

Creative Learning Opportunities for Schools at Norfolk & Norwich Festival

Norfolk & Norwich Festival has some fantastic opportunities for Schools to take part in this year's Festival. Please see below for details.

Labyrinth Challenge

A highlight of Festival Gardens (that's Chapelfield Gardens in Norwich for the rest of the year) will be an installation from Barcelona called *El Laberint* (7–22 May): a playful quest through a crazy network of transparent doors and windows in which visitors are given challenges and brain-teasers to help them navigate through the maze.

We're looking for quirky questions and clever conundrums for enigma doors within *El Laberint* and invite Norfolk schools to take part. We are offering special school workshops for Key Stages 2 and 3, led by Rebecca Chapman (Creative Practitioner). Up to thirty children can take part in each workshop. Participants will be taken through a fun, interactive and participative process and will create innovative and unique riddles and challenges. These will be entered into a competition. Winners will see their questions built into the labyrinth. There are opportunities for four schools to take part in these workshops on either **Tuesday 30 March** or **Thursday 1 April**, 9-11am and 1pm-3pm. Fee £25. Bookings are available on a first come first served basis. To reserve your place email stacy@nnfestival.org.uk by Friday 19 March.

Photo Challenge

We festoon the trees in Festival Gardens with lights and we decorate the park with banners and beautiful photography. We'd like you to help us bring this year's Festival theme of 'Change' to life with your own interpretation of what change means to you or your school.

We're inviting school children, young people and school staff to submit photographic images that communicate 'change' and / or 'transformation'. For example, your photograph might be about spring and the changing seasons, or about new buildings and changes in your community, or about anything else that you feel captures an image of change.

Winning entries will be printed on large-scale Heras panels appearing at sites around the festival 7–22 May.

We would love to see your photos. To enter, please submit a photograph – a jpeg, between 5 and 10 MB in size and no less than 300dpi in resolution – to stacy@nnfestival.org.uk by **Friday 26 March**.

NoFit State

Leading circus company, *NoFit State* presents 'Parklife' a show which invites you to join in a joyful exploration (and celebration!) of the secret life of public parks. *NoFit State* Circus will work with local artists and community groups to develop new acts and circus routines. This performance weaves new collaborative elements together.

There will be plenty of opportunity for other people to join in as part of, and established group or just as a passer-by. *NoFit State* performers and creative team will be holding free special workshops for schools in Norwich's Eaton Park. If your school fancies trying out

some new skills, the sessions will be between 14.30 – 16.00 on Monday the 10th and Tuesday the 11th of May. To book contact gaelin@nnfestival.org.uk

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*The **Norfolk & Norwich Festival** believes:*

The arts and creativity changes lives and uses the transformational nature of the arts, culture and creativity to bring about positive change for individuals, communities and the spaces in which they live.

*The **Norfolk & Norwich Festival** delivers:*

*The annual **Festival in May**, **Norfolk Open Studios** and **Creative Partnerships** in Norfolk*

Creative Partnerships works to:

Give school children throughout England the opportunity to develop their potential, their ambition, their creativity and imagination through sustainable partnerships with creative and cultural organisations, businesses and individuals.

Dates:

Creative Partnerships School recruitment for 2010-2011 is open. The closing date is 12 February 2010

May festival will run from 7 - 22 May 2010

Open Studios will run from 22 May – 6 June 2010