

# IW STORY FESTIVAL

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Quay Arts Centre,  
Newport, Isle of Wight



15-17 February

# 2024



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## THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY

p5 13.00 Horse Box Theatre | Vincent & the Mermaid 4+

p5 13.00 Creaturama | Worlds of Wonder 7+

p5 13.30 Adam Gaterell | Drawing a Villain Comic Workshop 7+

p6 14.15 Teresa Grimaldi | Creatures from Under the Sea Junk Modelling 5+

p6 14.30 Kate Weston | Murder on a School Night 12+

p6 15.00 Mick Smith | Songwriting Workshop 11+

p7 16.00 Dave Fairlamb | All the Way from Africa 11+

p7 16.30 Tony Trowbridge | Graffiti - Art on the Run 11+

p5 17.00 Creaturama | The Creaturama Chronicles 7+

p7 18.00 Master of Disguise | More Horrific Make Up Effects 12+

## FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY

p8 10.00 Simon Whitworth | Jessie Granton and The Invisible Steps

p8 10.00 Natural England | Discovering the World of Kelp 4+

p8 10.15 Enchanted Cinema | Where the Wild Things Are 4+

p9 10.15 Isabel Norwood | Musical Storytelling 2+

p9 11.00 James Clarke | Writing a Film 11+

p9 11.30 Peta Rainford | Stories to Make You Go Green 6+

p10 12.00 Gerald Charles Dickens |

Mr Dickens Reads the Winning Entries 9+

p10 12.30 New Carnival Co | Memorial Kites 5+

p10 12.45 Holly Medland | Local Legends 5+

p11 13.30 John Hegley, Neal Layton | Stanley's Stick 5+

p11 13.30 Asian Culture Club

p12 14.45 Kieran Larwood | Build a Fantasy Character 8+

p11 14.45 Lauren Fry | Stanley's Stick Workshop 5+

p12 15.30 Alasdair Beckett-King | M is for Montgomery Bonbon 8+

p8 15.30 Emma Rosen, Rhiannon Thomas |

Captivating Kelp Forests book 4+

p12 16.15 Artswork | Trudie Wilson: Isle LOVE Wight Collage 11+

p13 16.30 IWSF Authors | Author Forum 8+

p13 17.30 Julian Doyle | Making Films with Monty Python 12+

## SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY

p13 10.00 Lord Louis Library | Teddy Bears' Picnic 3+

p14 10.00 Stitch Dept | Design and Sew Your Favourite Book 11+

p14 10.00 Jo Cooper | Creating a Story 8+

p14 10.30 Pink Cow, Apollo Youth Theatre | Going South For Winter 3+

p15 11.00 Nazneen Ahmed Pathak | City of Stolen Magic 5+

p15 11.15 Sue Bailey | Flights of Fancy 4+

p15 11.45 Francesca Simon | Two Terrible Vikings 6+

p16 12.15 Russ Sheath | Inspiration for Storytelling in Comics 10+

p16 12.45 Sarah Docker | Illustrate & Create a Main Character 9+

p16 13.00 Debbie Webb | Create an Under the Sea Story Stone 3+

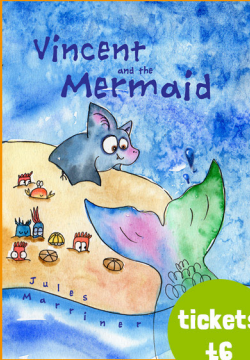
p17 13.15 Kes Gray | Live and Dangerous! 6+

p17 14.30 Harriet Muncaster | Magical World of Isadora Moon 5+

p17 14.30 Meg Hewison | From Pitch to Page: Let's Make a Book 8+

p18 15.30 Opera Prelude | The King's Pants Opera 3+

## THURSDAY



### HORSE BOX THEATRE: VINCENT & THE MERMAID

Thu 15 Feb 13.00-14.00 Theatre

age 4+

After a sell-out performance at last year's IW Story Festival, Horse Box Theatre are back with a brand new show! Be the first to see this hilarious, interactive and accessible performance of Vincent and the Mermaid. The perfect show for the whole family to enjoy.

Get your ticket for the Vincent and the Mermaid junk modelling workshop in the Michael West Gallery.

tickets  
£6

### CREATURAMA: JUNK MODELLING

Thu 15 Feb 13.00-15.00 Rope Store

Junk model some fantasy creatures with the BBC's previous artist-in-residence, creating models from recycled materials.

### CREATURAMA: BOOK TALK

Thu 15 Feb 17.00-17.45 Seminar Room

Hear Anthony James talk about the land of Creaturama in this special series of books: Sprouts Day Out, The Eims That Turned, and Dragonclaw.

age 7+



tickets  
£4



age 7+

### ADAM GATERELL: DRAWING A VILLAIN COMIC WORKSHOP

Thu 5 Feb 13.30-14.30 Seminar Room

Eyepatch? Cape? Secret Lair? These are all important things to consider when making a villain and Adam will help you come up with and design a fun cartoon villain character.

Adam Gaterell is a spoken-word poet, artist and musician based on the IOW.

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£4

**TERESA GRIMALDI: VINCENT & THE MERMAID CREATURES FROM UNDER THE SEA**

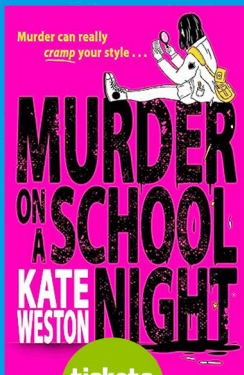
Thu 15 Feb 14.15-15.15 Michael West Gallery

age 5+

Imagine you are organising a party but your cakes keep floating away. Tabitha mermaid is facing such a challenge - plus none of the guests will turn up! Following on from the performance by Horsebox Theatre of the story, join creative mastermind Teresa to make some junk sea creatures.



tickets free



tickets £4

**KATE WESTON: MURDER ON A SCHOOL NIGHT**

Thu 15 Feb 14.30-15.30 Theatre

age 12+

There's never a good time to find a dead body. But finding a dead body while you're trying to kiss your crush? Dead awkward. On the cusp of kissing her dreamy crush, Scott, Kerry discovers the body of Heather's second in command - suffocated with a menstrual cup. Now Annie and Kerry are officially on the case to stop the menstrual murderer . . . period.

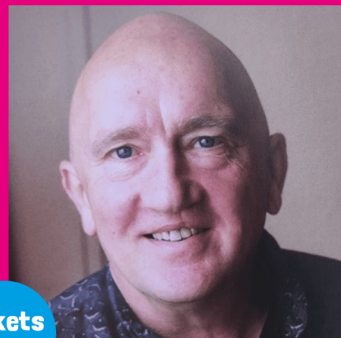
Kate Weston is an ex-stand-up comedian and the author of *Murder On A School Night* and *Diary of a Confused Feminist*, nominated for the Carnegie Medal.

**MICK SMITH: SONGWRITING WORKSHOP**

Thu 15 Feb 15.00-16.30 Seminar Room

age 11+

A whistle-stop introduction to the art of writing songs, delivered by experienced professional songwriter, Mick Smith, who has performed live in 27 countries and written songs for commercial release as well as film. Mick will help you write a song - individually or in groups, and help to interpret and capture a song by the end of the session.



tickets £4



**DAVE FAIRLAMB: ALL THE WAY FROM AFRICA**

Thu 15 Feb 16.00-17.00 Michael West Gallery

age 11+

The amazing story of spring bird migration, set to pictures on screen, as millions of birds set off from Africa and fly north to Europe for the breeding season. Follow Swallows, Swifts and other birds on their epic journey.

Dave has 40 years experience working in nature conservation for National Trust, RSPB, WWT and other organisations.

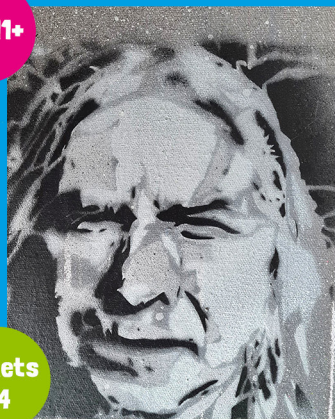
tickets  
£4

**TONY TROWBRIDGE: GRAFFITI, ART ON THE RUN**

Thu 15 Feb 16.30-18.30 Rope Store

Graffiti workshop: stories from the streets; a life on the fringes of the art market, with how to use spray cans effectively. A hands-on workshop producing your very own masterpiece from recycled stuff...a 12in vinyl record.

Meet graffiti artist Tony 'NotDeadYet' Trowbridge. All materials provided. Wear old clothes.



age 11+

tickets  
£4



age 12+

**MASTER OF DISGUISE: MORE HORRIFIC MAKE UP**

Thu 15 Feb 18.00-19.00 Michael West Gallery

Frighten and disgust your friends with new make up styles from last year's horror tutorial. Makeup and tools are provided. Bring an old top to wear.

Attendees should check they do not have allergies to using latex or body paints or special requirements.

tickets  
£4



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## FRIDAY

### SIMON WHITWORTH: JESSIE GRANTON & THE INVISIBLE STEPS

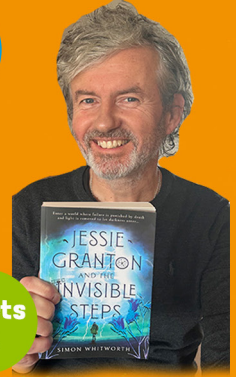
Fri 16 Feb 10.00-10.45 Seminar Room

age 11+

Come alone and learn about the extraordinary world of Jessie Granton and the Bellas. Understand the truth behind turbulence shocks and a land that hovers above, but never seen. Who really occupies the Earth and who lives among us.

Gifted with the ability to see 24 hours into the future, 14 year-old Jess is entrusted to look after the world below.

tickets  
£4



age 5+



### Captivating Kelp Forests

tickets  
free

### EMMA ROSEN | RHIANNON THOMAS: CAPTIVATING KELP FORESTS

Fri 16 Feb 10.00-12.00 workshop

Fri 16 Feb 15.30-16.15 book talk

What is kelp? What creatures make kelp forests their home? Why do we need to protect these underwater forests?

10.00am: An interactive workshop with various stations including creative writing, drawings sessions, and hands on science learning, in conjunction with the upcoming launch of the Captivating Kelp Forest book at 15.30.

### THE ENCHANTED CINEMA: WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE & HEDGEHOG IN THE FOG

Fri 16 Feb 10.15-11.15 Theatre

Imagine going to the cinema and becoming part of a pop-up orchestra who create every single sound FX and the musical score! The Enchanted Cinema invites kids and their grown-ups to become "The Orchestra of Enchanted Sounds" playing delightful and ingenious instruments from a festoon-lit table accompanying much-loved animation Where the Wild Things Are and Hedgehog in the Fog.

age 6+

tickets  
£6



**ISABEL NORWOOD: MUSICAL STORYTELLING**

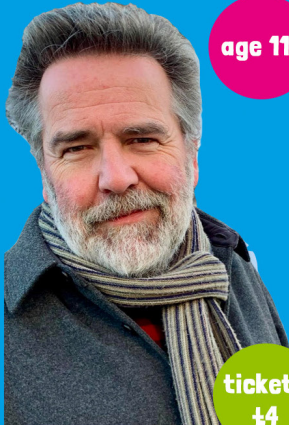
Fri 16 Feb 10.15-11.00 Rope Store

age 2+

Classic fairytales with a musical twist. Join Isabel for singing, percussion instruments and lots of fun, interactive songs to experience in a new way! Isabel is an experienced musician and teacher, playing double bass, cello, violin and ukulele.



tickets  
£4



age 11+

**JAMES CLARKE: WRITING A FILM, HOW TO COME UP WITH AN IDEA**

Fri 16 Feb 11.00-13.00 Seminar Room

Join BAFTA nominee James to consider some big ideas to think about when making your first notes for a short film drama script. In this workshop, he will discuss how to think about creating a character for on-screen. He will also show you how to lay out a film script and suggest films that are really useful for screenwriters to watch.

James has taught screenwriting at the London Film School and currently works for the British Film Institute.

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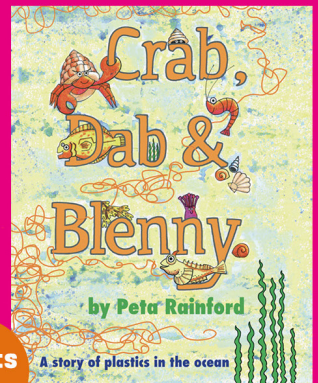
**PETA RAINFORD: STORIES TO MAKE YOU GO GREEN**

Fri 16 Feb 11.30-12.15 Rope Store

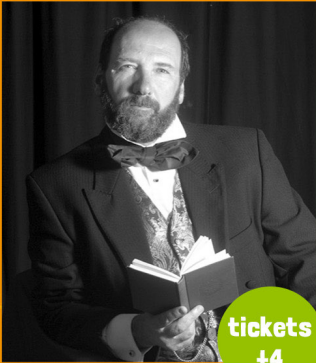
age 6+

Listen to stories about looking after our planet, and create your own campaigning flag, to help make the Isle of Wight a greener place.

Peta will read from her books *Crab, Dab & Blenny* and *Jacob Starke Loves the Dark* and help you become a mini green campaigner through a fun creative activity!



tickets  
£4



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**MR DICKENS READS THE WINNING ENTRIES**

Fri 16 Feb 12.00-13.00 Theatre

age 6+

Hear the winning entries brought to life as the great-great grandson of Charles Dickens performs their stories at the prize giving event. Gerald Charles Dickens is an actor, director, producer and author and a great great grandson of Charles Dickens.

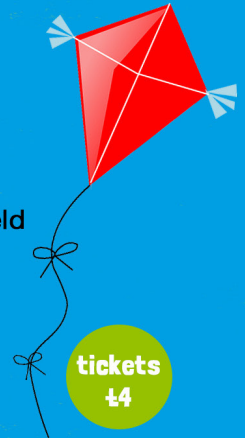
**NEW CARNIVAL CO: MEMORIAL KITES**

Fri 16 Feb 12.30-14.15 Michael West Gallery

age 5+

Come along and make a kite, decorate it with images and words from your own personal memories, happy or sad, poignant, or inspirational, anything goes.

Inspired by Mr Dick's kite in Charles Dicken's David Copperfield story. The story has many characters in it who were based on real life people from Bonchurch Isle of Wight.



tickets  
£4



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£4

**HOLLY MEDLAND: LOCAL LEGENDS**

Fri 16 Feb 12.45-13.30 Rope Store

age 5+

Sneaky smugglers, daring rescues, and villages that disappear! Discover some true (and not so true) stories about the Isle of Wight in this interactive storytelling session and make something to take home.

Holly is a historian and storyteller, with a background in museum education.

**JOHN HEGLEY | NEAL LAYTON; STANLEY'S STICK**

Fri 16 Feb 13.30-14.30 Theatre

age 5+

This colourful event brings together author John Hegley and illustrator Neal Layton who present the tale of Stanley's Stick. With a stick in hand, Stanley's options are endless - his imagination takes over and the magic begins. Join Stanley as he flies to the moon, writes in the sand, goes fishing, plays a whistle and even rides a dinosaur...

Poet and author John Hegley has been performing for children since 1978. Award-winning author and illustrator Neal Layton has worked on more than 80 books.

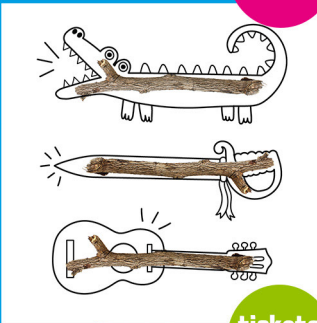


tickets  
£6

age 5+

**LAUREN FRY: STANLEY'S STICK WORKSHOP – WHAT IS A STICK?**

Fri 16 Feb 14.45-15.45 Michael West Gallery



tickets  
£4

What could you do with a bundle of sticks? Build a house for a little pig? What if you only had one stick? What could that simple stick become? A magician's wand, a rock star's guitar, a sorcerer's sword or an artist's paintbrush?

Join Lauren to explore the endless possibilities of what happens when you mix a stick, a spoonful of imagination and a sprinkling of crafty delights!

**KIERAN LARWOOD: BUILD A FANTASY CHARACTER**

Fri 16 Feb 14.45-15.45 Seminar Room

age 8+

Hear some of the new Podkin book and design your own fantasy character with award-winning children's author, Kieran Larwood.

Podkin is now Keeper of the Gifts. It doesn't help that there are still three gifts missing - Podkin can't stop himself from thinking about that. So when the Godseye Mirror begins to shimmer and shift revealing a motley crew of travellers is approaching, Podkin sees it as a sign that his world is about to be upended all over again...

tickets  
£4



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£6



**ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING: M IS FOR MONTGOMERY BONBON**

Fri 16 Feb 15.30-16.30 Theatre

age 8+

Many people go their whole lives without noticing anything that is afoot; without ever experiencing that toe-tingling, stomach-twisting sensation that a mystery is about to unfold. Not Bonnie Montgomery - the world's best detective.

A multi-media event to help kids unlock their inner detective, with a series of funny and clever challenges. Alasdair is a multi-award-winning stand-up comedian seen on Mock the Week and R4's The News Quiz.

**ARTWORK | TRUDIE WILSON: ISLE LOVE WIGHT COLLAGE**

Fri 16 Feb 16.15-18.15 Seminar Room

Create your own masterpiece, inspired by Island landscapes. Join this exciting Artwork workshop led by artist Trudie Wilson.

tickets  
free

age 11+





tickets  
free

**AUTHOR FORUM: WITH THE FESTIVAL AUTHORS**

Fri 16 Feb 16.30-17.15 Rope Store

age 8+

Meet some of the authors, illustrators, script writers and other creatives. Come armed with your questions to get your own journey into the creative arts started.

**JULIAN DOYLE: MAKING FILMS WITH MONTY PYTHON**

Fri 16 Feb 17.30-18.30 Theatre

age 11+

The inside stories from some favourite films of the past decades. Tales from behind the scenes of Life of Brian, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Time Bandits and many more.

Julian Doyle is one of the world's most versatile Film Makers, most famous for editing the Monty Python films and shooting effects for Terry Gilliam's Time Bandits and Brazil.



tickets  
£4

## SATURDAY

**LORD LOUIS LIBRARY: TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC**

Sat 17 Feb 10.00 - 10.30 Seminar Room

Bring your teddy along and listen to some wonderful stories all about bears!  
Mandy is the children's librarian at Newport's Lord Louis Library.

age 2+



tickets  
free

**STITCH DEPT: DESIGN SEW CREATE YOUR BOOK IN FABRIC**

Sat 17 Feb 10.00-12.00 Michael West Gallery

age 11+

Join Amber from Stitch Department to recreate your favourite book using fabric. Get creative and design your book cover. Learn sewing techniques to decorate and embellish your book. Then turn your creation into a pouch that you can use as a wallet, purse, or pencil case. All materials and equipment provided.



tickets  
£4

**A RED SKY**



BY JO COOPER

**JO COOPER: CREATING A STORY**

Sat 17 Feb 10.00-10.45 Rope Store

age 8+

Inspired by Jo's story, A Red Sky, and using a 'consequences' style of approach, make a story from randomly chosen storylines, settings and characters. You choose – we make the story. What are the consequences?

tickets  
£4

**PINK COW | APOLLO YOUTH THEATRE: GOING SOUTH FOR WINTER**

Sat 17 Feb 10.30-11.00 Theatre

age 3+

A fun theatre production for young children and families. "I don't want to be asleep for weeks and weeks and weeks," cried William. Winter didn't sound any fun at all. Maybe their friend Saphie the swallow had the answer. Africa sounded perfect. Follow our adventurers as they escape the winter and head to Africa; it can't be too far for a squirrel and a hedgehog, can it? There are lots of giggles in this production where children can relax and have fun.

tickets  
£4



age 5+



**NAZNEEN AHMED PATHAK: CITY OF STOLEN MAGIC**  
Sat 17 Feb 11.00-11.45 Seminar Room

Join Nazneen in her spellbinding session; she'll share the inspiration behind her fantastical adventure filled children's book, *City of Stolen Magic*. Journey across the seas from Bangladesh to England, learning about her family history along the way, and discover an array of different kinds of magic, and their origin stories. You'll also have the chance to write your very own spells and create your own charms!

tickets  
£4

**SUE BAILEY: FLIGHTS OF FANCY – BIRD TALES**  
Sat 17 Feb 11.15-12.00 Rope Store

age 4+

Join in with Chicken Licken's doomed journey to the King; help the musicians of Bremen chase away the burglars and hear of the Jingwei bird's never-ending quest.

A highly interactive story session. Sue tells tales. Some are true, many are not but can her audience tell the difference?



tickets  
£4

tickets  
£6



**FRANCESCA SIMON: TWO TERRIBLE VIKINGS**  
Sat 17 Feb 11.45-12.45 Theatre

age 6+

What if your parents WANTED you to behave badly? Set in the snowy fjords of a Viking kingdom, the terrible twins, Hack and Whack, are proud to be the best worst vikings.

In this event you will join Francesca Simon, best-selling creator of *Horrid Henry*, as she introduces the third book in the series. You will learn about Viking history, Norse mythology and the wild, wintery world of *Two Terrible Vikings: Feast with the King!*



**RUSS SHEATH: INSPIRATION FOR STORYTELLING IN COMICS**

Sat 17 Feb 12.15-13.15 Seminar Room

They say that ‘everybody has a book in them’, but where do you begin? Russ Sheath talks about the inspiration for his diverse range of published work and how inspiration can be found in the most unlikely places.

Russ Sheath is a writer and journalist.

age 11+



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age 9+



**SARAH DOCKER: ILLUSTRATE & CREATE A MAIN CHARACTER**

Sat 17 Feb 12.45-13.30 Seminar Room

Create and illustrate a main character. Learn how to design and illustrate a super special main character in this workshop, from the clothes that they wear to the way that they interact with the world around them. They can be anything - from an animal, to a mermaid, or even you!

Sarah is a children's illustrator based in the Lake District.

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**DEBBIE WEBB: CREATE AN UNDER THE SEA STORY STONE**

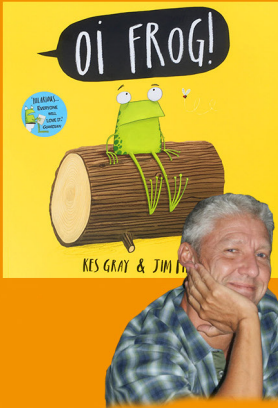
Sat 17 Feb 13.00-15.00 Michael West Gallery

Bring along a lovely stone that you have found on one of the Islands beaches and turn it into an arty gem to be admired for many years to come. Paint a character from Debbie's 'The Hungry Shark' book, or create one of your own, and make your own unique masterpiece, which you can then take home with you once it's dry. Bring a stone! All other materials supplied.

age 5+



tickets  
free



**KES GRAY LIVE & DANGEROUS!**

Sat 17 Feb 13.15-14.15 Theatre

age 6+

Children's author Kes Gray is best known and much loved for his Oi Frog picture- book and 'Daisy Trouble' chapter-book series. Come and hear him talk about the danger in both his life and his books. There will be whales, there will be nails, there will be exploding meatballs and there will be crumbs. Be afraid, be very afraid. With a capital A.

tickets  
£6

**HARRIET MUNCASTER: THE MAGIC & SPARKLE OF ISADORA MOON**

Sat 17 Feb 14.30-15.15 Seminar Room

Harriet can't wait to share her passion for magic, & everything teeny-tiny in this glittering event featuring draw-alongs, readings, and quizzes. You'll have a chance to ask questions and even get your World of Isadora Moon or Victoria Stitch book signed! Harriet Muncaster is the author and illustrator of the internationally bestselling Isadora Moon, Mirabelle and Emerald series of young reader books and the middle-grade Victoria Stitch series.



age 5+

tickets  
£4



**MEG HEWISON: FROM PITCH TO PAGE, LET'S MAKE A BOOK**

Sat 17 Feb 14.30-15.15 Rope Store

age 8+

Ever wanted to make your own book or comic and don't know how? Well look no further! Award winning author and illustrator Meg L Hewison is here to help, covering all the technical bits and most importantly, all the fun creative stuff! Hop along and learn how to bring those ideas to life in this engaging session.

Writer, illustrator and graphic novelist finding inspiration in the wonderful world around us.

tickets  
£4

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**OPERA PRELUDE: THE KING'S PANTS OPERA**

Sat 17 Feb 15.30-16.30 Theatre

age 3+

Opera Prelude is proud to present The King's Pants, a delightful adaptation of Nicholas Allan's much loved children's story. Originally written for the King's Coronation, The King's Pants is now a delightful child's opera that will transport you to a realm of regal wonder. Meet Nicholas Allan and get your book signed.



tickets  
£6

# WELCOME to the 2024 IW Story Festival

There's so much to see, do, try and make; from discovering your inner detective with TV comedian Alasdair Beckett-King to making music with The Enchanted Cinema to discovering what sticks are for with literary legends John Hegley and Neal Layton.

Three days of interactive fun with national and local writers, actors, illustrators, storytellers and creators.

You can buy your tickets at the box office or online. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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