

Skimstone  
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UNITY

Festival '24

A FREE music and arts festival celebrating  
humanity, nature and social action.



In partnership with  
Great North Museum: Hancock  
18, 19 & 20 October, 2024



#unityfestival2024

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**18, 19, 20 October 2024**  
Great North Museum:  
Hancock  
Barras Bridge  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE2 4PT

UNITY Festival '24 is proud to premier newly commissioned performances celebrating a range of diverse regional and international musicians and performers.

Skimstone Arts' FREE UNITY Festival '24 is in partnership with Great North Museum: Hancock, and presents three days of FREE: live music, performance, arts, exhibitions, creative workshops and exciting talks — something for everyone!

Festival-goers of all ages can celebrate being part of a jam-packed events programme exploring humanity, nature and social action.

## Key to Events

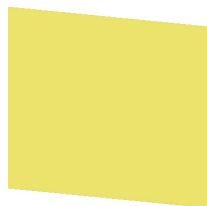
We have made this handy key to events for you to follow throughout the programme and across the festival:



Performances



Workshops



Gallery



Talks

**Friday 18 October, 6pm - 8pm**  
**Ground Floor: Hadrian's Wall**

### Welcome Warm Up with Nii Kwartey Owoo



**6pm**

Begin the evening shaking off the stresses of the week with this fun movement session with Ghanaian dancer and choreographer, Nii Kwartey Owoo.

### Festival Welcome / Launch with Claire Webster Saaremets

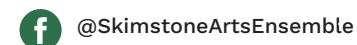


**6.15pm**

Skimstone Arts' Artistic Director Claire Webster Saaremets welcomes all festival visitors and introduces the programme and we begin our UNITY song.

## #unityfestival24

Share your festival highlights to our social media channels!



## Ground Floor: Living Planet

### Bar and Pizza



**6pm - 8pm**

**Last orders 7.50pm**

Bar provided by Great North Museum: Hancock with their usual Great North Nights bar and pizza offer with a selection of non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks.

### UNITY Zines with Sally Anderson



**6pm - 8pm**

Create your own UNITY zine with artist Sally Anderson and bring it with you for the weekend.....

## Ground Floor: Mouse House

### Kaleidoscope Collective Band



**6pm - 7pm**

Come and listen to the relaxed fusion sounds of the Kaleidoscope Collective. An improvised set inspired by sounds around the world.

## First Floor: Music Stage (Hall 1)

### A performance medley of UNITY Festival '24



**6.15pm - 7pm**

Experience some of the artists who will be performing over the weekend and get a taster of what's to come!

**Diversity in Action with Rapasa Nyatrapasa Otieno**

**The Hidden Chorus with Harkling**

**Grains of Sand with Bilal Kose**

**Rediscovery with Nii Kwartey Owoo**

### Reality Boots & Friends



**7.10pm - 8pm**

Reality Boots, a diverse group of young people who create music together about issues that are important to them.

The band works together to compose and perform music that seeks to make a change, focusing on social and environmental issues.

Tonight they will be showcasing new songs specially written for UNITY Festival '24.

## Skimstone Arts' UNITY Band and you!



**7.45pm - 8pm**

End the evening creating a joyful UNITY song together with tonight's featured musicians.

## First Floor: Gallery - Exhibitions (Hall 3)

### Temporal; Visitations; Dwelling Place



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**Shaho Omar**

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### With Windows Open Wide



**6pm - 8pm**  
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## Hidden Treasures



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## First Floor: Ancient Egypt

### The Ethics of Egyptian Collection



**6.30pm - 7pm & 7.30pm - 8pm**

Discuss the ethics of museum collections with museum staff, including the origin, journeys and stories of some of the Egyptian collection. (Note this activity will discuss and reference human remains.)



## First Floor: Natural Northumbria - Lowlands Hide

### Nature Journals with Sheree Mack



6pm – 8pm

Come and create an unique nature collage with artist Sheree Matthews, expressing your personality with a range of materials and collage techniques.

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Reality Boots

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## Saturday 19 October, 10am - 4pm

### Ground Floor: Hadrian's Wall

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#### Festival Welcome - Claire Webster Saaremets, Skimstone Arts



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British Sign Language interpreted talk.

#### Unity Banner March



**3.15pm**

Join us as we celebrate creations from the day in our UNITY banner procession coming together to the Music Stage (Hall 1) for our end of day UNITY celebration! Meet by the Butterfly Wall.

## Ground Floor: Clore Learning Suite

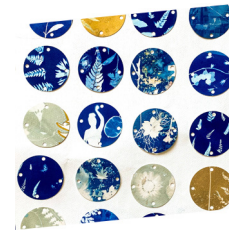
#### UNITY Banners with Theresa Easton



**10am – 3pm**

Join in solidarity and make a unique banner in this family friendly drop-in workshop using traditional letterpress to make statements, pledges and proclamations with the Building Bridges group, from Hatton Gallery Learning Space Newcastle. UNITY-SOLIDARITY-JOY.

#### Blue World with Jo Howell



**10am – 3.30pm**

Explore your own blue world by creating a beautiful cyanotype photograph on circular paper. In this process you will learn how light can create images. This photographic process was invented in the early 1850's by John Herschel and used by Anna Atkins to make the first photographic record of British algae and seaweed.



#### Make a Pledge

Have thoughtful fun in sharing what you are going to do, however small or big, to make a positive difference in the world and inspire others !

## Ground Floor: Flex Space

### Busking



**10.45am - 3.30pm**

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## First Floor: Music Stage (Hall 1)

### The Hidden Chorus with Harkling



**10.45am - 11.15am**

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### Upstartz - CD Launch



**11.30am - 12pm**

We're thrilled to invite you to the celebration of the launch of The Upstartz band's EP. Listen to original songs from this unique band from St Anthony's Day Centre, Walker, about caring for our living planet. EP recorded at Blank Studios. Get your own CD!

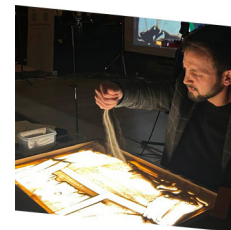
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## Rediscovery with Nii Kwartey Owoo



**2.30pm - 3pm**

Rediscovery is Nii's powerful performance of transformative experience that reconnects with our past, to find new meaning in our lives, and to appreciate the richness and diversity of human cultures. Rediscovery will be a thoughtful source of joy, inspiration, and renewal to see the world in a new light and to appreciate the beauty and wonder of life.

## UNITY Celebrate with banners, highlights and song



**3.15pm**

Process with us as we gather at the Butterfly Wall on the ground floor and process to Music Stage to finish the day in collective UNITY song. Includes audience festival highlights and pledges.

## First Floor: Ancient Greeks

### UNITY Poetry Book with Clare Matthews



**11am - 1pm**

Join local poet Clare Matthews as she recites extracts from her specially created UNITY Festival '23 book of poetry, co-created with festival goers responding to themes of humanity and our living planet.

## First Floor: Gallery - Exhibitions

### Temporal; Visitations; Dwelling Place



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## First Floor: Gallery - Talks (Hall 3)

### Discover the Tyne Kittiwakes with Wild Intrigue



**11.15am - 11.45am**

Discover the Tyne Kittiwakes: a talk about our Geordie Seafarers.

The Tyne Kittiwakes return to our Newcastle-Gateshead Quayside each summer, holding the title as the world's most inland colony of this Red Listed seabird.

Join Heather Devey from Wild Intrigue, members of Tyne Kittiwake Partnership, for an insight into the hidden lives of this pelagic gull – from tender family moments, to wintering alongside polar bears!



British Sign Language interpreted talk.

## Tree Cycle by Tom Spence and Steve Luck



**11.45am - 12pm**

Find a quiet space within the gallery and listen to this short, moving piano recording co-created by composer Tom Spence and composer/pianist Steve Luck.

### Walk4Water with Time to Help



**12pm - 12.30pm**

Walk4Water is an engaging talk and film by charity Time to Help that raises awareness about global water scarcity. Learn about water access challenges across Africa and how you can help. This event also raises funds for building water wells in vulnerable communities.



British Sign Language interpreted talk.

### Meet the Artists and Make a UNITY Pledge



**1pm - 1.30pm**

Come to the gallery and meet the photographer, poets and artists involved UNITY Festival... In conversation with Claire Webster Saaremets, hear about their inspirations, ask questions and make your own pledge.



British Sign Language interpreted talk.

## Saturday 19 October

### Ground Floor: Hadrian's Wall

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| Welcome Warm Up with Nii Kwartey Owoo | 10am - 10.30am    |
| Festival Welcome                      | 10.30am - 10.45am |
| UNITY Banner March to Music Stage     | 3.15pm            |

### Ground Floor, Clore Learning Suite

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| UNITY Banners with Theresa Easton | 10am - 3pm    |
| Blue World with Jo Howell         | 10am - 3.30pm |

### Ground Floor: Flex Space

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| Busking | 10.45am - 3.30pm |
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### First Floor: Music Stage (Hall 1)

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| The Hidden Chorus-Harkling                  | 10.45am - 11.15am |
| Upstartz - CD Launch                        | 11.30am - 12pm    |
| Diversity in Action-Rapas Nyatrapasa Otieno | 12.30pm - 1pm     |
| Grains of Sand-Bilal Kose                   | 1.30pm - 2pm      |
| Rediscovery-Nii Kwartey Owoo                | 2.30pm - 3pm      |
| UNITY Song-Banners and Highlights           | 3.30pm            |

### First Floor: Gallery - Exhibitions (Hall 3)

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| Temporal; Visitations; Dwelling Place-Shaho Omar | 10am - 3.30pm |
| With Windows Open Wide-Freeflow Café Collective  | 10am - 3.30pm |
| Sonder with Sonde-Lanre Sonde/Ovie Mac Solomon   | 10am - 3.30pm |
| Hidden Treasures-Fran Garcia                     | 10am - 3.30pm |

### First Floor: Gallery - Talks (Hall 3)

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| Discover the Tyne Kittiwakes-Wild Intrigue        | 11.15am - 11.45am |
| Tree Cycle-Tom Spence and Steve Luck              | 11.45am - 12pm    |
| Walk4Water with Time to Help                      | 12pm - 12.30pm    |
| Meet the Festival Artists and Make a UNITY Pledge | 1pm - 1.30pm      |
| Story of the Song-Youth Music Showcase            | 2pm - 2.30pm      |
| Microscopic Worlds-Mike Jeffries                  | 3pm - 3.30pm      |

### First Floor: Workshop activities - Natural Northumbria

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| Uplands Hide: Walk4Water-VR Experience          | 10am - 3.30pm |
| Lowlands Hide: Footsteps in Fabric-Grace Gorman | 10am - 3.30pm |

### First Floor: Ancient Greeks Collection

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| UNITY Poetry Collection-Clare Matthews | 11am - 1pm |
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## Sunday 20 October

### Ground Floor: Hadrian's Wall

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| Welcome Warm Up with Nii Kwartey Owoo | 11am - 11.15am    |
| Festival Welcome                      | 11.15am - 11.30am |

### Ground Floor: Flex Space

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| Busking | 12pm - 2.30pm |
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### Ground Floor: Clore Learning Suite

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| Hidden Green Cities-Rachel Heaney | 11am- 2.30pm |
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### First Floor: Music Stage (Hall 1)

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| Diversity in Action-Rapas Nyatrapasa Otieno    | 11.30am - 12pm    |
| The Hidden Chorus-Harkling                     | 12.15pm - 12.45pm |
| Rediscovery-Nii Kwartey Owoo                   | 1pm - 1.30pm      |
| Manifestation-UNITY Tree (Ukrainian Community) | 2.15pm - 2.40pm   |
| Celebration of UNITY Festival '24              | 2.45pm            |

### First Floor: Gallery - Exhibitions (Hall 3)

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| Temporal; Visitations; Dwelling Place-Shaho Omar | 11am - 2.30pm |
| With Windows Open Wide-Freeflow Café Collective  | 11am - 2.30pm |
| Sonder with Sonde-Lanre Sonde/Ovie Mac Solomon   | 11am - 2.30pm |
| Hidden Treasures-Fran Garcia                     | 11am - 2.30pm |

### First Floor: Gallery - Talks (Hall 3)

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| Creatures of the Night-Wild Intrigue    | 11am - 12pm       |
| Grains of Sand-Bilal Kose (Performance) | 12.15pm - 12.45pm |
| Walk4Water with Time to Help            | 1pm - 1.15pm      |
| Meet the Performers / Make the pledge   | 1.20pm - 1.50pm   |

### First Floor: Workshop activities - Natural Northumbria

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| Uplands Hide: Walk4Water                            | 11am - 2.30pm |
| Lowlands Hide: Kaleidoscope of Colour-Sophia Barton | 11am - 2.30pm |

### First Floor: Ancient Greeks Collection

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| Sonder with Sonde-Lanre Sonde | 11.15am - 1.15pm |
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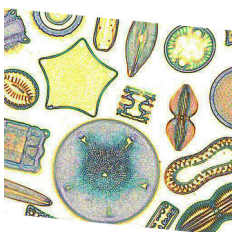
#### Youth Music Showcase – Story of the Song



**2pm – 2.30pm**

Join young musicians from Reality Boots as they take you on a journey through their creative process. Hear audio snippets from the very beginning of the song writing process, normally hidden from audiences. Reality Boots shares the unfinished and imperfect moments to show the development of a song to help inspire others to start creating themselves.

#### Microscopic Worlds with Mike Jeffries



**3pm – 3.30pm**

Explore the strange and beautiful world of the microscopic critters. You might not know them but they keep us alive, while living their own complex lives. Tiny shells of exquisitely etched glass, ciliates harpooning passing prey and water bears hardy enough to survive in outer space. Find out about the extraordinary and invisible life all around us.

## First Floor: Natural Northumbria, Workshop Activities

#### Uplands Hide - Walk4Water



**10am – 3.30pm**

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Outside (weather permitting) participants can experience the difficulty of carrying 10 litres of water first hand.

Find out more about fundraising to build water wells in vulnerable communities.

#### Lowlands Hide - Footsteps in Fabric with Grace Gorman



**10am – 3.30pm**

Create a textile wall hanging: a timeline in fabric depicting how interconnected we all are to the planet and each other, leading us to consider how we choose to live our lives today. Using clues such as rocks, fossils and images we'll share stories and explore how planetary events millions of years ago shaped our everyday lives.



Rapasa Nyatrapasa Otieno  
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## Ground Floor: Clore Learning Suite

### Hidden Green City with Rachel Heaney



**11am – 2.30pm**

Come along to design your own block print and help grow a UNITY community printed garden! Inspired by using recycled materials, this activity celebrates the city's communal green spaces and how they connect us in our every day lives.

## First Floor: Music Stage (Hall 1)

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### Manifestation with UNITY Tree (Ukrainian Community)



**2.15pm - 2.40pm**

Manifestation invites you to experience hidden stories that explore life beneath and around the surface of what we think we see. Using performance, live music in song and soundscapes, projections and movement, this specially created piece

for UNITY Festival 2024 asks us all to find moments of connections in our love and respect for each other and nature. Ensemble creation by professional and community performers from Ukraine, directed by Claire Webster Saaremets (Artistic Director of Skimstone Arts).

## Celebration of UNITY Festival 2024



**2.45pm**

Come and gather together as we hear your Festival highlights, sing our UNITY song and leave our festival with a heart of hope.



British Sign Language interpreted talk.

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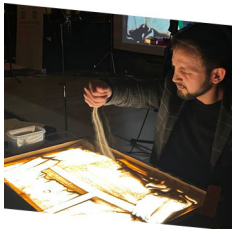


**11.30am – 12pm**

#### Wild Intrigue

Under the veil of darkness, magical creatures emerge in the city. From the fascinating co-evolution of colourful moths and predatory bats above our heads, to graceful Roe Deer moving through our green corridors. Join Heather Devey from Wild Intrigue CIC for an intriguing, illustrated talk on local nocturnal wildlife.

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### Meet the Performers and Make the Pledge



**1.20pm - 1.50pm**

In conversation with Claire Saaremets and UNITY Festival performers Harkling, Bilal Kose, Rapasa Nyatrapasa Otieno and Nii Kwartey Owoo. Hear about their inspirations, ask questions and make your own UNITY pledge.

## First Floor: Natural Northumbria, Workshop Activities

### Uplands Hide - Walk4Water



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### Lowlands Hide - Kaleidoscope of Colours with Sofia Barton



**11am – 2.30pm**

Create unique artwork on leaf shapes and then intertwine them into a vibrant ‘Ever-long’ mandala, a kaleidoscope of colourful shared memories. Capturing personal nostalgia and cultural heritage through drawing, poetry, or writing on each leaf, this collaborative mandala will symbolise the interconnectedness of diverse lives.

### First Floor: Ancient Greeks

#### Sonder with Sonde with Lanre Sonde



**Between 11am - 1pm**

Stop, sit and listen to poetry readings by Lanre Sonde in the Ancient Greeks gallery, where he explores the overlooked depths of human experience in a series entitled Sonder with Sonde.

Bilal Kose



**UNITY Festival has taken months to plan and deliver and I would like to say a very special THANK YOU to:**

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**All artists in programme**

Rapasa Nyatrapasa Otieno  
Harkling (Katie Oswell)  
Nii Kwartey Owoo  
Bilal Kose


Talha Ozleblebici  
Shaho Omar  
Clare Mathews  
Lanre Sonde  
Fran Garcia  
Sally Anderson  
Sheree Mack  
Theresa Easton  
Reality Boots  
Freeflow Poetry Collective, Byker and Shieldfield  
(Catherine, Paul, Lanre, Degu, Debra, Lauren, Clare, Michelle, Derek, Gulnar, Yulia, Hana)  
Jo Howell  
The Upstartz Band and all the staff at St Anthony's of Padua Day Service, Walker  
Tom Spence  
Steve Luck  
Grace Gorman  
Rachel Heaney  
Sofia Barton  
UNITY Tree Ukrainian Performance Group (Yaryna, Nataliia, Olha, Fran, Rina)  
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Chad Hodgson  
**Social media lead**  
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Faye Alvi  
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**What a team!**

**Claire Webster Saaremets (Artistic Director of Skimstone Arts)**

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**Skimstone Arts**



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