.15pm	S	Archie Manners
		7pm	S	Leicester Comedy Festival presents
		8pm	T	Dad's Army Radio Show
9pm	S	Bounder and Cad		
Sat	21	11am	S	Circus Workshops by the National Centre of Circus Arts and Underbelly
		1pm	T	Around the World in 80 Songs
		1pm	C	Georgia Channon: The Curse of the Silvan Oaks
		2.45pm	S	Circus Workshops by the National Centre of Circus Arts and Underbelly
		4pm	T	Posting Letters to the Moon
		5.30pm	S	In Conversation with Lauren Steadman
		6pm	T	How Not To Be a Political Wife an evening with Sarah Vine
8pm	T	Jason Byrne: Head in the Clouds		
9pm	S	Bea and her Business		
Sun	22	10.30am	T	Around the World in 80 Songs
		1.15pm	S	Comedy Club 4 Kids
		1.15pm	T	Andrew Roberts and Simon Sebag Montefiore
		3pm	T	Jeffrey Archer and Tom Newton Dunn: Mallory - Everest's Greatest Mystery
		4.15pm	S	Ungovernable: In conversation with Simon Hart
		7.30pm	T	Jalen Ngonda

Check the website for genre breakdown and age suitability guidance

Venues: T = Theatre S = Spiegeltent C = Chapel G = The Garden by Maison François K = The Kitchen Garden

MEMBERSHIP



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

Experience world-class music, opera, jazz, comedy, art and conversation – with exclusive member benefits, whilst also supporting our charitable activities and education programme.

The benefits of becoming a Nevill Holt Festival Member:

Enjoy exclusive events

Private art tours, behind-the-scenes access, and invitations to special gatherings. Examples include tours of Anthony Caro's London studio, discounts with our festival partners, and special access to Andy Goldsworthy's Yorkshire installation *Hanging Stones*.

Members' offers

Priority booking, souvenir programme and early access to the grounds.

Garden access

Free for all members during the festival.

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Since 2013, Nevill Holt has invited thousands of local children and young artists to experience the transformative powers of live theatre and music. As a member, you help facilitate the Nevill Community Arts Charity's year-round education and community programmes across a range of creative arts, in partnership with primary and secondary schools of the David Ross Education Trust (DRET), enriching lives through music and the arts. Additionally, this supports DRET's musical scholarships and bursaries programmes, ensuring the next generation can continue to enjoy its artistic and cultural offerings as its legacy.

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