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The List

What's on locally this February and March

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CLOSE TO THE BONE

Samuel Brewer, co-founder of disability-led theatre crew **FlawBored**, tells us about their new, squirm-inducing show



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*It's a Motherf**king Pleasure comes at a good time* in terms of where culture sits around identity politics. Especially in the way we talk about disability and its interactions with other individual identities. We take down everyone, from the well-intentioned to the rude, ourselves and the audience. Hopefully you'll laugh; you'll also feel uncomfortable and squirm quite a bit.

The thing I love most about theatre is being in a room and

making something that makes you laugh... and then realising you're too deep into the joke and you need to work out what audiences will find funny next. You have to keep a rhythm with dialogue and you might spend an hour working out if the word 'has' or 'had' will be funnier in a sentence.

I really love shows that are 'aware' they're theatre. Not taking themselves seriously but taking the work seriously. Also, a large proportion of shows

are becoming more and more accessible, and this means as someone with low vision I have more choice and agency.

One of my favourite spots in the southwest is **Cosies!** in St Pauls. I love drum 'n' bass. And I tell you what, that Clifton Suspension Bridge is a marvellous feat of engineering. Love bridges.

Watch *It's a Motherf**king Pleasure* at The Weston Studio, Bristol Old Vic, from 25-30 March. nfd.io/motherflip

Photos: Guy Sanders



Unbroken

Weston College, Weston-super-Mare
28 February

Award-winning physical theatre artist Nikki Rummer delivers a powerful, personal solo show about family, betrayal and freedom, weaving in acrobatics, gymnastics and capoeira. Presented with the Rural Touring Dance Initiative, and supported by Super Culture.

nffd.io/unbroke

Bugged Out x Document

Document, Bristol
17 February

Celebrate 30 years since Bugged Out first stormed Sankeys Soap in Manchester with a pedal-to-the-metal all-dayer designed to make you forget it's still light out. Featuring everyone's favourite Belgian ravers 2manydjs, plus Erol Alkan b2b with Palms Trax, and loads more.

nffd.io/bugged

PROMOTED

BC Camplight
Komedia, Bath
8 March

BC Camplight is the moniker of US singer-songwriter Brian Christinzio.

Pitching up somewhere between Ben Folds and Badly Drawn Boy, he brings his brand of quirky indie-pop to Komedia for the first time.

nffd.io/bccamp

Angeline Morrison & Daudi Matsiko

Strange Brew, Bristol
8 March

Get lost in Morrison's haunting re-storytelling as she brings to life the world of the UK's forgotten Black ancestors through her intoxicating, lyrical and reliably experimental folk songs. She's joined by Ugandan singer-songwriter and guitarist Daudi Matsiko.

nffd.io/angel

Ritual Union

Various venues, Bristol
23 March

Catch the next wave of musical talent at Bristol indie fest, Ritual Union. Topping the bill with fizzing alt-pop and rock are Dream Wife, Liz Lawrence, Do Nothing and Widowspeak, plus there's an opening set from cult post-punk recluse, Martin Newell (AKA The Cleaners From Venus).

nffd.io/ritual



PROMOTED

Starter for Ten
Bristol Old Vic
29 February to 30 March

Adapted from the hilarious novel by David Nicholls and its later film adaptation, *Starter for Ten* is a bright, big-hearted new musical. Featuring an irresistible 80s-inspired soundtrack, this coming-of-age comedy is about love, belonging, and the all-important difference between knowledge and wisdom.

nffd.io/starter

LUBAINA HIMID LOST THREADS

19 January to 21 April 2024



Lubaina Himid, *Lost Threads*, 2021. Dutch wax print fabric. Courtesy of the artist and Hollybush Gardens, London © Matt Savage.

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Present Tense

Hauser & Wirth, Bruton
Until 28 April

Featuring 23 emerging to mid-career contemporary artists, this exhibition shows the next generation testing the boundaries of their mediums to address and confront notions of identity, consciousness, humanity and representation within the current cultural climate.

nfd.io/ptense

Right Ania Hobson, *Let the Land Speak* (2023), oil on canvas, 210 x 190 cm. Courtesy the artist. Photo © Ania Hobson

Bottom right Emanuel de Carvalho, *defence incessant* (2023), oil on linen, 200 x 300 cm. Courtesy the artist and Gathering, London. Photo © Grey Hutton

Bottom left Sang Woo Kim, *You're looking at me* (2023), oil on canvas, 50 x 40 x 2 cm. Courtesy the artist. Photo © Damian Griffiths



ONE YEAR! Photographs from the Miners' Strike 1984/85
Martin Parr Foundation, Bristol
Until 31 March

Four decades on, explore the role photography played in the bitter disputes between the National Coal Board and Conservative government. This collection demonstrates the power of photography as a tool of resistance.

nfd.io/oneyear

Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2023
Bristol Museum & Art Gallery
Until 21 April

Featuring soundscapes, videos, expert insights and, of course, the contest's 100 winning photographs, this annual show captures the minutiae of animal behaviour and all the breathtaking diversity of the natural world.

nfd.io/wildpix

The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists
Victoria Art Gallery, Bath
Until 14 April

Take a little trip down memory lane with this collection of vintage Ladybird artwork. Along the way, trace the interconnected stories linking these iconic covers and their creators, and learn more about the models and locations pictured.

nfd.io/ladyb

Photos: John Sturrock/reportdigital.co.uk; Laura Ford, *Dancing Clog Girls* (2016), bronze

Acts of Creation: On Art and Motherhood
Arnolfini, Bristol
9 March to 26 May

Plunge into the joys, heartaches, mess, myths and complexities of motherhood in this major Hayward Gallery Touring exhibition. Work by more than 60 artists presents motherhood as a creative enterprise tempered by ambivalence, grief and exhaustion.

nfd.io/actc

Lubaina Himid: Lost Threads
Holburne Museum, Bath
Until 21 April

Weaving and flowing throughout the gallery and museum's collections is Lost Threads' 400m of vibrant Dutch wax fabric. This is the work of British artist, Himid, who uses her career to uncover marginalised and silenced histories, figures, and cultural expressions.

nfd.io/lostthreads



The Guts and The Glory
Bo Lee and Workman, Bruton
Until 2 March

Six painters and sculptors – Samuel Bassett, Kim Booker, Tomo Campbell, Laura Ford, Alexis Soul-Gray and Clare Woods – explore modern-day concerns by refracting the visual language of art history through their own wholly unique contemporary vision.

nfd.io/guts



AMERICAN ROAD TRIP

The new special exhibition for 2024, celebrating epic road trips across America

9 March – 31 December



DAFFODIL MONTH
Mid-March – April

Enjoy a feel-good start to spring with 70,000 daffodils in bloom throughout the gardens



EASTER FAMILY FUN
29 March – 14 April

With family trails in the gardens and museum, crafts, egg-roll race, storytelling and more

americanmuseum.org



ReBalance
Various venues, Bath
Until 18 February

Force yourself out of hibernation via this three-week wellness celebration. You'll find exclusive hotel and spa packages on offer, taster sessions and plenty of family fun, too. Highlights include VR meditation, laughter yoga and wellbeing walks around the city.
nfd.io/rebal

Wellbeing & Cold Water Swim
Clevedon Marine Lake
Mondays & Thursdays

Decompress with this group of friendly mindful mermaids. You'll start with guided mindfulness exercises before strolling along Poet's Walk and finishing with an optional (go on, you know you want to) cold water swim in the chilly Marine Lake.
nfd.io/mermaids

Wim Hof Fundamentals Workshop
The Hideout, Bristol
18 February

Fancy boosting your energy, improving concentration and relieving stress? Cold water therapy (AKA submerging yourself in an ice bath) promises all that and more. Learn the fundamentals with Gus Hoyt, one of the UK's only Level 2 Wim Hof Instructors.
nfd.io/wimgus

Soul Gazing Meditation
The Good Heart, Frome
22 February

Wordlessly attune yourself to one another in this unique workshop, in which you'll connect with those around you on a whole new level. Soul gazing, they say, will help you expand your emotional intelligence and draw you away from self-absorption and navel-gazing. Ideal.
nfd.io/soulg

Candlelit Gong Bath Sound Journey
New Oriel Hall, Bath
1 March

Relax and let the soundwaves wash over you. Using a 32-inch symphonic gong, a hand-held Chinese wind gong, Tibetan singing bowls, chimes, a shruti box, and voice mantra, your instructor will create a deep resonance to rebalance both mind and body.
nfd.io/soundj

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Foraging Walk for Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants
Conham River Park, Bristol
16 March

Stride through woodland clearings and gaze across the River Avon as you learn to identify wild edible and medicinal plants growing right here in the southwest. The walk will be guided, but open, with plenty of time to ask questions and get curious.
nfd.io/forage

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NF02

Bath Arts Collective's new Curious Minds festival (7-28 March) is bringing author Paul Burston's Polari Salon to town. Here he explains what it's all about

5 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT POLARI SALON



Curious Minds presents Polari Salon at Komedia on 28 March. Find the full festival lineup at nfd.io/curious

1 Sometimes described as “the lost language of gay men”, Polari is a type of slang spoken by members of the LGBT community during the 20th century. This coded form of communication flourished in the 50s and 60s, when male homosexuality was still illegal.

2 Polari went mainstream with *Round the Horne*, the BBC radio show featuring Hugh Paddick and Kenneth Williams as a couple of camp characters whose bitchy banter entertained millions. When they said a man was ‘bold’, they didn’t mean courageous but overtly homosexual.

3 Polari has links with other slang vocabularies such as Cockney rhyming slang. Words like ‘bona’ (good) and ‘riah’ (hair, backwards) are rarely heard today. Others like ‘ogle’ and ‘naff’ have since made it into common usage.

4 Polari was celebrated by David Bowie, who employed it on *Girl Loves Me* from his final album, *Blackstar*. Another fan is Morrissey, who had a hit with *Piccadilly Palare* in 1990. The lyric refers to the ‘meat rack’ in London’s Piccadilly Circus, where male hustlers would compete for ‘trade’.

5 Polari Salon is a celebration of LGBT words and voices, and began in a gay bar in Soho in 2007. Since then, we’ve appeared at book festivals, museums, clubs and theatres across the UK. Come and ogle us in Bath! It’ll be bona.

Curiouser and curiouser

Three more festival highlights



Author and mental health campaigner **Bryony Gordon** will be in conversation with Marisa Bate about her new book, *Mad Woman*.
Komedia, 7 March



Join **Joanna Nadin**, professor of creative writing at Bristol University, for a walk around Cleveland Pools and a writing session back at the museum.
Holburne Museum, 15 March



Author **Varaidzo** pairs up with Brit jazzier **Orphy Robinson** to launch the former’s novel, *Manny and the Baby* – a story evoking the Bath jazz scene of the 30s.
Komedia, 28 March

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GLOW
Grove Park,
Weston-super-Mare
13-17 February

Weston-super-Mare’s dazzling light festival expands to five nights and features more than 25 spectacular installations around the main site, with bonus free installations spilling out across the town centre. A multi-sensory and cosmic experience for the whole family.
nfd.io/glow

Chemical-Free Plant Care
Bath City Farm
2 March

Get your gloves on, slide into your wellies and get back in the garden this winter, with an instructive workshop on how to identify the pests and diseases that could be harming your plants. You’ll also get a shed load of tips on natural prevention and companion planting.
nfd.io/kindp

Sir Ranulph Fiennes: Mad, Bad and Dangerous
Frome Memorial Theatre
2 March

Suffering from a serious case of wanderlust? Tag along with Sir Ranulph Fiennes OBE on a trip that spans lost Arabian cities and countless world records, and explores the high cost he has paid – more than just a few frostbitten fingers – for living life on the edge.
nfd.io/ranulph

Brilliantly Engineered!
Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution
24-27 February

Keep inquiring minds busy with this free, hands-on engineering exhibition for families. Get to grips with amazing technology presented by innovative local companies including The Dyson Foundation, Buro Happold and Team Bath Electric Racing.
nfd.io/engine



Wassail Prune
The Newt, nr Bruton
8 March

Join specialist fruit grower Andy ‘Apples’ Lewis for a late-winter prune of The Newt’s vast apple orchards before a cyder tasting and full-blown traditional wassail. Shoo evil spirits from the trees by offering (and quaffing, natch) homegrown cyders and singing folk songs.
nfd.io/wassail