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CULTURE FEST 24
Free
24-27 OCTOBER 2024
Official programme guide

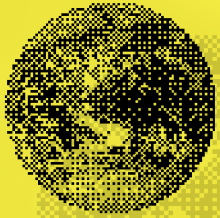
FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

24 OCTOBER
ONLINE
Our climate of crisis, 2pm-4pm
Electric Medway TV, live from 9am

25 OCTOBER
CHATHAM LIBRARY
Forest Keep and The Chatham Book Monster, 10am-5pm
OAK THEATRE, THE ACADEMY OF WOODLANDS, GILLINGHAM
in.difference, 6pm-7.30pm

26 OCTOBER
HULKES LANE to INTRA ARTS, ROCHESTER
Nocturnal, 6pm-9pm

27 OCTOBER
GILLINGHAM PARK
Illusions of nature, 11am-7pm



ELECTRIC MEDWAY FESTIVAL

Two worlds

24-27 October 2024

Two worlds is the fifth edition of Electric Medway Festival. It is the beginning of a conversation to imagine the possibilities of a different kind of world. Through the power of creative technology, we invite you to experience, enjoy and engage with 4 days of stimulating events, glimpsing worlds you wouldn't normally see, touch or hear. What kind of world(s) should we be building for the future?

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Zoom webinar

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With live captions

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Our climate of crisis

Electric Medway and Creative Medway

Partnering with Creative Medway, *Our climate of crisis* is an open discussion about our lives today, a story of how technology may have inadvertently contributed to our sense of permanent crisis. From the onset of AI and misinformation, to alarming data about the climate and mental health, could technology also pose the solutions by offering a means to imagine a better future? Panel: Filmmakers Cath Hoffmann and John Vincent, and Daniel Luscombe, Medway Climate Change.

Electric Medway TV

Online

Catherine Hoffman and John Vincent

Free

Captioned

Sit back in your sofa, get comfortable and enjoy these specially selected experimental films made by local artists that explore the themes raised in *Our climate of crisis* discussion (see page 4). *Wormhole of our Formation* by Catherine Hoffmann touches on mental health, austerity and the environment, charting a personal journey through three red alert storms - Dudley, Eunice and Franklin. *De Facto 36* by John Vincent takes the idea of digital immortality - could we one day upload and preserve our consciousness and will AI be a help or hinderance?

Watch now

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Medway River Lit

Libraries for Life
www.medway.gov.uk/libraries

Friday 25 October, 10am-5pm

Forest Keep

Electric Medway

Chatham Library & Community Hub
Riverside Gardens, Dock Road, Chatham
ME4 4TX

Free

Wheelchair accessible

Enter our fantasy woodland tent! Young people are invited to be part of *Forest Keep*, a new fictional story set in the future. Inside the tent use VR to see concept ideas created by young people so far, and create your own, including virtual sets of trees and sounds. Help write different choices for the narrative with Sam Hall, in collaboration with Medway River Lit Festival. Medway Libraries will also display a range of exciting fantasy books you can loan. And, help design a retro arcade game, *Medway Fighte*r with Jon Schwochert.

The Chatham Book Monster

Docking Station and Coney

Grab your phone and play a new digital trail developed by local young people! Start your journey by contacting the mysterious organisation OCTOPUS and get your first clue that will take you far beyond the Library. Solve cryptic puzzles and uncover the town's surprising secrets. Think tigers, unicorns, and painted elephants! The game will be live for an extended period afterwards. Hosted by Docking Station and the Institute of Cultural and Creative Industries (iCCi), in partnership with London's acclaimed arts charity, Coney.

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SQUARE PEGS ARTS

Oak Theatre
The Academy of Woodlands
Woodlands Rd
Gillingham
ME7 2DU

Free

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in.difference

Square Pegs Arts

In the new video game *in.difference*, five players make dream worlds, tailored to their disabilities and differences. But their worlds aren't so perfect after all. A virus has snuck into the game and it's brought real-world problems with it! Can our players challenge the problems and defeat the virus? Square Pegs Arts Theatre Company presents an original performance for families and children (7+), enhanced by digital technologies, puppetry and movement. ♿ Seated and wheelchair accessible.

Nocturnal

Various artists

An otherworldly evening of audiovisual installation revealing unseen and unheard rhythms of nature at night. Contributions from Xtina Lamb, Jane Pitt, Anna Braithwaite, Formwork, Livi Wilmore and Medway Men in Sheds, Tom Ward, Cybersaur Arts, Gabi Almeida, Tyler Austin, Leigh Academy Rainham, Hulkes Lane Darkroom and Studio, The Historic Dockyard Chatham, Hannah Whittaker, and Medway Superstars by 51zero.

Chatham House on The Old High St Intra
and nearby
Hulkes Lane
Tack Room
Hulkes Lane
Darkroom & Studio
Intra Arts

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Site map

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Gillingham Park
Canterbury Street
Gillingham
ME7 5LA

Free

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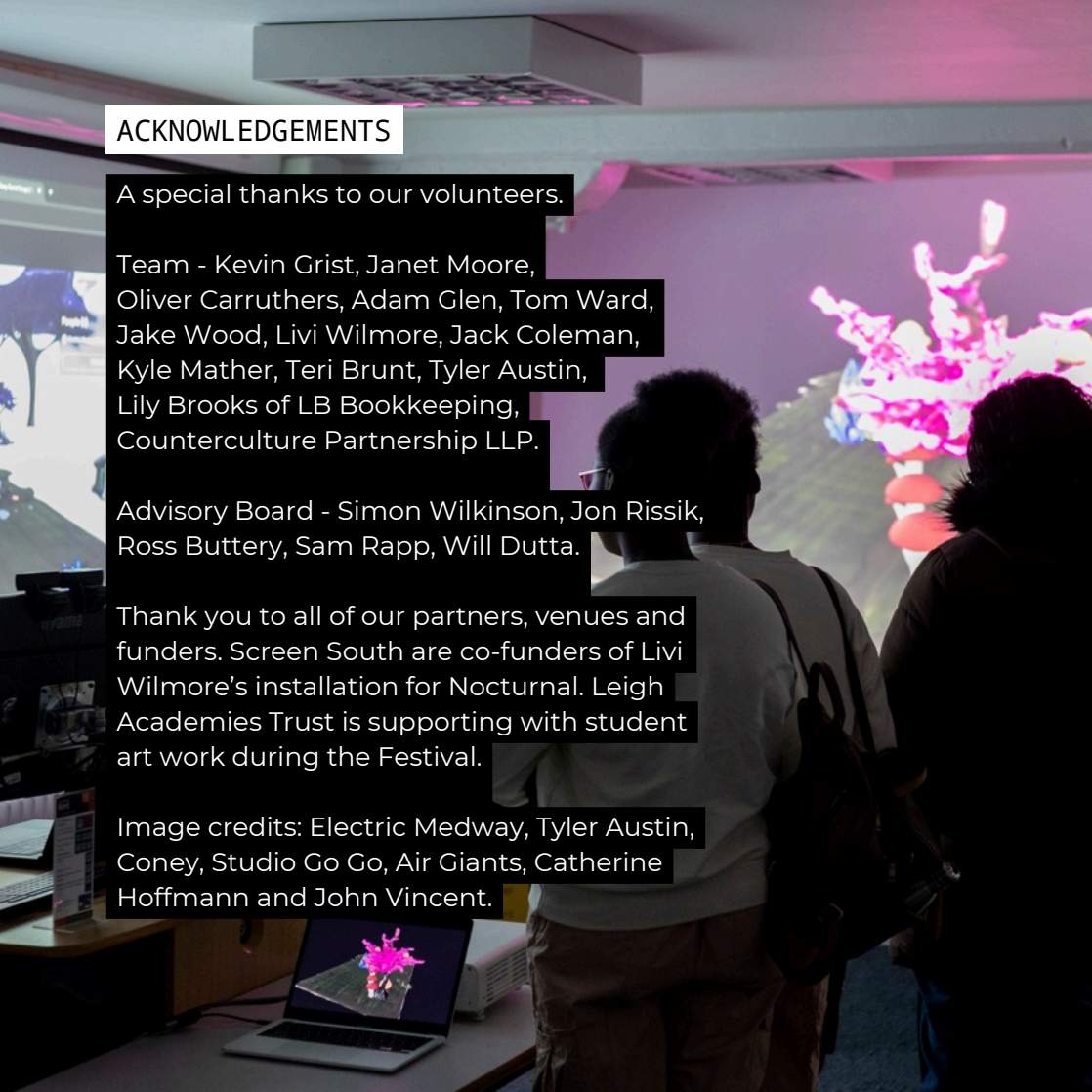
Illusions of nature

Studio Go Go and Air Giants

Join us at Gillingham Park, for an afternoon of serene and surreal activities inspired by the surrounding trees. *Squeeze Me* beckons playfulness with Air Giants' inflatable technology (cover image). Whilst VR thrill seekers will enjoy *Volo: dreams of flight* - an exciting swing experience by Studio Go Go. Also, enjoy animal inspired movement with WKD Yoga. Plus more from Electric Medway's Digital Gazebo - help us turn a tree into a live glow art installation! ♿ A VR swing for wheelchairs will be available.



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Medway and Kent Creative Sector Environmental Sustainability Pledge.

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DOCKING STATION

Electric Medway are proud partners of Docking Station, with co-funded events in our programme this year. Due to open in early 2026 at Historic Dockyard Chatham, Docking Station will be a new creative playground of digital production, education and community engagement.

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