

# The line-up for The Autumn Festival of Norfolk 2025

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Brimah Kanneh-Mason will perform as part of The Autumn Festival this year (Image: Supplied)

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**The Autumn Festival of Norfolk returns in 2025 with another vibrant and diverse programme.**

From drama to music, the arts festival spans venues across Norwich from October 18 to November 23.

Stash Kirkbride, co-founder and artistic director, said: "We are thrilled to present this year's Autumn Festival anniversary programme.



Stash Kirkbride is co-founder of the festival (*Image: Richard Howes*)

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"As ever, we continue to champion creativity through our Signature Projects: The Norfolk Arts Awards, The Norfolk Actors Company, Total Ensemble: Arts Initiative, and The African Choir of Norfolk.

"We invite everyone to join us this autumn for our season of celebration."

Here are some of this year's highlights

## **Dance Into The Fall**

**Where:** UEA Drama Studio, Norwich, NR4 7AF

**When:** October 18

The festival opens with Dance Into The Fall 2025. This multi-generational, inclusive dance platform, produced by Total Ensemble: Arts Initiative, features both community groups and professional dancers.

## **A Room With A View**

**Where:** The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral, NR1 4EH

**When:** From October 27 to November 1

The Norfolk Actors Company will present E.M. Forster's A Room With A View in the round.

This classic romantic comedy has a cast of more than 20 actors from across Norfolk.



Michael Morpurgo will speak to crowds at the UEA (Image: Jason Scott Photography)

## **Headline Conversations with Michael Morpurgo**

**Where:** UEA Lecture Theatre 1, Norwich, NR4 7TJ

**When:** November 1

Beloved author Michael Morpurgo will appear live in conversation with Dr Jasmin Kirkbride at the UEA.

In partnership with UEA Live and Bookbugs & Dragon Tales, this afternoon will celebrate Morpurgo's literary legacy, spanning more than 100 books that have captured the hearts of readers.

## **Reeta Chakrabarti**

**Where:** The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral, NR1 4EH

**When:** November 1

Reeta Chakrabarti, one of the UK's most respected broadcasters, will join writer Tahira Yaqoob for an in-depth conversation exploring journalism, identity and public life.



Tony Robinson will be coming to the city (Image: Paul Marc Mitchell)

## **Tony Robinson**

**Where:** The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral, NR1 4EH

**When:** November 2

This will be an in-depth conversation between beloved actor and presenter Tony Robinson and Nicholas Witchell at 1pm.



## **Evan Davis**

**Where:** The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral, NR1 4EH

**When:** November 2

Broadcaster and economist Evan Davis will speak with festival ambassador Chris Jacob at 3:30pm.

Early booking is recommended, with just 120 seats at these events.

## **Jules Maxwell performs Ballads & Nocturnes**

**Where:** Octagon Chapel, 21 Colegate, Norwich, NR3 1BN

**When:** November 14

Composer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Jules Maxwell will perform at the Octagon Chapel.

This atmospheric performance promises to transport audiences through evocative soundscapes and lyrical reflections.



The African Choir of Norfolk will take to the stage (*Image: Richard Howes*)

## The African Choir of Norfolk

**Where:** Norwich Playhouse, St Georges Street, Norwich, NR3 1AB

**When:** November 15

The choir will present its fifth annual gala at Norwich Playhouse, under the direction of Anna Mudeka.

This vibrant celebration promises a fresh repertoire, stunning costumes and an unforgettable finale that honours African heritage and community spirit.



## **Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason and Christine Webber**

**Where:** The Chapel, Norwich School, NR1 4DD

**When:** November 16

Festival patrons Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason and Christine Webber will be in conversation about Kadiatu's fascinating newly published book profiling her musical family: *To Be Young Gifted and Black*.

## Braimah Kanneh-Mason and Lisa Cassidy

**Where:** The Chapel, Norwich School, NR1 4DD

**When:** November 16

Festival Patron Braimah Kanneh-Mason and soprano Lisa Cassidy will perform chamber works in both matinee and evening performances in the Chapel at Norwich School.

## Realms of Elsewhere Exhibition

**Where:** 11-15 Fye Bridge St, Norwich, NR3 1LJ

**When:** November 3 to 8

Paul Jackson returns to Anteros Arts with a magical new Realms of Elsewhere exhibition and the launch of the latest edition of his fantasy novel series, which he writes, illustrates and performs - The Merchant of Storms.

## Agatha Christie – Murder in the Studio

**Where:** The Maddermarket Theatre, St John's Alley, Norwich, NR2 1DR

**When:** November 22

Norfolk actors in this vintage-style mystery production.

Jazz pianist Simon Brown will provide an elegant musical backdrop for the post-show gala, performing his distinctive style live at the piano in the bar as guests enjoy a celebratory glass of fizz.

## Unlettered

**Where:** UEA Drama Studio, Norwich, NR4 7AF

**When:** November 23

A new dark comedy by Rachel Osborne, Norfolk-born playwright and an alumna of the University of East Anglia, will receive its first rehearsed reading at UEA Drama Studio.

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