

6 June – A Poem in between People (PiP)

the hat Factory Basement 8.30pm

Musa Okwonga of PiP, 'London's hottest new spoken word talent' according to The Times, brings you storming stories and free copies of PiP's new EP. Followed by an Open Mic session.

7 June – Under the Mask Gamer Conference Park Square 10am

A day-long celebration of video game culture at the University of Bedfordshire, featuring game performances from professional game players, opportunities to pit yourself against a range of videogame interfaces and players, an exhibition of Game Art and Game Music and presentations by academic experts from the world of Game Studies. £20 / £10

8 June – Mall Music The Mall 2pm – 4pm

An acoustic jamming set featuring a mixture of old and new music. Original tracks will be interspersed with classics ranging from Bob Marley and Ray Lamontagne to Green Day and Tracey Chapman.

9 June – Animation workshop the hat Factory 12pm – 4pm

This hands-on workshop gives you the chance to explore a variety of animation techniques, suitable for film, television, and the web.

10 June – Carve her Name with Pride Library Theatre 2pm

Classic story of the heroism of Special Operations agent Violette Szabo.

10 June – Project Performance the hat Factory 7.30pm

Highlights from the University of Bedfordshire's Media Performance special projects.



12 June – BA Graduate Fashion Show

The Judith Blake Theatre 7.30pm (Sponsored by The Mall)
The University of Bedfordshire is proud to present, for the first time, its BA Fashion Design Graduate collections. Luton's long-respected associations with the fashion industry make it the perfect host for this year's new generation of fashion graduates.

12 June – Sarfraz Manzoor talk Central Library 7.30pm

12 & 13 June – Heima the hat Factory 7pm

Village Screen Cinema presents this truly unique documentary exploring the possibilities of music and cinema through the music of Sigur Rós. (dir. Dean DeBlois & Sigur Rós, 2007). Doors / bar open 7pm, screening 8pm. Live band on stage at 10pm on the 13th. £4.50 / £3.50.

13 June – Media Art & Design Degree Show (until 27 June)

UoB Park Square

A showcase of creative work, including an impressive display of photography, fashion, fine art, video art, interior design, graphic design, media production and animation. For more information, please contact Sarah Waller on 01582 743045.

Changing Exhibitions

Throughout the Festival there will be displays of artistic works by local residents and university students in The Mall and in a new gallery at the airport. See the website for more details – including how to submit your own work!



'Invisibility Cloak' by Natasia Cuffy from the 'Dreams and Nightmares' collection.

BOX OFFICE Many events in the Festival are free of charge but all require tickets which are obtained by calling the Box Office on:

01582 878100 or 01582 547474

www.lutonartsfestival.org

B:Fest 2009

We're thinking about next year already! If you would like to take part, volunteer, or just be kept informed please email

enquiries@lutonartsfestival.org

B:Fest is organised by a group of hardworking volunteers.

We are extremely grateful for the support from our sponsors and partner organisations.

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Venues

- 1 phytojuice, Luton Station, LU1 2LT
- 2 the hat Factory, Bute Street, LU1 2EY
- 3 The Old Shop, 32a George St, 1st & 2nd Floor, LU1 2AZ
- 4 Waterstones, George Street, LU1 2AZ
- 5 The Library, St George's Square, LU1 2NG
- 6 St George's Square, LU1 2NG
- 7 Market Hill, LU1 2AA
- 8 University of Bedfordshire, Park Square, LU1 3JU
- 9 The Park, 45 Park Street, LU1 3JX
- 10 The Student Union, Vicarage Street, LU1 3HZ
- 11 St Mary's Church, Church Street, LU1 3JF
- 12 The Mall, Arndale Shopping Centre, LU1 2LJ

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Luton Arts Festival

B:Fest

Luton Arts Festival

19 May - 13 June

www.lutonartsfestival.org

B:Fest is a new, exciting, visual and participatory Arts Festival for Luton. There's something for everyone: poetry, dance, workshops, exhibitions, film, animation and theatre.

19 May – Capoeira Workshop the hat Factory 7.30pm – 9.30pm

A Brazilian martial art centred within the rhythmic framework of combat, dance, and music. Classes are on a 'drop in' basis. For more info contact Dacor on **07904 154145**. £7 members / £10 non members. (Also on 2 & 9 June)

20 May – Lutopia the hat Factory Gallery (until 25 May)

Award winning photographer and University of Bedfordshire student Ben Hodson presents two collections in the exhibition *Lutopia*. The first collection shows Lutonians going about their everyday lives. The second, in contrast, will look at the urban environment in which the residents find themselves. Large scale photo-montages depict views in and around Luton.



21 May – Animation Demonstration

Bute Square The Mall 11am – 3pm

Demonstration and examples of animation techniques for film, television and the web. Find out more about the animation process and sign up for a workshop on 9 June.

22 May – Memories Of Murder (15) the hat Factory 7.30pm

Filmelab and Village Green Cinema present this tale of two rural cops desperately tracking a serial killer in South Korea in 1986. 2003, Dir: Joon-ho Bong. Run time: 130mins. £3.50 / £2.50 concs.

22 May – Lutopia Talk the hat Factory 6.30pm

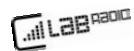
Photographer Ben Hodson will discuss the development of the *Lutopia* exhibition.

23 May – An Evening of Poetry Waterstones 7.30pm

Two established veterans of contemporary English poetry, Tom Raworth and Robert Sheppard, read from their latest collections. Nibbles and wine included. £3.00 / £2.00. This event kicks off a weekend of poetry, which features poets from around the country as well as students and graduates from the University of Bedfordshire Creating Writing course.

23 May – B:Creative Lab Radio 87.9 FM

www.lutonandbedsradio.com 5pm – 6pm



Lab Radio brings you the round-up of the week's events at B:Fest. A phone-in gives you an opportunity to air your views on everything to do with the Festival, and a chance to contribute for the future! **Be involved!**

24 May – Magnificent Flying Machine the hat Factory 11am

Follow the wacky adventures of Professor Bix Horn as he flies by the seat of his pants and tries to build a flying machine out of the most unlikely things. For ages 2–8. Run time: 50mins £4 adults / £3.50 children.

24 May – Sub Club Poetry Student Union from 1.30pm

The poetry weekend continues with two afternoon readings, featuring experienced poets Alyson Torns, Gavin Stewart and AnnMarie Eldon and new talent such as Allison Boast, Holly Pester, and James Wilkes.

24 May – Phyto Poetry The Old Shop 7.30pm

The second evening event in this poetry weekend features Allen Fisher and others (tba). Relax in the comfortable surroundings of the Old Shop and enjoy the rejuvenating juices of phytojuice.

24 May – Hip hop heART the hat Factory 7.30pm

Hip hop heART is the dance event representing the art of movement in hip hop. Local performers demonstrate their skills and prove that the hip hop community is alive in Luton. The dances, performed by University of Bedfordshire students, Dance Nation and other skilled hip hop dance lovers, will display the variety of street dance culture and present the spectators with styles such as locking, popping, king-tut and nu wave hip hop.



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26 May – Luton Carnival

This annual spectacular is a great day out for all the family. Featuring a vibrant parade and entertainment celebrating the diversity of culture in the town together with a variety of crafts, international food stalls and street entertainment.



27 May – Bed Bugs Theatre Group Preview Student Life The Mall

An opportunity to see snippets from this exciting new student production all about the highs and lows of being a student. See 3 June for further details and full performance.

27 May – Bridge to Terabithia (cert PG) Library Theatre 2pm

Based on the book by Katherine Paterson, this is a moving film about friendship and growing up. Suitable for children aged 7 and over.

29 May – Hip Hop Taster Class White Rooms

UoB Park Square 4pm – 5pm

A chance for everyone who enjoys dance to discover themselves in hip hop. Students will learn some hip hop moves and aim to complete a routine demonstrated by the dance teacher. Wear sports trainers and loose trousers, and don't forget to grab a bottle of water!

29 May – Creative Futures the hat Factory 2pm – 8.30pm

Hear from creative industry professionals on how they succeeded and meet the organisations which can help you. For more information go to **www.headstartproject.org**.

including – Speed Date the Professionals

A unique chance to get dedicated time with professionals in the arts and creative sectors including film makers, broadcasters and alumni.

30 May – B:Creative Lab Radio phytojuice 5pm – 6.30pm

Lab Radio brings you the round-up of the week's events at B:Fest. Come along to phytojuice listen to the webcast and meet our production team for an innovative discussion. **Be involved!** **www.lutonandbedsradio.com**

30 May – Sound Space 1 the hat Factory Basement 7pm – 11pm

Live performances of experimental computer music featuring live video projections.

31 May – Dancing in the Street! Market Hill 12pm & 2pm

A vibrant and creative contemporary dance performance from leading local dancers and students.

31 May – Fake Modern (until 6 June) the hat Factory Gallery

An exhibition organised by second year students studying Fine Art, Art & Design and Digital Photography and Video Art at the University of Bedfordshire. Fake Modern will showcase inspiring, intriguing, humorous and thought-provoking new works made by these students in the last six months.

2 June – Performance II

George Square 1.30pm – 2pm

Performance II present and explore African dance in the Diaspora employing a blend of lore, spirituality and traditions with modern and popular culture. The vocabulary of dance styles range from Kumina, Capoeira, Ska to Dancehall, Street and Salsa.



3 June – Student Life Student Union Basement 7.30pm

Bed Bugs Theatre Company presents *Student Life*, an innovative look at the trials and tribulations of university students. Their unique approach to the world of lectures, partying and poverty will have the audience laughing and crying in their seats.

3 June – 'You call the Shorts' The Park 7.00pm

An evening of exciting and experimental films. Creative and talented filmmakers are invited to submit their short films (see website for details) to be shown in this informal atmosphere. Followed by a discussion on the merits of the films. Budding critics also welcome!

4 June – Arts Show for Performance UoB Park Square

The Media Performance Students present their explorations of imprisonment, gangs, fairy tales, friendships and rites of passage. The performances are written and performed by Third Year Students as part of their final year's special project.

5 June – Choral Spectacular featuring

Luton Gospel Community Choir St Mary's Church 7.30pm

Stars of ITV's Million Pound Giveaway, the Luton Gospel Community Choir headlines this evening of choral performances in the atmospheric setting of St Mary's Church. The program includes a diverse range of music sung by local Luton choirs.

6 June – An evening of new film the hat Factory Studio One 6.30pm

An opportunity to view new and exciting work from the filmmakers of the future. Featuring innovative work from the University's current students and alumni.