

CHOC FEST

From Pod to Bar - A Small Festival with Big Ideas in Stirchley & Bournville

ChocFest is The Bone Ensemble's pop-up arts festival, coming to

**BOURNVILLE & STIRCHLEY ON
SAT 9 & SUN 10**

as part of the Birmingham 2022 Festival. Through performance, visual and audio installations and workshops, **ChocFest** takes a fresh look at the cocoa trade, from the good intentions of George Cadbury to the darker side of chocolate production, and from cocoa pod to that delicious bar of Dairy Milk in your hand.

In collaboration with local communities and groups living and working in the vicinity of the Cadbury factory, as well as cocoa-growing communities and international artists from Ghana, **ChocFest** is a feast for the eyes and ears to get people meeting, talking and thinking all things chocolate!

ChocFest reignites and celebrates Bournville's historic connection with Ghana, the Commonwealth country where Cadbury's cocoa at the Bournville factory originates. At ChocFest's not-so-soft centre is a new cabaret-style show, with music created in collaboration with celebrated Ghanaian singer-songwriter St Beryl, performed by Ghanaian-Romanian musician and artist Wanlov the Kubolor, much loved Midlands artists Graeme Rose, Amy Kakoura and Jill Dowse, with special guest appearances from renowned djembefola, Vieux Bakayoko and our community performers.

The Bone Ensemble

ChocFest is being brought to you by The Bone Ensemble. We combine music and theatrical inventiveness with strong stories to elevate understanding, forge connections and inspire action. Characterised by a spirit of enquiry and collective endeavour, our work is both playful and serious, and looks to create spaces and experiences that span generations and connect with audiences, intellectually and emotionally, with heart and with humour.

Follow our ChocFest trail map, which has been designed in collaboration with children from Bournville Village Primary School and Deikrom D/A Primary School, Ghana – to navigate your way through our tasty weekend!

Check out the performances, film and audio installations and drop-in workshops in and around Stirchley Baths, Selly Manor and Bournville Village Green – oh, and don't forget to sample some sweet treats along the way, and maybe even a chocolate stout?

All events are free and un-ticketed and are suitable for ages 9 and upwards.

Please note some sites are limited capacity and will operate on a first come, first served basis.

Let us know what you think

We'd love to hear your thoughts about ChocFest after the event. Please scan the QR code below to go to our website and answer a few questions about ChocFest.



The Bone Ensemble

Jill Dowse - co-artistic director/songwriter
Adam Ledger - co-artistic director/show director
Charlotte Kalantari-Gregory - creative producer
Justine Watkins-Fife - marketing

The Bone Ensemble's Board of Trustees

Orit Azaz, Louisa Foley-Davies & Frances Land

Performers & Musicians

Jill Dowse, Amy Kakoura, Graeme Rose, Wanlov the Kubolor - performer/musicians & devising team
Vieux Bakayo - percussionist
Amy Kakoura - co-musical director
Cheryl Clayton, Jenny Holland, Phil Banting, Lorraine Boyce, Damian Hursey, Anne Peck - community performers
Trevor Workman - carillonneur
Additional contributions by Nick Walker, Nick Tigg, residents of Rowheath House & members of the Crunch writers' group.

Creative Team

St Beryl - songwriter
Dr Nana O'Bonsu - academic consultant & cultural advisor
Gottfried Baidoo - manager at Amankwatia Cooperative Society
Ella Barraclough - designer & schools' exchange artist
Frances Yeung - graphic design & schools' exchange artist
Lauren Brown - creative writing & schools' exchange artist
Georgia Worrall - production assistant & assistant stage manager

Chocolate Memories Audio Installation

Leaf Creative Arts Memory Cafe - creative content
Jack Ledger-Dowse - editor

Cocoa Farming in Ghana Short Film

Amankwatia Cooperative Society
Farmers - creative content
Gottfried Baidoo - film
Kee Lewis - editor & curator

OPUS Production Team

Caroline Davis
Charlie Edwards
Mat Spencer
Alice Chaman

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Lesley Taylor & the residents of Rowheath House
Karen Cheney & the team at Stirchley Baths
Carla, Rachel & the participants at Leaf Creative Arts Memory Café
Nessa Parva & the staff at Kafenion
Georgina Levin, Oli Hurwell & the staff at Attic Brew Co.
Carole Lowe, Daniel Callicott & the team at Bournville Village Trust and Selly Manor
Keith Quiney & everyone at Bournville Village Green Rest House
Jessica Allan
Pam Dexter
The British Council Commonwealth Connections
Geet Sohal at CDW
James at Selly Oak Arts Forum
Sarah Mullen, Sala Davies & everyone at The Bookshop on the Green
Sally Whitehouse & everyone at the Bournville Bread Basket

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ChocFest Performance Trail Route

Join us on our performance trail following chocolate's journey from pod to bar. The route is fully accessible with no steps and we think the stroll between the two sites for Chocolate the Cabaret! should take you somewhere between 20 – 40 minutes, depending on your pace. Look out for the route markers to follow the chocolatey trail.

SATURDAY 9 & SUNDAY 10 JULY

Festival Programme			
Chocolate the Cabaret! Our twice daily cabaret-style show features the mysterious Cocoa as band leader, with George Cadbury on bass, Tetteh Quarshie on guitar and local chocolate-loving girl, Connie, on keys. All seems to be sweetness and light, but soon band tensions begin to bite, and the show's shiny wrapper threatens to be torn off... <i>Recommended for age 9+</i>			
	Chocolate the Cabaret Part 1: From Pod to Bar Stirchley Baths, B30 2JT <i>Limited capacity</i>	11.30am	3.00pm
	Chocolate the Cabaret Part 2: Peel off that Shiny Wrapper! Bournville Village Green, B30 2AD <i>Bring something to sit on!</i>	1.00pm	4.30pm
	Family drop in craft workshop Bournville Village Primary School, B30 1JY <i>Ideal for children aged 6 – 11 years</i>	11.00am - 1.00pm	2.00pm - 4.00pm
	Instant Chocolate! Writers Workshop Led by local writers group, Crunch. Come and try your creative hand at quick writing exercises. No experience needed! Minworth Greaves, Selly Manor, B30 2AE <i>Limited capacity of 20 - first come first served</i>		2.00pm – 3.00pm

 Feel free to bring a picnic blanket or cushion to sit on for the outdoor performance at Bournville Village Green.

 In case of wet weather, keep your eye on our website and social media platforms for updates.

 Toilet

 Parking

Drop in Day-long events			
	Amankwatia Cooperative Society Cocoa Farmers' short film Edited and Curated by Kee Lewis. Drop in anytime Minworth Greaves, Selly Manor, B30 2AE	11.00am - 2.00pm	3.00pm - 5.00pm
	Chocolate memories audio installation by Leaf Creative Arts Memory Cafe and Rowheath House Minworth Greaves, Selly Manor, B30 2AE	11.00am - 2.00pm	3.00pm - 5.00pm
	Bournville Village Primary & Deikrom D/A Primary's ChocFest Artwork Exhibition Bournville Village Primary School, B30 1JY	11.00am – 4.00pm	
	Enjoy a hot chocolate or maybe a Fairtrade chocolatey treat Kafenion, B30 2AA	Sat: 9.00am – 5.00pm Sun: 9.00am – 4.30pm	
	Come and enjoy a special selection of Fairtrade chocolate baked goodies Bournville Bread Basket, B30 2AA	Sat: 9.00am – 4.00pm Sun: CLOSED	
	ChocFest audience members enjoy 10% off purchases The Bookshop on the Green, B30 2AA	Sat: 9.00am – 4.00pm Sun: CLOSED	
	Why not end the evening with a ChocFest chocolate stout beer?! Attic Brew, B30 2DA	Sat: 1.00pm – 11.00pm Sun: 1.00pm – 8.00pm	

