

FUSE

Kingston's international
multi-arts festival

26 June - 5 July



FUSE
INTERNATIONAL

fuseinternational.org
020 8549 2120

TICKETS



WELCOME TO FUSE INTERNATIONAL 2026

FUSE International is a celebration of live performance and creativity and our programme is packed with inspiring, funny and thought-provoking shows that bring people together.

With theatre, dance, comedy, cabaret, music, visual arts and more – there is something for everyone, and it's all created by young and emerging artists from around the world.

This summer marks our 18th festival in Kingston and it will take place from 26 June – 5 July. Once again, FUSE International promises to captivate and inspire, from those local to Kingston to those travelling from across the globe.

TICKET INFORMATION

Online

fuseinternational.org

Phone

020 8549 2120

From 1 hour before each show time at the festival venues:

Rose Theatre

24-26 High Street, KT1 1HL

ACT Theatre

Kingston Hall Road, KT1 2AQ

FUSEBOX

2 Bucklands Wharf, KT1 1TF

TICKET PRICING 2026

Please see individual show listings on the website for ticket prices.

Concessions includes students, anyone under the age of 18 years old and those who are currently unemployed.

All ticket prices are subject to £1.50 booking fee.

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WELCOME FROM THE FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

From its Saxon roots to its vibrant cultural life today, Kingston upon Thames has long been a place where people come together. This summer, FUSE International returns for its 18th year, bringing the town alive with theatre, dance, music, circus and performances from some of the most exciting young artists around.

We're delighted to welcome young companies from across the UK and from Romania, South Korea, Kenya, China, Sweden, Nigeria and India. Their work is bold, funny, moving and imaginative, filled with people who don't quite fit the mould, who question the rules, challenge expectations, and find new ways to connect with the world around them.

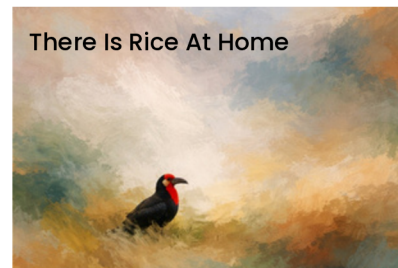
What I love most about this year's programme is its sense of curiosity. These artists aren't afraid to ask difficult questions, tell unexpected stories, or look at familiar things from a completely different angle. In doing so, they invite us to do the same.

Whether you're joining us for one show or ten, visiting for the first time or returning as a festival regular, I hope you discover something that surprises you, makes you think, makes you laugh, and stays with you well into the Autumn.

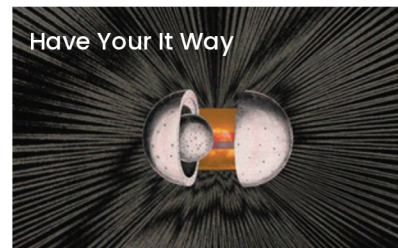
Enjoy the festival!
Petra Jane Tauscher, Artistic Director



There Is Rice At Home



Have Your It Way



FUSE BOX

Kingston's multi-arts
venue for young people



fuseboxkingston.org



DID YOU MISS US?

FUSEBOX is back.

After two major floods in 2025, we're excited to throw open our doors for FUSE International 2026!

Thank you for standing with us through a challenging year. Every booking helps support the work of Creative Youth and the future of FUSEBOX.

VENUE HIRE

As a thank you, we're offering 40% OFF all FUSEBOX bookings made before 31 August 2026.

To claim the offer, contact Archie at archie@creativeyouthcharity.org and quote **FUSE26**.

Book the space. Buy a ticket. Support youth arts.

PRIDE IN KINGSTON

This year, local dance company Unapologetic ignites something long overdue, bringing Pride to Kingston for the very first time as part of FUSE International. Pride in Kingston brings a vibrant, community-led programme to the borough from **26-28 June**.

At Creative Youth we're thrilled to play a part in bringing Pride celebrations to Kingston, and remain committed to amplifying the voices of LGBTQIA+ people across our Borough and beyond. Join us over the weekend as we celebrate with pride, joy and visibility across the town. Check out some of the highlights below and help make history in Kingston!

AFTERDARK

Fri 26 June, 20:00

FUSEBOX

Afterdark opens the weekend with a bold collision of performance, identity, and unapologetic self-expression. Expect a night that leans into the shadows and thrives there - raw talent, fearless voices, and boundary-pushing artistry across dance, cabaret, singing, and powerful duets that refuse to be softened or silenced.



A FUSEBOX Takeover
by Unapologetic

PRIDE DAY

Sat 27 June

The celebrations continue with our **Pride Parade from 14:00–15:00** as we take to the streets and invite everyone to walk with us in Pride. Afterwards, discover pop-up performances taking over the Bentall Centre, with performers bringing Pride energy to the heart of Kingston.



WORKSHOPS

Sun 28 June

Sunday focuses on community, with a dedicated workshop day bringing people together through creativity, conversation, and self-expression. Workshops will be popping up at various shops and public spaces around Kingston, including FUSEBOX, Waterstones & John Lewis. Check out the website for more details.



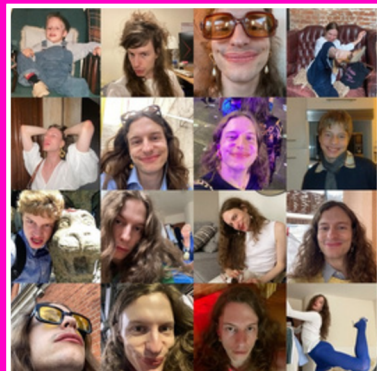
MANUEL: A JOURNEY THROUGH GENDER

Manuel

Sun 28 June, 18:00

FUSEBOX

A performance hangout on all things gender, where Manuel will take you through their personal journey. Expect humour, audience interactive storytelling, unscripted conversations, lip-syncs, karaoke, and live costume changes.



Please see our website for the full details of each performance

ÀJO - THE SOJOURN

Peekok YouthARTS Initiatives

Friday 26 June, 20:30

ACT Theatre Main

ÀJO – The Sojourn is a powerful multidisciplinary performance that weaves together dance, drama, rhythm, and visual storytelling to explore the universal journey of migration, identity, and becoming.



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BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2026

The Basement Door

Sat 27 June, 18:00

Rose Theatre

Get ready to celebrate the power of youth, community and creativity at the 2026 Battle of the Bands. Expect unforgettable performances and a celebration of the next generation of musicians.



MUSIC

DIVINE TIDES

Acrosphere Circus

Sat 27 June, 19:30 & Sun 28 June, 15:00

ACT Theatre Main

Divine Tides explores, love and hate in its most fierce and fragile form through beautiful and dramatic aerial acts.



CIRCUS

WELCOME TO BROKE STREET

CAPA College

Sat 27 & Sun 28 June, 19:45

ACT Theatre Studio

An original piece of theatre highlighting the challenges young people face as they enter adulthood. In this world, nothing comes easy, and everything has a price.



RETARDANT

Isaac Quinn

Sat 27 June, 19:30

FUSEBOX

An autistic trans man leaves home for the first time inspired by his favourite TV show, but his life begins to eerily mimic its plot...



DANCE SHOWCASE

Creative Youth

Sun 28 June, 17:00

Rose Theatre

Experience an unforgettable evening of dance, showcasing extraordinary young talent across a wide range of styles - there's something for everyone to enjoy.



EMERGING DANCE SHOWCASE

Shaun Dillon / Creative Youth

Wed 1 July, 19:30

ACT Theatre Main

This electrifying showcase brings together bold emerging dancers and visionary choreographers for an evening of fresh, boundary-pushing performance. Featuring special guests, Siheung City Youth Foundation, from South Korea.



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DANCE

HONKI!

Thames Music Theatre

Thurs 2 July, 19:30

Rose Theatre

An exciting, modern adaptation of the beloved fable – The Ugly Duckling – this award-winning musical is a heartwarming celebration of what makes us special.



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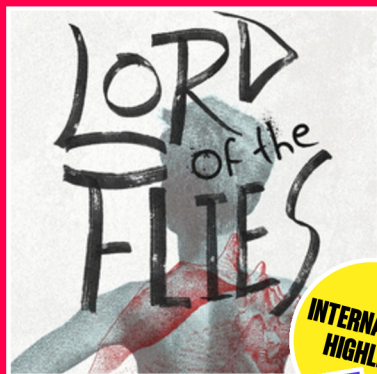
LORD OF THE FLIES

Acting Up Bucharest

Thurs 2 July 19:30

ACT Theatre Main

A powerful performance that brings a classic of world literature into urgent dialogue with today's society. This adaptation sheds light on pressing issues such as violence, bullying, and the breakdown of social order.



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WHY SHE LEFT ME

Arran Burr

Thurs 2 July, 19:45

ACT Theatre Studio

When William loses his wife to suicide, a mysterious figure appears and offers him a chance to live with his wife again. But is this offer too good to be true?



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THE SKINS (OR THE REVENGE OF PRINCESS DIANA)

Halfway Down

Thurs 2 July, 19:30

FUSEBOX

When Jen discovers an underground lair of alien creatures with plans of world domination, she must do everything in her power to thwart their efforts. This anarchic comedy is not one to be missed.



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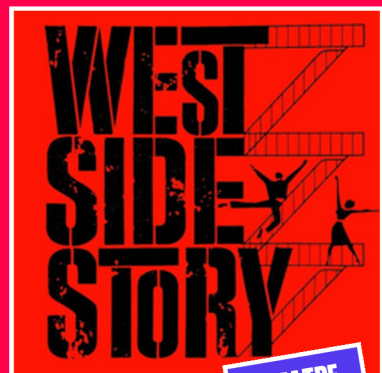
WEST SIDE STORY

CAPA

Fri 3 July, 19:30

Rose Theatre

CAPA return to the FUSE International stage with the electrifying West Side Story, a blistering collision of love, loyalty, and rivalry set to one of the most iconic scores in musical theatre history.



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DEEP IN THE THREADS - AITA OR NAITA?

Nya Paraplyteatern

Fri 3 July, 19:30

ACT Theatre Main

What happens when those wild opinions, awkward comments, and questionable choices of the internet escape the screen and take shape in real life?



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THERE IS RICE AT HOME

Instinct Pictures

Fri 3 July, 19:45

ACT Theatre Studio

On the eve of her best friend's funeral, a police officer comes face to face with a charming stranger who introduces herself as Death. There Is Rice At Home is a riveting story of friendship, grief, and love.



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IF NOT THIS THEN THAT

Wild Guess

Fri 3 July, 19:30

FUSEBOX

If not this then that is a play performed entirely by the audience. It's about agency, control and the colonial origins of modern computing technology. It's a play about us and how we got here.



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CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Creative Youth

27 June, 10:00 & 3 July

Rose Theatre & ACT Theatre

A joyful celebration of young voices, bold storytelling, and the power of film to inspire. The festival brings together screenings, special events, and creative experiences for children, families, and schools in the heart of Kingston.



FILM

GROWL

National Youth Music Theatre

Sat 4 July, 19:30

Rose Theatre

Our international highlight: We're delighted to welcome the National Youth Music Theatre with performers from Serious Play Shanghai and Youth Theatre Kenya, in a concert performance of the heart-warming family musical, Growl.



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MUSIC

DILLON DANCE YOUTH PRESENTS

Dillon Dance

Sat 4 July 19:30 & Sun 5 July, 19:00

ACT Theatre Main

Creative Youth's Associate Company Dillon Dance Youth returns for another evening of bold, and powerful contemporary dance, showcasing the next generation of dance talent.



DANCE

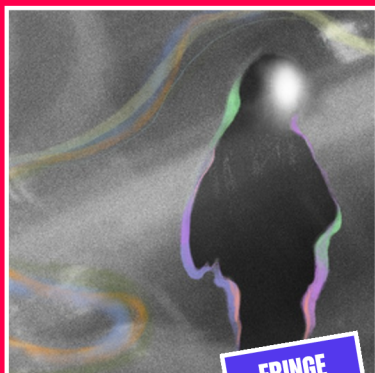
LED BY THE WIND

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Sat 4 July, 19:45

ACT Theatre Studio

Led By The Wind is an intimate audio-visual performance that follows a queer woman tracing a river upstream in search of her forgotten hometown.



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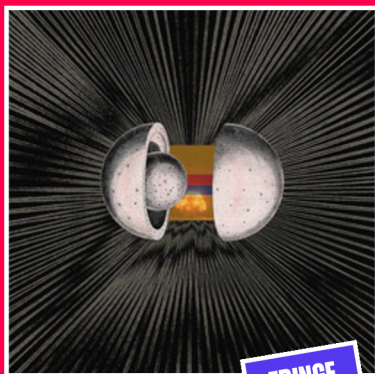
HAVE YOUR IT WAY

Brightmouth

Sat 4 July, 19:30

FUSEBOX

A silly, serious, unsettling piece concerned with the proliferation of bullsh*t in publicity, exacerbated by LLMs, and the meaningless language of faux-creativity, initiative, and entrepreneurialism that has crept into our daily lives.



FRINGE

THE RAGGED CHILD

National Youth Music Theatre

Sun 5 July, 19:30

Rose Theatre

Launching the 50th anniversary celebrations of NYMT, this one-night-only performance of The Ragged Child represents a pivotal artistic milestone in the company's history; its international success helped to establish NYMT's reputation on the global stage.



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RULEBOOK TO SOCIETY

Legally Detained

Sun 5 July, 19:30

FUSEBOX

Rulebook To Society is a raw, autobiographical musical exploring what it means to grow up neurodivergent in a world built on unspoken rules.



DATE	SHOW	WHERE	TIME
Fri 26 June	Pride In Kingston: Afterdark	FUSEBOX	20:00
	ÀJO – The Sojourn	ACT Main	20:30
Sat 27 June	Children's Film Festival	Rose Theatre	10:00
	Pride Parade	Town centre	14:00
	Battle of the Bands	Rose Theatre	18:00
	Divine Tides	ACT Main	19:30
	Welcome to Broke Street	ACT Studio	19:45
	Retardant	FUSEBOX	19:30
Sun 28 June	Dance Showcase	Rose Theatre	17:00
	Divine Tides	ACT Main	15:00
	Welcome to Broke Street	ACT Studio	19:45
	Manuel: A Journey Through Gender	FUSEBOX	18:00
Wed 1 July	Emerging Dance Showcase	ACT Main	19:30

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Thurs 2 July	Honk!	Rose Theatre	19:30
	Lord of the Flies	ACT Main	19:30
	Why she left me	ACT Studio	19:45
	The Skins (or the Revenge of Princess Diana)	FUSEBOX	19:30
Fri 3 July	West Side Story	Rose Theatre	19:30
	Deep in the Threads – AITA or NTA?	ACT Main	19:30
	There Is Rice At Home	ACT Studio	19:45
	if not this then that	FUSEBOX	19:30
Sat 4 July	Growl	Rose Theatre	19:30
	Dillon Dance Youth Presents	ACT Main	19:30
	Led by the wind	ACT Studio	19:45
	Have Your It Way	FUSEBOX	19:30
Sun 5 July	The Ragged Child	Rose Theatre	19:30
	Dillon Dance Youth Presents	ACT Main	19:00
	Rulebook to Society	FUSEBOX	19:30



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