

LEEDS  
PLAY  
HOUSE

3 - 22 July

OUR CITY, OUR WORLD

OPEN SEASON

A FESTIVAL FOR ALL

Three weeks of sharing our stages and spaces with hundreds of local community performers – showcasing and celebrating Leeds' creativity.

PAY WHAT YOU CAN

# WEEK 1

## LEEDS CITY ACADEMY PRESENTS... OUR SCHOOL, OUR JOURNEY

MONDAY 3 JULY, 7PM – 8PM  
QUARRY THEATRE

Inspired by the real-life stories of **Leeds City Academy** students, join us on a journey as we take you through stories of anguish, growth, and acceptance in a celebration of cultures from around the world.

## LS18 ROCKS

TUESDAY 4 JULY, 7PM – 9PM  
QUARRY THEATRE

*Child Friendly Leeds Award* winners **LS18 Rocks** is a community organisation encouraging people to learn and play instruments in a band setting. Working with young people from 7-17 years old and adults who love making music together.

## HEYDAYS END OF TERM SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 5 JULY, 10AM – 3PM  
QUARRY THEATRE

The **Heydays End of Term Celebration** returns to *Open Season* with performances and exhibitions from our **Heydays Programme**.

## YORKSHIRE DANCE PRESENTS...

## PERFORMING GENDER: DANCING IN YOUR SHOES DOUBLE BILL

SATURDAY 8 JULY, 3PM – 4.30PM  
QUARRY THEATRE

Yorkshire Dance's *Encounters*, a two-day festival of dance, is back with a double bill of new work exploring gender, community and identity. Following their sold-out performance in 2022, **TC Howard** and **Company of People**, an intergenerational group rooted in the communities of Chapeltown and Harehills in Leeds, return to the stage with '*Epic Stories of Our Everyday*'. **City of Women Festival, Slovenia** present the UK premiere of '*Nobody Whistles Anymore*' created by **Brina Klampfer, Vita Osojnik** and their newly formed community Company. This event is part of **Leeds 2023**.



# WEEK 2

## GERALDINE CONNOR FOUNDATION PRESENTS... NEW GENERATION

SATURDAY 15 JULY, 7PM – 9.45PM  
QUARRY THEATRE

Performances from the **Reggae Roots Choir** (the UK's first youth reggae choir) and **Jam Around The Table**, a youth-led performing arts programme helping talented local young people to find their voice and flourish into tomorrow's stars.

## PLAYHOUSE YOUTH SHOWCASE

SATURDAY 15 JULY, 2PM – 5PM  
BRAMALL ROCK VOID

Join us for a wonderful afternoon celebrating the talented young people who are part of our **Playhouse Youth** programme! The event will kick off with a parade around **Leeds Playhouse** before we all settle down to enjoy some films, music and drama in the **Bramall Rock Void**, all created by the young people. There will also be an exhibition of artwork as well as excerpts from our youth magazine, **Penny Press**.

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# WEEK 3



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## SPACE2 PRESENTS... AHEAD OF THE WAVE

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY, 7PM – 9.45PM  
QUARRY THEATRE

Space2 celebrates 20 years with another **East Leeds Extravaganza** at the **Playhouse**. Join us for a show that celebrates **Space2** and its communities, from school cupboard to Gipton Fire Station. The caretaker hears all, or so they say, and she will be weaving a tale of trailblazing creativity and curiosity, fun and friendship, heritage and herstories. Expect moving solos, song, dance and a rip-roaring finale from our artists, collaborators, volunteers and community members of the last two decades.

## FEELING GOOD THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS... LEEDS: LIVE IT, LOVE IT

THURSDAY 20 – FRIDAY 21 JULY, 1PM – 2PM  
BRAMALL ROCK VOID

**Feeling Good Theatre Company** was established in 1999 to challenge stereotypes and share positive stories of ageing, reflecting the experiences of older people in Leeds. *Leeds: Live it, Love it* is a series of sketches, including dance and music. We aim to encourage people to celebrate and be inspired by the richness of opportunities for older people to engage with the city in which we live.

## BRAVE WORDS YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS... WHERE THE SWIFTS GO

FRIDAY 21 JULY, 7PM – 9.25PM  
QUARRY THEATRE

Join **Brave Words** and **Ayo** as we journey through the countries many of our members have called home, making friends, losing loved ones, and always telling stories. Ayo loves to watch the swifts soar in the skies over the city he calls home. Where do they go when they leave the confines of his homeland? But birds know no borders, so when war breaks out, and Ayo and his friends are forced to seek asylum far from home, their odyssey following the birds is long and treacherous.

## COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

SATURDAY 22 JULY, 7PM – 9.15PM  
QUARRY THEATRE

A staple of *Open Season*, the **Community Showcase** is a multi-artform performance that brings together artists and groups from across Leeds to showcase their talents.



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# YOUR AGENDA

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<b>SATURDAY 8 JULY</b>	Yorkshire Dance presents PERFORMING GENDER: DANCING IN YOUR SHOES DOUBLE BILL	<b>3PM – 4.30PM</b>	Quarry Theatre
<b>SATURDAY 15 JULY</b>	Geraldine Connor Foundation presents NEW GENERATION	<b>7PM – 9.45PM</b>	Quarry Theatre
	PLAYHOUSE YOUTH SHOWCASE	<b>2PM – 5PM</b>	Bramall Rock Void
<b>WEDNESDAY 19 JULY</b>	Space2 presents AHEAD OF THE WAVE	<b>7PM – 9.45PM</b>	Quarry Theatre
<b>THURSDAY 20 JULY</b>	Feeling Good Theatre Company presents LEEDS: LIVE IT, LOVE IT	<b>1PM – 2PM</b>	Bramall Rock Void
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