

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Carriageworks Theatre Leeds announces grand re-opening with a summer of live events!

After a long period of closure, like many other venues, the Carriageworks Theatre, Leeds is thrilled to be finally opening its doors and hosting live events.

A great deal of work has gone on behind the scenes to make the venue a safe environment for all, and with the government ahead for live indoor performances, events will begin on **Saturday 22 May** with resident Carriageworks Young Theatre Makers. After 14 months of remote rehearsals, Zooms and film-making, ***"Back in the building"***, a screening of their original work made in lockdown alongside a special live performance celebrates the real-life return of this talented youth theatre to the stage!

**Sunday 23 May** sees Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist **Jonny Awsum** bring his musical comedy show for kids of all ages, from 5 to 105, which features 'This is a Musical' and 'The Triangle Song', as seen on Britain's Got Talent plus 'Air Guitar Girl', 'Live Pop Video' and the very best of Jonny's live shows.

The family theme continues throughout half term with ***"The Dark Room for kids"*** on **Sunday 6 June**, for ages 11+, where families find themselves trapped inside a live-action videogame! For younger families there's the gorgeous tale of ***"How the Koala learnt to hug"*** on **Tuesday 1 June**, where Karen The Koala and her fabulous furry friends are back to answer that age old question and remind everyone why there's nothing quite as wonderful as a nice warm hug (ages 4+).

For comedy lovers Stockport's most famous housewife, **Barbara Nice** brings her life-affirming show featuring all the best bits of her 25 years of delighting live comedy audiences on **Friday 25 June**, and Scottish comedy award-winner and viral sensation **Gary Meikle's "Surreal!"** on

**Saturday 28 August** draws material from his own real-life experiences, covering topics such as evolution, social media, how to deal with burglars and single mums. A comedy night that is guaranteed to leave you in stitches.

Resident comedy gurus **Shoe Cake Comedy** are back every month throughout the summer with a host of shows featuring some of the best performers in the comedy circuit including **Daliso Chaponda (Friday 23 July)** and **Simon Lucas (Saturday 28 August)**.

Whatever your passion, the Carriageworks Theatre cannot wait to welcome back its audiences.

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**Notes to editors:**

About Carriageworks Theatre

Carriageworks Theatre is a modern venue located in the Electric Press on Millennium Square programming a wide variety of theatre and film and events for the whole family. It is the proud home of the Carriageworks Young Theatre Makers, proud to support local societies and has a range of weekly classes open to the Leeds community.