



Derby City Council

Derby LIVE

Yearbook 2013

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Welcome

"As Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture I am pleased to present Derby LIVE's Yearbook 2013.

As part of the Council's Leisure and Cultural provision, Derby LIVE plays a vital role in economic regeneration, community cohesion and in making Derby a vibrant city which is a great place to live and visit.

I'm committed to ensuring that culture continues to thrive in our city and I'm particularly proud of the way in which Derby LIVE works in partnership with our other cultural organisations and supports the work of our excellent amateur theatre community. I hope you enjoy reading this Yearbook which provides an insight into the work which the Council, through Derby LIVE, undertakes in continuing to deliver one of the most exciting and diverse programmes of performances, events and festivals anywhere in the UK."



Martin Repton Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture



"At Derby LIVE, we're so busy providing our great city with a fantastic programme of performances, events and festivals that we don't often get a chance to shout about everything that we do! So we have created this Yearbook to celebrate our recent successes and to tell you about our mission, highlight our programme and to share some interesting and impressive facts about Derby LIVE, some of which I'm sure will surprise you!

We are very proud of how far we have come over the last few years, winning national awards for our produced theatre, breaking box office records, improving customer service, increasing the variety and quality of our programme and our role in delivering one of Derby's most successful cultural events - The Olympic Torch Weekend. However, we want to achieve even more and the Yearbook includes some of our plans for the future.

We hope you enjoy reading our Yearbook and we very much look forward to welcoming you to Derby LIVE in the very near future."

Peter Ireson Director of Derby LIVE

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What is Derby LIVE?



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Part of Derby City Council, Derby LIVE is a vibrant organisation presenting **LIVE performances, events & festivals at the Assembly Rooms, Guildhall Theatre and outdoor spaces across the city.**

Variety is our middle name, as across our wide programmes you'll find drama, musicals, comedy, classical music, rock & pop, tribute shows, dance, folk music, opera, talks, pantomime, family entertainment, and outdoor events. We work especially hard to produce some of the city's most high-profile events including **THE DARLEY PARK CONCERT, DERBY'S TRADITIONAL ALL-STAR PANTOMIME, DERBY FESTÉ, DERBY CHRISTMAS ICE RINK, DERBY'S BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY** and our very own **DERBY FOLK FESTIVAL**.

**EXCELLENCE +
INNOVATION +
DIVERSITY +
SUSTAINABILITY =
Derby LIVE**



FIND OUT MORE
about our venues
and outdoor spaces
and how to hire
them on **p30**

Image: RD

OUR MISSION

We present and produce an excellent and diverse programme of performances, events and festivals. We are innovative, inclusive, sustainable and vital to the regeneration of Derby.

NATIONAL THEATRE AWARD

March 2012 marked the end of our three year programme of homegrown theatre, funded by Arts Council England and Derby City Council. It was also the end of our two and a half year contract to manage the main house at Derby Theatre for the University of Derby. This period resulted in a number of critically-acclaimed productions which included the sell-out *ONASSIS*, starring Robert Lindsay, which transferred to the West End, the phenomenally successful production of Roald Dahl's *THE BFG* adapted by David Wood and the regional premiere of *THE MOUNTAINTOP* written by Katori Hall and directed by Tom Attenborough.

In October 2012 we were awarded the Theatrical Management Association award for *BEST NEW MUSICAL* for our co-production of *THE GO-BETWEEN*.

THE GO-BETWEEN was part of our homegrown produced theatre programme and a co-production with Royal & Derngate, Northampton and West Yorkshire Playhouse.

This award is the second time Derby LIVE has been acknowledged by the Theatrical Management Association. The first was when Peter Ireson, Director of Derby LIVE, won the highly-competitive *THEATRE MANAGER OF THE YEAR* award in 2010.

GREAT HALL IMPROVEMENT WORKS

The Assembly Rooms' Great Hall underwent a programme of refurbishments throughout the summer of 2013. The Ceiling was replaced, with the new design improving the acoustics and lighting within the venue.

A new hardwood auditorium floor, a state-of-the-art fire alarm and detection system and emergency lighting were all fitted to ensure that high standards of health and safety are met for years to come.



"As Derby's premiere arts and entertainment venue, the Assembly Rooms has attracted millions of customers over the last three decades. Essential maintenance work needed to be carried out to ensure we continue to give those customers a high quality experience and access to one of the most diverse and exciting programmes to be found in the UK."

Councillor Martin Repton

Cabinet member for
Leisure & Culture



Image: RD



CATERING

In January 2013 our catering team came in-house, which means for the first time in its history everyone at Derby LIVE now works as one team for the same employer.

Image: GTC



PETER PAN SEES RECORD ATTENDANCES

We saw record-breaking sales for our pantomime **PETER PAN** in 2012/13. Over 49,000 people came to see the show which saw a massive 33% increase on previous years. The pantomime, starring street-dance star **GEORGE SAMPSON** and **LARRY LAMB** the star of Gavin & Stacey and EastEnders, was a huge hit with audiences with some coming from as far afield as Guernsey, Isle of Wight, Inverness and Belfast. This year's pantomime, **JACK & THE BEANSTALK**, has also started on the right foot as at the time of going to print, sales are already 5% ahead of this time last year.

ONLINE SALES EXCEED 50%

Over the past 12 months we've seen a huge increase in audiences booking tickets online. Online bookers have risen from an average of 20% to over 50%. This is largely thanks to our wonderful new box office system, Spektrix, which allows you to **PICK YOUR OWN SEAT ONLINE**.

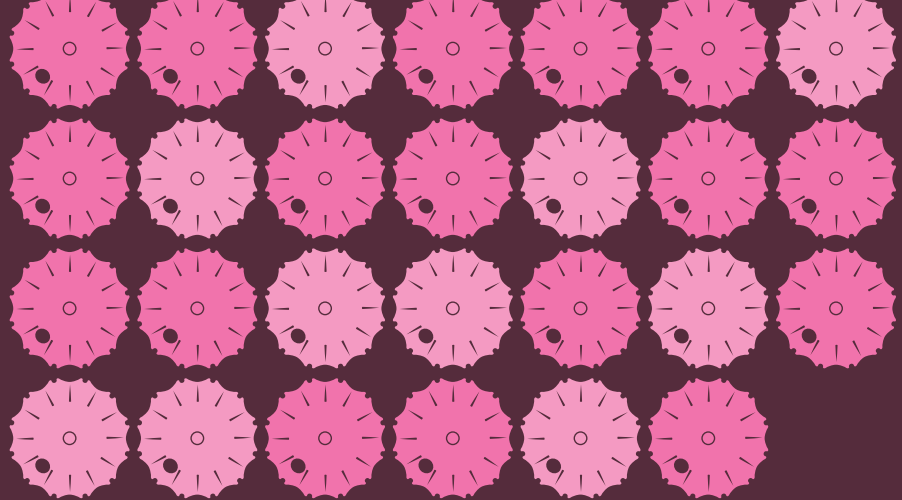
As our audiences move more to online booking and with the ever increasing emergence of mobile technology we thought it was time to **UPDATE OUR WEBSITE** and introduce a fully mobile version for our customers on the go. The new site was designed and project managed by our design and brand agency Katapult and built by Derby-based web developers BinaryFold4.



"The new Derby LIVE website makes it really easy to get all the information you need about productions you're interested in as well as booking tickets, wherever you are. Integration with a central booking system means that tickets can be booked as soon as the productions are released whilst browsing the 'What's On' guide online is just like having the paper version in hand...and of course, you can do all this across any device from PC to mobile to tablet and more."

Neil Perrott

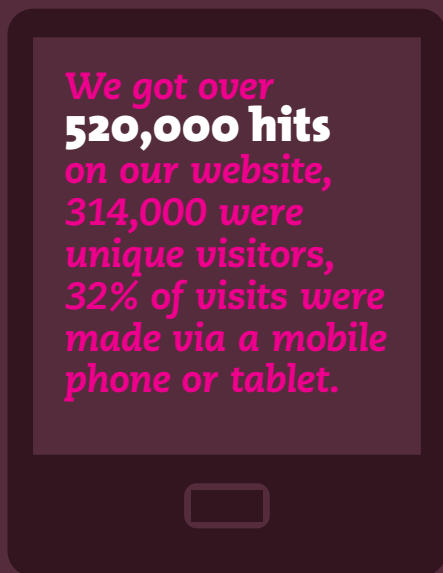
Brand & Strategy Director, Katapult



Over **547,082** people came to a Derby LIVE event – that's enough to fill The O2 27 times over. **285,931** (52%) came to indoor events and **261,151** (48%) to outdoor events.



Over **37,000** calls were made to Box Office during opening hours.



We got over **520,000** hits on our website, **314,000** were unique visitors, 32% of visits were made via a mobile phone or tablet.



20,413
customers
booked for
the first time

15,648



13,445 *family tickets*



(that's **53,780** tickets)

23% of tickets sold were
concessions (under 16s, over 60s,
students, unemployed, disabled)

77% of our audiences came
from Derby or Derbyshire,
with **23%** from further afield,
including Ireland, Norway,
Germany, Holland,
the Channel Islands,
Sweden, Switzerland
and even Australia.

**Our average ticket
price asked was just...**



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DiCC Whittington raises **£12,000** for charities

In summer 2012, Derby City Council tasked us with staging its first ever staff pantomime at the Guildhall Theatre in aid of the Mayor's charities. After months of rehearsal DiCC Whittington was born and was a huge hit with audiences in February 2013, raising a staggering £12,000.

DiCC Whittington brought together staff and councillors from across Derby City Council who worked tirelessly to produce the pantomime. Scenery, props and costumes were lent by our pantomime co-producers Paul Holman Associates. We're thrilled to announce that a second staff pantomime is on the way for February 2014 – this time it will be **MOTHER GOOSE**.



"Derby City Council's first ever staff pantomime, DiCC Whittington, was an outstanding success on all fronts. It raised £12,000 for the Mayor's charities. It provided a fun visit to the theatre for well over a thousand people, 400 of whom were able to see it free-of-charge. And it proved, yet again, how fantastically talented Derby City Council staff and councillors are. Even in the toughest of times, our staff and councillors are able to put their own issues to one side and work together for the benefit of others less fortunate. DiCC Whittington proved to be a story with a genuinely happy ending."

Pete Meakin

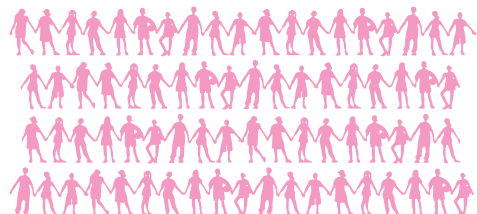
Derby LIVE's Creative Producer and
Director of DiCC Whittington

AWARD-WINNERS

We won the **TMA AWARD** for **BEST NEW MUSICAL** for **THE GO-BETWEEN**, our co-production with **WEST YORKSHIRE PLAYHOUSE** and **ROYAL & DERNGATE, NORTHAMPTON**. We're also proud to have been named **DERBY CITY COUNCIL TEAM OF THE YEAR**.



160 STAFF MEMBERS AND



67 VOLUNTEERS

who carry out some of our front of house, marketing and programming duties. Each year they dedicate over **12,400 hours** between them to support Derby LIVE.



2370 Outdoor Events

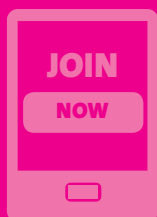
There were **2370** outdoor events & space hires – **102** of which were our own productions, co-productions or in association with Derby LIVE.



Over **261,151** people came to one of our outdoor events



16,000 people came and skated on the Derby Christmas Ice Rink



Over **27,000** people joined the Derby LIVE database

Figures relate to period from
1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013

630 indoor events & performances



took place including
100 by amateur theatre
& dance companies.

Over **285,931** people came to
one of our **indoor events**



Tickets sold...

61,083 **FAMILY**

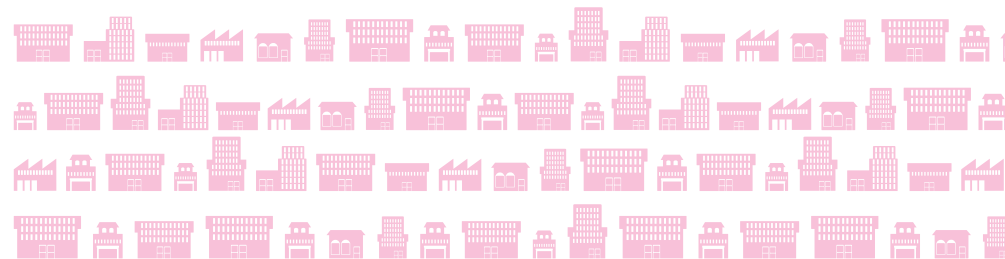
23,315 **MUSICAL**

50,162 **MUSIC**

16,437 **COMEDY**

16,318 **DANCE**

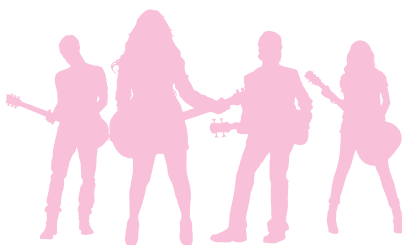
16,064 **THEATRE**



Over **125 companies** used our indoor spaces for **451 conferences, meetings, weddings, celebrations, exhibitions, award ceremonies** and **presentations**.



Over **49,000 people** came to see Peter Pan making it Derby's **best-selling** Christmas show ever.



In a recent Economic Impact Survey it was shown that the **2012 Derby Folk Festival** generated over **£700,000 of income** for Derby City Centre.

'The Assembly Rooms in Derby is a great comedy room, easily in the top five in the country'

Dara O'Briain,
Tickling the English



What's coming up at Derby LIVE

Naturally what we want to shout most about is our huge programme of events!

We have variety running through our veins and you might not be aware of everything that we do. So here are some highlights from across the board...

COMEDY



Laugh out loud with our massive choice of comedy gigs. We have a **great selection of big name acts** all year round, as well as those that are new on the circuit, so why not pick one for what is sure to be a hilarious night out?

Ed Byrne Thu 3 Oct

Ardal O'Hanlon Wed 23 Oct

Ken Dodd Sat 2 Nov

Jason Manford Wed 13 & Thu 14 Nov

Sarah Millican Tue 18 - Thu 20 Mar

MUSIC



Whether it be classical, opera, rock, pop, folk, jazz or a tribute band taking you back to another era, Derby LIVE's programme of live music is sure to **get you tapping your foot**, dancing in the aisles or maybe even playing air guitar!

Derby Folk Festival Fri 4 Oct - Sun 6 Oct **LS**

Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra
Thu 10 Oct **LS**

Professor Green Tue 12 Nov

The Beekeepers and Jesus Jones Fri 15 Nov

Billy Bragg Tue 19 Nov

Variety



Variety is what we're all about so amongst our programme you'll find intimate talks and of course, our traditional pantomime, all of which give you **plenty of choice for a great night out**.

Sandi Toksvig Fri 1 Nov **LS**

Leo Houlding Wed 13 Nov

That'll Be The Day Sat 23 Nov

The Moscow State Circus Wed 19 & Thu 20 Feb

THEATRE

A trip to the theatre is always a memorable experience. Whether you want to laugh until you cry with fantastic new comedy starring household names; be thrilled by **gripping high-quality drama** or enjoy an explosive musical from Derby's local amateur theatre community.

Soldiers' Wives Thu 10 Oct **LS**

Ha Ha Holmes Tue 29 Oct **LS**

Buddy Mon 7 – Sat 12 Apr **LS**

FAMILY

Pleasing the family is difficult sometimes but we have something to keep **everyone happy**.

Bananas in Pyjamas Thu 31 Oct

Comedy Club 4 Kids! Sat 2 Nov

Old MacDonald Had A Farm Wed 28 May **LS**



EVENTS



Our **huge range of outdoor events** are key fixtures in the Derby calendar. Shop at one of our markets or Craft Fairs, be part of one of the UK's largest outdoor classical concerts, or take a spin on the ice!

Derby Bonfire & Fireworks Sun 3 Nov

Christmas Lights Switch-On Sat 16 Nov

Derby Christmas Ice Rink Fri 29 Nov – Sun 5 Jan

KEY TO ICONS

LS Part of our LIVEsaver offer
SAVE UP TO 20% ON FULL PRICE TICKETS

C Concessions are usually available to under 16s, over 60s, disabled people, full time students and registered unemployed

g Group rate available

S Schools rate available, usually with every 11th ticket free to teachers/supervisors

ft Family tickets available (2 adults, 2 children)

BSL British Sign Language interpreted performance

AD Audio Described performance

cap Captioned performance



LIVEsaver **See more & save**

*The more you buy the more you save
with our amazing LIVEsaver offer...*



4 events save 20% 3 events save 15% 2 events save 10%

Choose from...

Derby Folk Festival 2013
Stand
Soldier's Wives
Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra
Sherlock Holmes

The Ghost Ship
Spirit of the Dance
Eddie and the Gold Tops
The Nutcracker
Roy Orbison and Friends
Ray Mears
Ha Ha Holmes!

Aida
Anita Harris and her Jazz Trio
Sandi Toksvig
The Sensational 60s Experience
Foden Brass Band
Magic of Motown
Swan Lake

Sunday Afternoon Classics
Dracula
Jack & the Beanstalk
The Christmas Chocolate Shop
Honor Blackman as Herself
Treasure Island
Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story

Visit **derbylive.co.uk/livesaver** for the latest list of LIVEsaver events

fiver LIVE

£5 tickets for 16 - 26 year olds

Aged 16-26? Then for **just £1 a year**, you can become a fiverLIVER and access £5 tickets for a wide range of events. To join just call into the Box Office with your proof of age and £1 and we'll take it from there.

As a fiverLIVER you'll get monthly email updates reminding you what tickets are available. Have a look now at

derbylive.co.uk/fiverLIVE

Ts&Cs Applies to standard price tickets only. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer (including Family Tickets). Tickets must be purchased in one transaction. Discount cannot be applied retrospectively.



**Celebrate Christmas
in style with one of our
themed party nights -
choose from...**

**70s
80s
90s**

CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHTS

Enjoy a glass of bubbly on arrival and a 4-course meal prepared by our first class in-house catering team. Have a go at retro board and console games in the foyer or dance the night away to your favourite retro tunes. Fancy dress is optional - there'll be a prize for the best!

£30
per person

70s nights Tues 10 & Tues 17 Dec

80s nights Wed 11, Wed 18 & Sat 21 Dec

90s nights Thu 12, Thu 19 & Sat 14 Dec

Assembly Rooms - Darwin

Book online at derbylive.co.uk or at the Box Office on 01332 255800

Christmas Party *bookings*

Derby LIVE is the perfect place to enjoy your Christmas party offering a unique and festive setting. Celebrate with family, friends or colleagues available for groups of 2 – 150!

For bookings and enquiries please contact **Richard Brett** on **01332 255425** or email **richard.brett@derby.gov.uk**



Jack and the Beanstalk VIP tickets

Fri 13 Dec, 7pm

For £41.25 you can enjoy **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** from top price seats with a programme and access to an exclusive post-show drinks reception with a chance to meet the cast.

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EastEnders

**CHERYL
FERGISON**

as Spirit of the Beans

XFactor Finalist

**MARCUS
COLLINS**

as Jack

Jack and the Beanstalk

Starring *EastEnders* Cheryl Ferguson as Spirit of the Beans and *X Factor* finalist Marcus Collins as Jack. Derby favourite, comedian Mike McClean returns as Simple Simon with *Crackerjack's* Don Maclean as Dame Trott.

A pantomime playground of pedigree fun will burst into life with an action packed adventure that takes audiences from the village of Sunnyvale to Cloudland via a beanstalk! Join our hero Jack, who guided by the Spirit of the Beans, must slay the gruesome Giant Blunderbore and free Princess Amelia so a happy ever after ending in pantoland is guaranteed!

Packed with everyone's favourite pantomime characters, this spellbinding tale combines jokes, fantastic dance routines and lots of audience participation.

A festive family favourite!

Wed 4 Dec - Sun 5 Jan

VariETY

Assembly Rooms – Great Hall

£15.25 - £26.25



SAVE £2
on tickets if
booked before
1 Nov

VIP tickets

Fri 13 Dec, 7pm

Enjoy Jack and the Beanstalk from top price seats with a programme and access to an exclusive post-show drinks reception with a chance to meet the cast.

£41.25 family ticket (£31.25 for concessions and under 16s), and a Family Ticket is £120 (2 adults and 2 under 16s).

Sponsored by



Derby LIVE Panto favourite
MIKE 'SQUEAKY' McCLEAN
as Simple Simon



The Midlands' Favourite Dame
DON MACLEAN
as Dame Trott

Derby LIVE
production

babbling
vagabonds

The Christmas Chocolate Shop



Faces glow with Christmas joy. Across the city, snow begins to fall. But in a forgotten street, away from the hustle and bustle, a sad old shopkeeper shivers alone. Poor old Emilio, only memories fill his empty shop. He misses his wife, Florentina, so much.

When a magical urchin enters his run-down grocery shop looking for food, she rekindles a spark of his long-forgotten dream. With a song in his heart, a smile on his lips and a sprinkling of Christmas magic, Emilio transforms his dowdy dusty shop into a wondrous chocolate emporium. But will he ever see the little girl again?

Puppets, shadows, music, magic and mischief abound in this charming and delightful play, adapted by Babbling Vagabonds from a story by local children's author Caryl Hart.

Thu 12 – Sat 29 Dec **THEATRE**

Guildhall Theatre

£10.25



Derby LIVE
production

SHOWPLACE

Derby Christmas Ice Rink

LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT
EVERY SAT
See website
for details

Whether out with a group of friends, on a romantic date, or spending time as a family, the Derby Christmas Ice Rink, made of real ice, will be one of the coolest destinations in Derby this Christmas.



Artisan Food and Gift Market

Visit a magical marketplace showing off beautiful artisan crafts – you'll find gifts here that you can't find anywhere else. Sample a mouth-watering range of traditionally made, hand-crafted foods and drinks.

When you've chosen your favourites, you can start picking out gifts for everyone else...

Fri 29 Nov – Sun 1 Dec

EVENT

Market Place

FREE entry

Fri 29 Nov – Sun 5 Jan

EVENT

Market Place

£6.50 - £8.50

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Christmas Arts & Craft Fair

A range of independent crafters selling unique creations, from clothes to decorative items and country preserves to luxury chocolates, all created by registered artisans.



Thu 5 – Tue 31 Dec

EVENT

Market Place

FREE entry

Outdoor events

You may not know but Derby LIVE is responsible for organising some of the city's largest outdoor events.

Here is a taste of what we have coming up over the next year...



Farmers' Markets

A unique range of fresh produce is available at our bustling Farmers' Market.

3rd Thu of the month, 8am - 2pm



Market Place

FREE entry



Italian Market

Sample some delights in this authentic Italian Market

25-28 Sep, 10am - 6pm



East Street/Exchange Street

FREE entry



Arts and Craft Fair

A range of crafters selling unique goods, all created by registered artisans. Part of the Derby Folk Festival.

Fri 4 - Sun 6 Oct, 10:30am - 4:30pm



Market Place

FREE



Derby Festé 2013 kicks off with the exciting **AS THE WORLD TIPPED** performance by Wired Aerial Theatre on Bass's Recreation Ground. This extraordinary show tells a powerful tale of ecological

crisis in a real life disaster movie in the sky. On Saturday, the streets of Derby will come alive with a fantastic selection of entertainers for the whole family. See www.derbyfeste.com for the full programme.

Fri 27 and Sat 28 Sep

EVENT

Locations around Derby City Centre

As the World Tipped - £7 (£5 in advance) **ft**

All other events - **FREE**



Bonfire and Fireworks

Come along to Derby's biggest and best Bonfire and Fireworks display, with a fun fair and hot food stalls.

Sun 3 Nov

EVENT

Funfair from 2pm

Bonfire lit at 5.45pm

Fireworks at 6pm

Markeaton Park

FREE entry



Derby Christmas Lights Switch-On

Join a festive parade and then enjoy a variety of entertainment on the Market Place stage, leading up to the big switch-on event around 6pm.

Sat 16 Nov, from 3.30pm

EVENT

Market Place

FREE



Spirit of the DANCE

Irish in origin and bursting with raw energy, this explosive and powerful show combines heart-pounding Irish Dance with the sensual Latino rhythms of Flamenco and Red Hot Salsa in a thrilling production of strength and passion. Their frenzied skill and military precision will send shivers down your spine as not one dance shoe steps out of line as their thunderous feet perform as one.

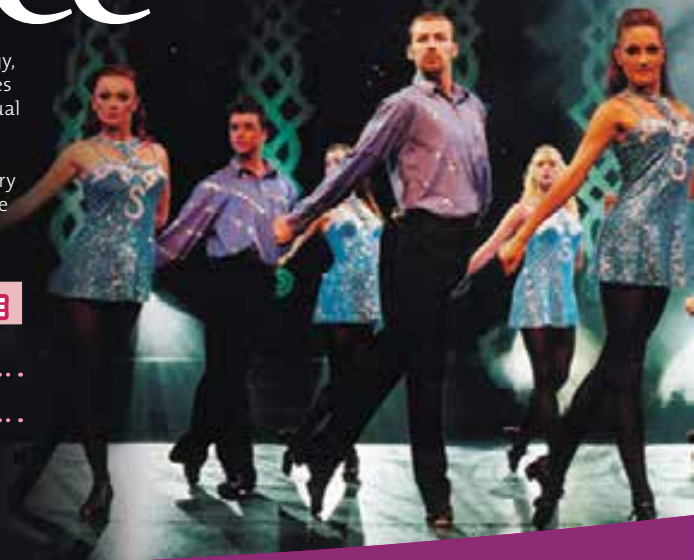
Thu 17 – Sat 19 Oct

DANCE

Assembly Rooms – Great Hall

£25

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Derby LIVE
production

Derby
Folk Festival

PR
Promotions

Featuring Lau (Winners of the Best Group Award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards), Dervish, The Mighty Doonans with many more local, national and international acts.

Now in its seventh year Derby Folk Festival goes from strength to strength, with concerts in the Great Hall and Darwin, Folk Club events in the foyers, dance displays, workshops, craft stalls all spilling out onto the Market Place to create a great atmosphere throughout the weekend.

“Derby Folk Festival is one of the friendliest festivals I have ever been to. We brought our 6 and 9 year olds and they had such a good time, it was a real family event, something we could all enjoy. We were made to feel really welcome by all the staff.”

2012 Folk Festival attendee

Fri 4 – Sun 6 Oct

MUSIC

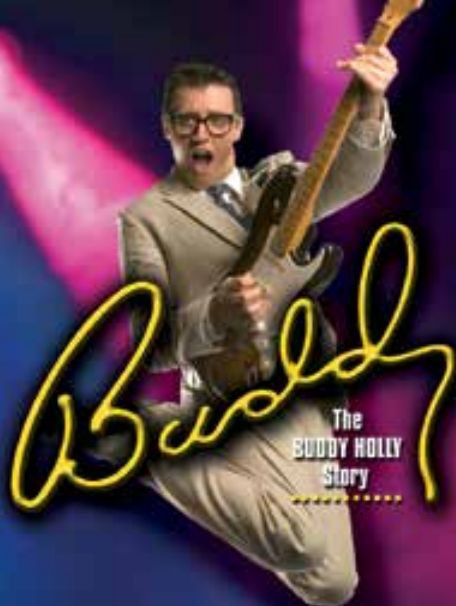
Assembly Rooms and Market Place

£16 - £70

www.derbyfolkfestival.co.uk

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25th anniversary tour

Seen by over 22 million
people worldwide

**This sensational multi-award winning
West End show comes to Derby LIVE**

Forget feel good, Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story is feel great! Experience the drama, passion and excitement as a cast of phenomenally talented actors and musicians tell Buddy Holly's story, from his meteoric rise to fame, to his final legendary performance at The Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Featuring two terrific hours of the greatest songs ever written, including *That'll Be The Day*, *Oh Boy*, *Rave On*, *La Bamba*, *Chantilly Lace*, *Johnny B. Goode*, *Raining In My Heart*, *Everyday*, *Shout* and many, many more, this show is just Peggy Sue-perb!

"The show you will never forget" *Daily Mail*

"An absolute must" *The Sun*

Mon 7 – Sat 12 Apr

THEATRE

Assembly Rooms – Great Hall

£17 - £27



Jim Hawkins is on the treasure hunt of a lifetime as he steers a course through pugnacious pirates, bonkers shipmates and the greatest villain ever - Long John Silver. So come aboard me hearties and join us for a jolly old jaunt on the high seas with a cast and crew that will have you singing in your seats and buckling your swash for more.

Mon 27 - Fri 31 Jan **THEATRE**

Guildhall Theatre

£17.50



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CLASSICAL

Derby LIVE has a long history of bringing some of the world's greatest orchestras to Derby including The Hallé, St Petersburg Orchestra, Russian State Philharmonic Orchestra, Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as working closely with the East Midlands' only professional orchestra Sinfonia Viva to produce one of the UK's largest free outdoor classical music concerts.

Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra

Thu 10 Oct | 7:30pm

Sunday Afternoon Classics

Sun 24 Nov | 3pm

Broadcast by CLASSIC *f*M

European Union Chamber Orchestra

Tue 11 Feb | 7:30pm

Sinfonia Viva

Wed 2 Apr | 7:30pm

The Hallé

Tue 29 Apr | 7:30pm

Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra

Sun 18 May | 7:30pm





After the success of **The Pros, The Cons and A Screw** and **Mother Came Too**, Derby LIVE has once again joined forces with Tim Elgood to produce two home-grown comedies for Derby audiences.

MAD DOGS AND AN ENGLISHMAN

by Tim Elgood

**A double dose of Elgood humour
prescribed by Derby LIVE**
featuring two one-act plays...

The Dog House

It's a dog's life in the Mayday Dog Rescue Centre. It is certainly not a 'Home' from home. But that suits Paddy just fine. He was never keen on his home. So he took steps and is now a Mayday long term resident. His biggest problem is avoiding being offered a new home. Paddy can think of nothing worse than being 'rescued'. He's happy being in The Dog House.

Tim Elgood's poignantly moving and heartily humorous 'dog's eye' view of homelessness, heartbreak and humans.

Bare Words

He is on the verge of writing a truly great one act play. Just a few minor obstacles stand between him and greatness. The director. The actors. The audience. His mother. And... the words.

Welcome to the heaven and hell of writing. Bare Words is the truthful and hilarious portrayal of a young writer's tortuous face to face combat with his own creativity. The odds are stacked heavily against him. It is barely a fair contest.

Fri 16 – Sat 31 May

THEATRE

Guildhall Theatre

£10.25 - £25.25

Director
Pete Meakin

Set Designer
Andy Miller





Amateur Theatre at

Derby LIVE

amateur

for the love of it

We have over 100 events and performances each year that are performed by amateur theatre and dance companies. Derby has one of the most vibrant amateur theatre communities in the UK and we are committed to supporting them and helping them to grow their audiences and achieve their vision for their shows.

We offer a full technical service for amateur companies and Box Office facilities to help maximise ticket sales along with marketing advice and support.

Whether it is in the Grade II listed Guildhall Theatre, the spacious and adaptable Great Hall or the flexible and more intimate Darwin, we're delighted to work with amateur companies and assist their role as an important part of Derby's artistic community.

***We're proud to have worked with the following
Amateur companies over the past year...***

The Nods Theatre Company

Attic Rats

**Derby Gilbert &
Sullivan Company**

Central School for Speech & Drama

Chellaston Players

Fourblokes Theatre

Derby Youth Musical Theatre

**Good Companions
Stage Society**

Kaleidoscope Players

Gatepost Theatre Company

**Rose Hill
Musical Society**

Watson Players

**Derby Shakespeare
Theatre Company**





Working in Partnership

A big part of our mission is about working in partnership whether that is with emerging and established theatre companies, playwrights, actors or a large-scale orchestra. We take pride in the relationships that we build as they enable you, our audiences to experience the very best in theatre and performance. Here are a few partners we've worked with recently:

Sinfonia Viva

Classical concerts, local school residency projects, The Darley Park Concert.

"Working with Derby LIVE is one of the easiest relationships to foster. There is a 'can-do' spirit which runs through the organisation with a shared commitment to the quality of the Art. Our recent Moon project, which we delivered in association with Derby LIVE, was an excellent example of collaborative working and shared artistic endeavour."

Peter Helps, Chief Executive, Sinfonia Viva

Tim Elgood Playwright

Writer of The Pros, The Cons and a Screw and Mother Came Too, both part of our produced theatre programme.

"I am indebted to Derby LIVE and in particular to Pete Meakin who has now directed so many of my plays. He is a constant source of encouragement and inspiration to actors. As for writers? Well. He certainly helped to inspire my writing of 'Bare Words'. I'm not sure if that's a compliment or not."



Babbling Vagabonds

The Christmas Chocolate Shop at the Guildhall Theatre this Christmas.

"Working with Derby LIVE is wonderfully exciting. They are allowing us (The Babblers) to focus on the making of a magical Christmas event. They are a knowledgeable team of theatre makers and technicians with friendly front of house staff all working to a professionally high-standard."

Mark Hornsey, Babbling Vagabonds



PR Promotions

PR Promotions have worked closely with us over the past seven years to produce the Derby Folk Festival. They also programme and promote some of our biggest acts in folk and traditional music.

"It is a privilege to work alongside the Derby LIVE team with Derby Folk Festival and numerous major concerts to keep the city one of the most vibrant centres for folk and acoustic music in the UK, which continues to attract visitors nationally."

Mick Peat, Director, PR Promotions

Looking for freshways to **increase your profile?**

Sponsorship opportunities

We love to create engaging, innovative and bespoke sponsorship packages that will help connect you to target clients. Opportunities exist across all areas of our work for example you could sponsor an entire season or a selection of events or reach over 49,000 people through our traditional, all-star pantomime.

A sponsorship package with Derby LIVE could help you to:

- increase brand visibility
- reach new customers
- entertain clients
- access conference, meeting and event spaces
- involve your employees
- meet your company's Corporate Social Responsibility commitments.



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Opportunities include:

- season, genre, production or single performance sponsorship
- in-kind support - promotion and partnership opportunities
- advertising
- sponsor a seat at the Guildhall Theatre.

Attach your brand to one of our high-profile events:

- Derby LIVE's traditional all-star pantomime
- The Darley Park Concert
- Derby's Bonfire and Fireworks display
- Derby Christmas Lights Switch-On.

Advertising opportunities

Want to get your brand noticed by half a million people each year? By advertising your business at Derby LIVE you can. Choose from a great range of packages that can be tailored to your budgets and target audiences.

To find out more visit **derbylive.co.uk** or contact **Emma Davis** on **01332 255427** or **emma.davis@derby.gov.uk**

For their continued support,
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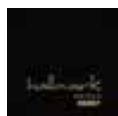
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Our Supporters



Open for business

We have a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces available for hire. From the intimate Grade II listed Guildhall Theatre to a variety of corporate and performance spaces in the Assembly Rooms, from prime high street outdoor retail space to city centre parks, we're sure to have something to suit your needs.



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Outdoor Spaces

Derby's outdoor spaces have many varied uses from events and markets to street trading and promotions. You can hire a range of spaces from us including:

- Market Place
- City Centre Streets
- Bass' Recreation Ground
- Cathedral Green
- River Gardens



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Technical support and Equipment hire

When you hire our spaces you also have access to some of **the most sophisticated event equipment and the support** of an experienced technical team. After all we manage some of the city's largest and most technically complex events –

just think what we can do for you!

Indoor Spaces

Our indoor spaces are hired for a variety of events including performances, award ceremonies, meetings, conferences, weddings and celebrations.

In the **Assembly Rooms** we have a variety of spaces with wide-ranging capacities.

- Great Hall – up to 2000 over 2 levels
- Darwin – up to 300 seated or 500 standing
- Reception Suite – up to 50
- 45 Suite – up to 100

The Guildhall Theatre accommodates 242, seated over two levels.



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Catering

Our in-house catering team will be happy to work with you **whatever your event, budget and requirements.** From large-scale corporate events & dinners to simple canapé receptions or three course fine dining and everything in between.

To find out more,
look online at
derbylive.co.uk or
contact our **Space Hire**
team... Indoor 01332 287361
Outdoor 01332 287362 or
spacehire@derby.gov.uk

Your visit

How to book

Our box office sells tickets online, over the counter and over the phone.

You can pick your own seats online at derbylive.co.uk. It's quick, easy and the cheapest way to buy tickets.

Our Box Office at the Assembly Rooms is open Mon - Sat, 10am - 8pm. Outside of these hours, and on Sundays & Bank Holidays it opens 1 hour before the event. The Guildhall Theatre Box Office opens 1 hour before the event.

Box Office **01332 255 800**

Online **derbylive.co.uk**

Email **boxoffice@derby.gov.uk**

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Typetalk **18001 01332 255 800**

Text **07812 300 373**

Groups

We offer discounts for groups of 10+ on many of our events. Are you a social secretary for a club or special interest group or the office outings organiser, looking for the next project? Register your details by emailing boxoffice@derby.gov.uk to receive regular information on our group booking activities.

Schools

Discounted schools tickets are available for selected events with one FREE ticket for teachers/supervisors for every 10 bought. We want to make your visit go as smoothly as possible, so have risk assessments and child safety information prepared for you online at derbylive.co.uk or from Box Office.

Gift Vouchers

You can buy or use Derby LIVE Gift Vouchers and National Theatre Tokens at our Box Office. Why not treat someone special - give the gift of LIVE entertainment!

Keep in touch

Login or create an account at www.derbylive.co.uk to update your contact details and let us know how and what information you'd like us to send.



Search for Derby LIVE



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Email us derbylive@derby.gov.uk

Booking fee

Tickets bought over the counter or the telephone are inclusive of a booking fee, which goes towards covering our administration costs. Prices listed in this brochure include these fees. The majority of tickets bought online are cheaper as they do not include this fee.

Refunds, exchanges & resales

Tickets are not refundable except when an event is cancelled. Tickets can be exchanged only for another performance of the same production for a fee of £1. We can, at our discretion, attempt to resell your tickets for you, however available tickets will take priority before returns are offered for sale.

The small print

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- Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult.
 - Under 15 is FREE, providing they can share your seat!
 - As part of our audience development programme we reserve the right to introduce and withdraw ticket discounts and special offers at any time.
 - Special offers and concessions cannot be used together.
 - Visit our website for a full list of our Terms and Conditions, Conditions of Sale can also be found on the back of your tickets.

How to find us

The Assembly Rooms and Guildhall Theatre are located on Derby's Market Place (see map), on all major bus routes and 15 minutes walk from the railway station.

The Assembly Rooms is sign-posted on all major road routes. Enter DE1 3AH into your SatNav.

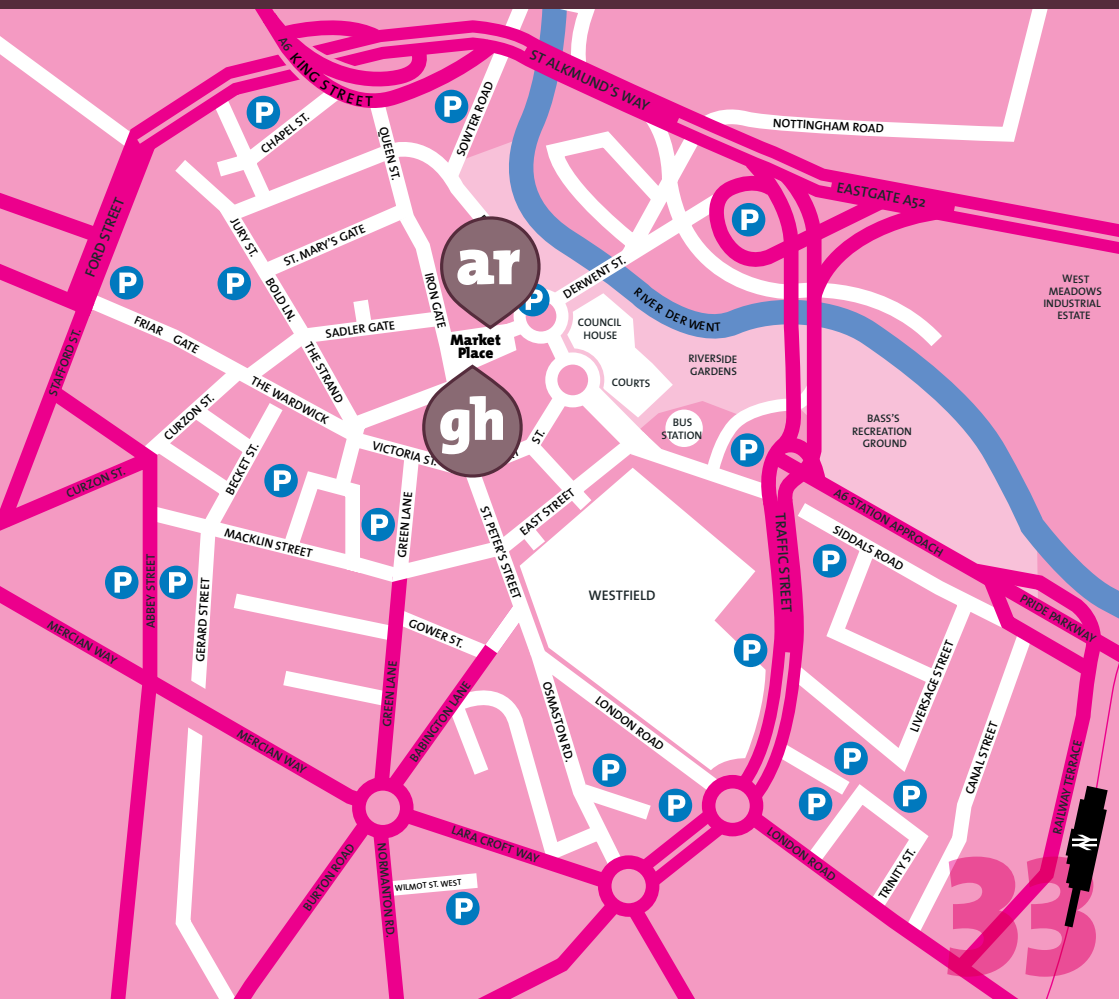
Parking is available in the Assembly Rooms car park, however spaces are limited, so we advise you to leave plenty of time for finding a space at one of the many other car parks around the city centre (see map).

Call Box Office on **01332 255800**
or visit derbylive.co.uk for more details.

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Access

We strive to make our venues, events and services as accessible as possible. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to improve your experience with us.

Wheelchair Users



Most public areas of the Assembly Rooms and Guildhall Theatre, other than the balconies are accessible by lift and have unisex toilets for disabled people.

Wheelchair spaces are available in all venues, please let Box Office know when you book so we can allocate your seat accordingly. Unfortunately it isn't possible to book wheelchair seats online. This is because we want to make sure no one else books in wheelchair spaces by accident. If you'd like to make a booking and you or a member of your party is a wheelchair user, please contact Box Office with your contact details and we'll get in touch with you to ensure that all of your needs are catered for.

Essential Companion Scheme

We offer free tickets to a wide range of events for those who need someone with them to assist with mobility or guidance. For more information and to apply (as an individual or as an organisation), visit the Essential Companion Scheme page on our website or contact box office.

Contact us

Box Office **01332 255 800**

Typetalk **18001 01332 255 500**

Text **07812 300 373**

Email **derbylive@derby.gov.uk**

Assistance Dogs



Assistance Dogs are welcome at all venues. Please let Box Office know when you book or at least 24 hours in advance.

Sound system



An infra-red sound system is available in all our venues. Please let Box Office know when you book, as the system only works in certain areas, so we need to make sure your seat is in the right area.

Headsets and hearing aid attachments are available for your free use. Even with a digital hearing aid, as with an analogue one, you will still need a headset, neck loop or hearing aid attachment. Please contact the Duty Manager on arrival for further assistance.

Access Register

Please let us know if you would like to be kept up to date with access information - we send a newsletter several times a year with details of upcoming access performances. Just update your account preferences online or contact Box Office.

Alternative formats

This brochure and our What's On guides are available in large print, plain text, on audio CD and in Braille. You can also view it online at www.derbylive.co.uk. Please contact Box Office to request a copy and so that we can update your customer record for the future.

Access performances

We offer a number of access performances, look out for the symbol at the top of event pages on this website and in our **What's On guide**.

BSL-interpreted performances



British sign language (BSL) interpreted performances feature a signer at the side of the stage who signs the dialogue from the performance. When you book, please let Box Office know where you would like to sit: directly in front of the interpreter or on the opposite side, looking across the stage/action.

Upcoming BSL-interpreted performances

Unless otherwise stated the interpreter is **Sarah Gatford**.

Christmas Lights Switch-On
Sat 16 Nov, from 3:30pm

Jack & the Beanstalk Tue 10 Dec, 2pm;
Sat 14 Dec, 6pm; Fri 27 Dec, 2pm; Sat 4 Jan, 2pm

The Christmas Chocolate Shop
Tue 17 Dec, 1.30pm; Sat 21 Dec, 2.30pm

Buddy
Sat 12 Apr, 7:30pm

Audio Described performances



Ideal for blind and partially-sighted people, audio description is a form of audio-visual translation, using the natural pauses in dialogue or between critical sound elements to insert narrative that translates the visual image into a sense form.

Free touch tours take place 75 minutes before the performance, with the chance to look closely at the set and costumes and often with a chance to meet some of the actors! Please let Box Office know if you want to come to the touch tour, tickets are free, but should be booked in advance.

Upcoming Audio Described performances

Jack & the Beanstalk Wed 18 Dec, 2pm;
Sun 29 Dec, 1pm; Sat 4 Jan, 6pm

The Christmas Chocolate Shop
Thu 19 Dec, 1.30pm; Sat 28 Dec, 2.30pm

Buddy
Sat 12 Apr, 2:30pm

Captioned performances



Words appear on screens either side of the stage at the same time as they are spoken - ideal for those who are deaf, hard of hearing or if you'd just like to read along.

Upcoming Captioned performance

Jack & the Beanstalk Sat 28 Dec, 2pm & 6pm



For a guide to Audio Described, Captioned and British Sign Language interpreted performances at a variety of theatres, visit sceneandsound.co.uk



Over **547,082** people came to a Derby LIVE event – that's enough to fill The O2 27 times over. 285,931 (52%) came to indoor events and 261,151 (48%) to outdoor events.

Award-Winners

We won the TMA AWARD for BEST NEW MUSICAL for *THE GO-BETWEEN*, our co-production with WEST YORKSHIRE PLAYHOUSE and ROYAL & DERNGATE, NORTHAMPTON. We're also proud to have been named DERBY CITY COUNCIL TEAM OF THE YEAR.



Our average ticket price asked was just...



2370 Outdoor Events

There were **2370** outdoor events & space hires.
102 of which were our own productions,
co-productions or in association with Derby LIVE.

630 indoor events & performances



Over **285,931** people came to
one of our **indoor events**

77% of our audiences came from Derby or Derbyshire, with **23%** from further afield, including Ireland, Norway, Germany, Holland, the Channel Islands, Sweden, Switzerland and even Australia.

