

The line-up for The Autumn Festival of Norfolk 2025

17TH JULY EVENTS LEISURE NORWICH



Braimah 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)

"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.

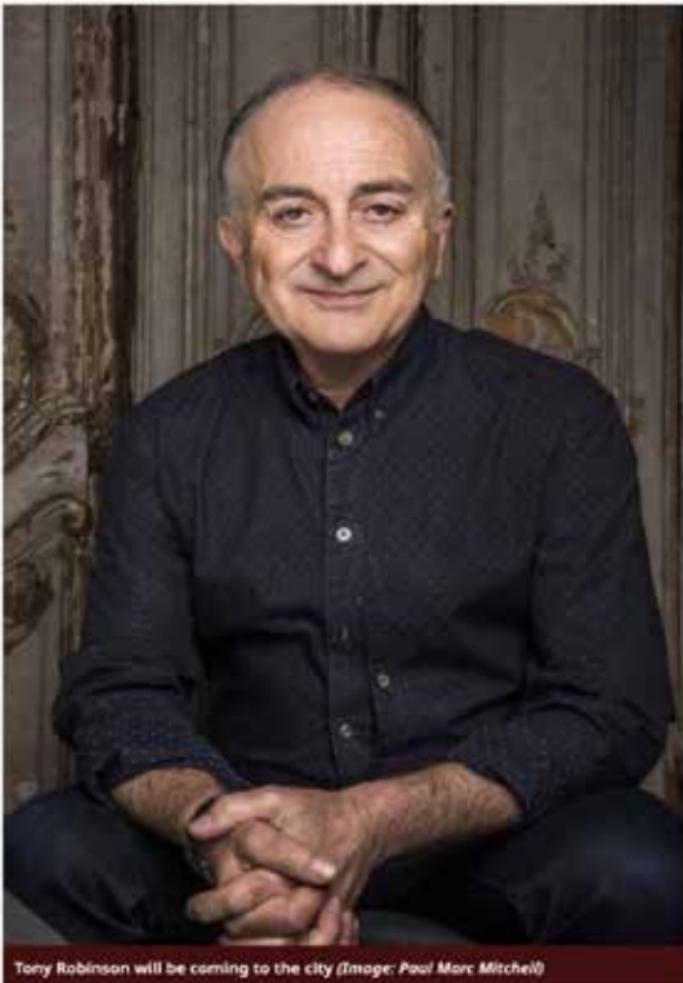
In partnership with UEA Live and Bookbugs & Dragon Tales, this afternoon will celebrate Morpurgo's literary legacy, spanning more than 100 books that have captured the hearts of readers.

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.



Broadcaster Evan Davis (Image: Supplied)

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 will speak about her new book (Image: John Davis)

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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