

Norwich Science Festival Announces Festival Highlights – Seven Spectacular Shows on Sale Now!

Lineup includes Strictly star and wildlife cameraman and presenter, Hamza Yassin

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Image Credit: Hamza Yassin will appear at Norwich Science Festival 2024

NEWS: Seven exciting new events from Norwich Science Festival are on sale now - including an inspirational talk from Strictly star and wildlife presenter and cameraman, Hamza Yassin, and a wildlife conservation show for families from YouTube personality Maddie Moate.

Norwich Science Festival returns **Saturday 17 – Saturday 24 February 2024**, with a jam-packed programme of shows, talks, and workshops for everyone to enjoy, including plenty of events designed to help families make the most of the February half-term!

These Festival highlights make the perfect unique festive present: great for those who want to gift experiences to their loved ones. Prices range from £5 - £25, with lots of events for the whole family to enjoy. From forensic crime scene investigations to the science of beer and brewing, there's plenty to entertain the grown-ups, too.

Events for the whole family

BAFTA award-winner Maddie Moate invites families to explore the wonderful world of animal conservation, where children can become honorary wildlife rangers. **(Maddie's Wildlife Rangers, Sat 17 Feb, £13.50)** TV engineer Fran Scott will reveal how to build an eco-racing car – with plenty of amazing demonstrations and an awful lot of mess along the way! **(How to Build a Racing Car with Fran Scott, Fri 23 Feb, £5)**

CBBC's Operation Ouch! presenter Dr Daniel Olaiya will take kids on an adventure to space and beyond, in his medicine meets cosmos, must-see family show. **(Dr Daniel Olaiya's Scientific Space Adventure, Sun 18 Feb, Adult £16/Child £11)** Alongside the ticketed programme, Norwich Science Festival's free Explorium at The Forum will be open every day of the Festival from 10.30am-4pm, with a dedicated Quiet Hour from 9.30am.

Something for the grown-ups

For keen birders and wildlife fans, Strictly star Hamza Yassin is not to be missed! From his early life in Sudan to his career as a wildlife cameraman and presenter (including on his own successful documentary programme, Hamza: Strictly Birds of Prey), Hamza will share insight into his life behind the lens. This event is presented in partnership with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. **(Hamza Yassin: My Life Behind the Lens, Thu 22 Feb, £23.50)**

Former Scotland Yard Detective Chief Inspector Steve Gaskin will give you the chance to solve a murder in a unique hands-on CSI experience. This immersive show promises a thrilling evening of crime scene investigation – can you find the killer before your time is up? **(Clu'Dunnit, Tues 20 Feb, £25)**

Discover the science behind your favourite pint with BBC Radio 4 presenter and award-winning brewer, Jaega Wise. With the opportunity to taste a selection of local beers, this is perfect for those who love the pub! **(The Science of Beer-making with Jaega Wise, Sun 18 Feb, £25)**

The Edinburgh Fringe comes to Norwich in a hilarious comedy show with a STEMM twist, **Stand-up Science**. Giggles guaranteed as comedians and scientists compete to make you laugh. **(Stand-up Science, Fri 23 Feb, £12.50)**

Norwich Science Festival's Producer, Claire Mutimer, says, "We're thrilled to be announcing some extra special shows just in time for Christmas! We know that so many people prefer to gift experiences to their loved ones at this time of year, so why not give the gift of science and wonder?"

“We have an incredible lineup for Norwich Science Festival 2024, and this is just a tiny taste of what is to come.”

Tickets for the newly announced Festival highlights can be purchased from norwichsciencefestival.co.uk – places are limited, so book in advance to avoid disappointment. The full Norwich Science Festival programme will be revealed in early January.

Norwich Science Festival is presented by The Forum.

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Notes for Editors

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About Norwich Science Festival

Saturday 17 – Saturday 24 February 2024

Norwich Science Festival is a celebration of science and technology, showcasing the ground-breaking research and innovation associated with the city. The Festival gives visitors of all ages the chance to explore the wonders of the universe and meet the scientists whose research is changing the world. Enjoy hands-on science activities, inspirational talks and explosive family shows at The Forum and at partner venues throughout the city. Additional Satellite events take place at Costessey and East Norfolk.

Norwich Science Festival is presented by The Forum, alongside partner organisations including the University of East Anglia, Norwich Research Park and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

The Festival's patrons are Professor Ben Garrod, Dr Jess French, Jon Chase and Mark Thompson.

Sponsors for 2024 include Vattenfall, Chestnut Nursery, Chantry Place, Norwich School, Pensthorpe, Ovamill, Dipple & Conway, Norwich High School for Girls GDST, CIM Display, Howes Percival, The SEA Project and Allies Computing.

www.norwichsciencefestival.co.uk

About The Forum

- The Forum, a landmark building in the centre of Norwich, is one of the UK's most successful Millennium projects.
- It's a public building, open seven days a week, all year round (except Christmas Day and Boxing Day).
- Everyone is welcome. Most of the public events, exhibitions and activities which take place at The Forum are free.
- The Forum delivers Norwich Science Festival, Norfolk Makers Festival and coordinates Norfolk Heritage Open Days. It is a cultural hub for the city and county.
- The Forum Trust is the independent, self-financing, charitable organisation which manages The Forum building: our income helps us to maintain the building, and put on our free programme of year-round events.
- The Trust works with many partners to ensure The Forum plays a valuable role in the community.

Find out more about The Forum on theforumnorwich.co.uk