



Great start to Didsbury Arts Festival 2013 (22 – 30 June)

Grey skies and occasional showers did not dampen the high spirits of Festival goers last weekend as DAF 2013 got off to a lively start!

Crowds of locals flocked to enjoy al fresco events in Didsbury on Saturday and Sunday. Live music and craft stalls outside the library, theatre at the Old Parsonage and art, poetry and music at Fletcher Moss Park were among highlights marking the opening of the area's annual, nine-day arts celebration.

With more than 100 events, exhibitions and workshops taking place at venues across Didsbury throughout the week, festival goers still have plenty to enjoy. Daily music performances include classical music, jazz and rock. Comedy, drama, dance, film, literature and visual arts provide an eclectic mix.

There are plenty of family-friendly events throughout the week and some surprises in store, with a gigantic pink pig taking up residence outside Didsbury Library on Saturday (29 June)! Don't miss The DAF Secret Garden Puppet Theatre in the Parsonage Gardens on the closing day of DAF (1-5 pm, Sunday 30 June). Bring a picnic and blanket and enjoy an entire afternoon dedicated to puppet theatre, Punch & Judy and storytelling.

Maria Stripling, Director of DAF 2013 said: 'We were delighted to see so many families and, indeed, people of all ages attending the various outdoor events of the opening weekend.'

'This was a fantastic start to DAF 2013 and we hope that people continue to enjoy the many and varied events of Festival week.'

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