

# BLACKBURN

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT



AND LANTERN PARADE



CREATING A NEW TRADITION FOR THE TOWN



BE A PART OF IT



4:30-7PM SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2019



## ABOUT THE FESTIVAL



Blackburn Festival of Light is now at its 8th year, having grown from a small event run by one artist working with the council, to the large celebration event this year. It is now run by a team of artists from the Blackburn Festival of Light CIC alongside Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and Blackburn BID, attracting funding from Arts Council England, The People's Project, Our Community Our Future and local business support.

Blackburn Festival of Light is a celebration by and for the people of the town. Community ownership and engagement is at the heart of what we do, and we believe in our town and its people. We know that given the opportunities people from all different backgrounds and walks of life can and will come together to create wonderful experiences and shared memories, building a stronger community. The Festival of Light is a new tradition for the town. There are many ways to get involved every year so check out our website and make sure that next year you can be a part of it too!

**[WWW.BLACKBURNFESTIVALOFLIGHT.CO.UK](http://WWW.BLACKBURNFESTIVALOFLIGHT.CO.UK)**

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#BLACKBURNFESTIVALOFLIGHT  
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## THE LEGEND OF THE DOVE...

In dark times for the town, and dark times of the year it has been rumoured that a White Dove is sighted, flying between houses, mills and mosques, swooping around chimneys, towers and spires, carrying a golden thread in its beak.



The Dove flies forwards and backwards, drawing the people of the town together, creating a warp and a weft of people and communities, and weaving us all together to make a strong yet beautiful cloth of golden light embellished with the patterns and stories of our lives.



The people streamed into the town carrying lights and lanterns, following the Dove and trailing out behind in a joyful and ever changing fabric of light.





## ...AND THE PHOENIX

Over winter the Dove settled in the Old Church of St John's, to rest and watch over the people of the town.

In April, a fire started in the night, and the church was consumed by flames, taking the Dove, the Bureau Centre for the Arts, and the years of love and work it contained.

Amid the devastation, the people rallied round, communities and individuals stepped forwards, holding us, carrying us with their support.

We picked up the pieces, held by your love - realising that we are so much more than a building - and we started again.

This year the Dove rises, like us and The Bureau, from the ashes and as a Phoenix flies again.

This day is our Celebration of our rising again stronger than ever - celebrating our town, our community and us.

This is YOUR celebration.

BE A PART OF IT



**STREET BAND**  
**FROM 4:30 TO 6:15PM**  
**PARADE, LOCATION 1**

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Our very own community street band formed for the Festival of Light and led by Therese Johnston.



**STEEL PANS**  
**FROM 2PM TO 4PM**  
**LOCATION 5**

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Blackburn's own steel pan youth ensemble meet regularly at The Bureau and are open to new members. Warm up to their caribbean rhythms and maybe something more Christmassy. Funded by Bolton Music Service.



**BLOWJANGLES**  
**PARADE 4:30-6PM**

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A record-breaking community streetband from Blackburn, who are rather easy to recognise! World famous ska-tinged street band that also plays on trains, boats, barges, buses and even stages.





**LOOKOUT  
FOR**



**PUNJABI ROOTS ACADEMY  
PARADE 4:30-6PM  
LOCATION 5 6:15-6:30PM**

Leeds based group Punjabi Roots bring Dohl Drummers, Indian Brass and Bhangra Dancers to add extra sound and colour to this year's parade.



**PARADE  
FROM 4:30 TO 6PM  
START/FINISH OUTSIDE THE TOWN HALL**

Hundreds of people have been busy making lanterns with us over the last month ready to come together and celebrate our town. See the wonderful creations, hear the bands, see the dancers or bring a light up item or collect a lantern from The Bureau and join in!

**LOOKOUT  
FOR**



**LARGE LANTERNS  
PARADE 4:30-6PM  
LOCATION 5 6-7PM**

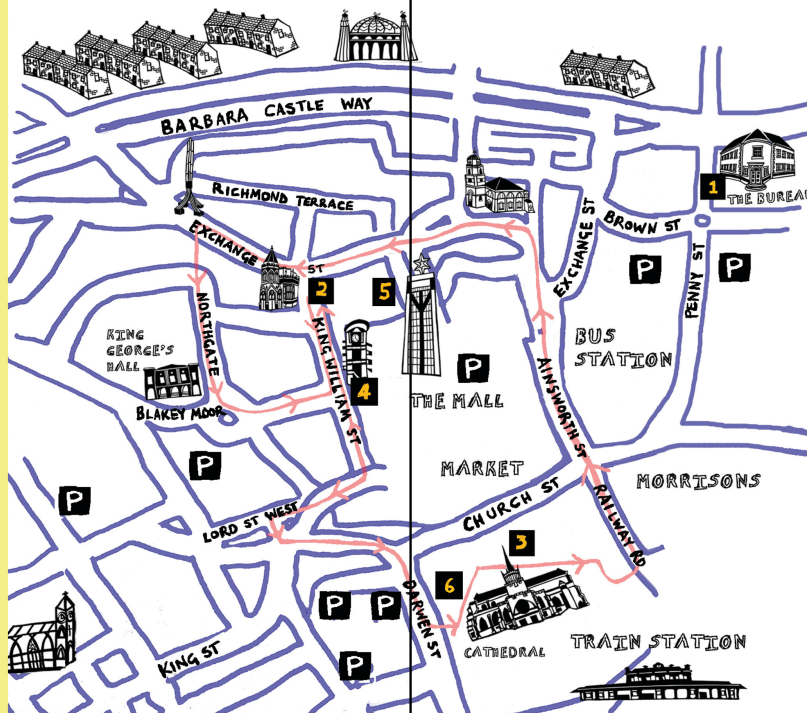
Look out for Jessica's Rost's Wild thing boat, King Max and the Wild Things; a Giant bridge of trolls and the Green Man.

FOR A CHANCE TO WIN £50 OF SHOPPING VOUCHERS  
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK : [WWW.BLACKBURNFESTIVALOFFLIGHT.CO.UK/SURVEY](http://WWW.BLACKBURNFESTIVALOFFLIGHT.CO.UK/SURVEY)

## LOCATIONS

- 1 THE BUREAU**  
Lantern Collection
- 2 TOWN HALL SQUARE**  
Parade start and finish  
Steel Pans  
Giant Lanterns- bees, dove, jack frost, boat and more  
Mischief Mafia LED
- 3 CATHEDRAL GARDENS**  
Space cadets light up inflatables  
Blackburn College  
Lantern installation  
Story Lantern Garden

 PARADE ROUTE



## LOCATIONS

- 4 KING WILLIAM ST**  
Sally Mc Allister LED performance  
Hunky Dory Coffee  
Foods U Fancy  
The Vegan Deli
- 5 FIRE ARENA**  
Mischief Mafia  
Sally Mc Allister  
Street band and stilt walkers  
Punjabi Roots  
BFOL Fire Dancers  
Flame OZ  
Fire Sculpture
- 6 CATHEDRAL**  
Christmas spectacular





**LANTERN COMMISSION**  
**PARADE 4:30-6PM**  
**LOCATION 5 6-7PM**

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Jessica Rost and Christian Bell have worked with our team of artists and Degree students from Blackburn University centre to create a huge Jack Frost Puppet lantern.



**GIANT BEES**  
**PARADE 4:30-6PM**  
**LOCATION 5 6-7PM**

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Look out for our local beekeepers and their giant bees... don't worry they are friendly! To be seen buzzing around town with their hive and baby bee in tow. Made by artists Kerris Casey-St.Pierre and Kerith Ogden.



**DOVE/PHOENIX**  
**PARADE 4:30-6PM**  
**LOCATION 5 6-7PM**

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Our original dove was lost in the fire at St John's in April. Rowan Taylor and Mischa Warnecke from Handmade Parade worked with Blackburn College's Art Foundation students to create a new Dove of Legend to fly once more at the head of the parade, leading the community in a shared celebration of light and magically transforming into a Phoenix.





## MISCHIEF MAFIA

4:30 TO 6PM

LOCATIONS **2** AND **5**

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3 LED and Fire dancers will entertain the crowd on Town Hall square with a range of Light up and fire skills to amaze!



## SALLY MC ALLISTER

LOCATION **4** 4:30-5:20PM

LOCATION **5** 5:50PM

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Sally will delight and entertain with her LED walkabout show and a fantastic performance of egyptian and turkish belly dance combined with fire!



## LIBRARY WINDOWS

FROM 4PM TO 7PM

LOCATION **2**

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The Library windows are full of box lights depicting the parade, made by artist Kerris Casey- St.Pierre, using laser cut techniques and machinery from The Making Rooms.



**DAN FOX PROJECTION**  
FROM 4:30-7PM  
LOCATION **2** AND **5**

Dan Fox's interactive projections will bring the Town Hall to life with a display of light and animation.



**LOOKOUT FOR**

**LANTERN GARDEN**  
FROM 4 TO 7:30PM  
LOCATION **3**

Created by Kerris Casey-St. Pierre and students from Blackburn College. These silhouette lanterns are all inspired by stories, or elements of stories. Take a wander and create a story of your own.



**LOOKOUT FOR**

**SPACE CADETS**  
FROM 4PM TO 7:30PM  
LOCATION **3**

Space Cadets Air Design, run by Jennifer Latimer and Louise Miller, bring the Cathedral grounds to life with their light up inflatable sculptures.





## **KATIE DOXBURY**

**LOCATION: PARADE**

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Katie has worked with local people to make costumes for the street band, the stilt walkers, Max and the Wild Things, our puppeteers and the bee dancers.



## **CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

**7PM AT LOCATION 6  
BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL**

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This is a ticketed event run by the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Music.  
Tickets cost £5-£40.



## **FOOD & DRINKS STALLS**

**LOCATION 4**

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Warm up with a hot drink or something to eat from Foods U Fancy, Hunky Dory Coffee and The Vegan Deli.



**BFOL FIRE DANCERS**  
**4PM AND 6:40PM**  
**LOCATION 5**

The Flame Oz show includes a new routine from local dancers trained up in the art of fire. Age 13-20 these young dancers will light up the night in the fire arena. Be sure not to miss this amazing winter warming spectacular!



**FLAME OZ**  
**LOCATION 5 5:45PM**

The Flame Oz Fire show is back to light up the festival with a ton of flames, pyrotechnics, and world class fire dancing! Includes new routines from local dancers. Be sure not to miss this amazing winter warming spectacular!



**FIRE SCULPTURE**  
**LOCATION 5 6:55PM**

Flame Oz finish off the fire performances in the fire arena with their spectacular fire sculpture, not a sight to be missed!



**LOOKOUT FOR**



- Meet - Create - Learn - Play -

# The Bureau Centre for the Arts

The Bureau Centre for the Arts is a community run arts centre in Blackburn. We were based in St John's Centre until a huge fire destroyed the building in April 2019.



## WE HAVE A NEW HOME!

We are now based in the former Daniels Pub/Thwaites Visitor Centre, opposite the Job Centre.

**The Bureau Centre for the Arts,  
Penny Street, Blackburn, BB1 6HQ**

Pop in and find out more!

**Place of Welcome  
Every Wednesday 10am - 11.30am**



Enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee and toast, meet people and find out what's going on. All welcome. Just turn up.

**Dance Classes - Art Sessions - Theatre Shows - Gallery - Tai Chi  
Blackburn Festival of Light - Obscura Community Darkroom - Cafe  
Community Street Band - Folk Group - Steel Pans - Family Activities**

## Mending Cafe

1st Friday & 3rd Saturday each month  
11am - 2pm

Bring along clothes, household objects etc and get help to get them fixed.



There are lots of ways to get involved. You could join the Blackburn Festival of Light Street Band, Volunteer, come to workshops...it's up to you!

**Learn new skills - Share your skills**

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*The building isn't always open, but we will do our best to get back to you quickly.*



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# TIMETABLE



<b>2.00-4.00PM</b>	Steel Pans in Town Hall Square
<b>4.00-7.00PM</b>	Food and drink stalls open
<b>4.00-7.30PM</b>	Cathedral Lantern Garden open
<b>4.00-4.45PM</b>	Lantern Collection from The Bureau
<b>4.30-5.00PM</b>	Parade line up Town Hall Square
<b>4.30-7.00PM</b>	Town Hall Animation Projections
<b>4.30-6.00PM</b>	Street performance King William St and Town Hall Square
<b>5.00PM</b>	Parade departs from Town Hall Square
<b>6.00PM</b>	Parade arrives Town Hall Square
<b>6.00-6.30PM</b>	Bands and paraders perform in Town Hall Square
<b>6.30-6.55PM</b>	Fire Finale performances from BFOL Fire Dancers, Sally Mc Allister and Flame OZ in Town Hall Square
<b>6.55PM</b>	Fire Sculpture burn in Town Hall Square



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