

Light Fantastic Activities and Events with Jack Drum Arts

Jack Drum Arts have some exciting activities and events coming up in December as part of **LIGHT FANTASTIC**, their lockdown wintertime festival delivered in collaboration with their young artists. Things may be different this winter but they are really looking forward to sharing some festive fun with you in a new and different way, socially distanced, safe and most importantly FUN!

To book any of their activities please email info@jackdrum.co.uk with the name of the activity/event you are requesting along with your full name, address with postcode, and a mobile number.

Priority will be given to residents of Crook, Willington, Tow Law & the surrounding villages but do get in touch if you live nearby as they are keen to reach as many people as possible.

LIGHT UP YOUR WINDOW

Order one of their festive activity packs beautifully designed by artist Morwenna Catt. You can then help them light up our town and the surrounding villages in celebration of a Community Christmas. They have a number of different activity packs inspired by much loved Christmas stories including:

- Bill Frog to the Rescue
- One Snowy Night
- I saw Santa in County Durham
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- A Little Light in Winter

They will provide you with a printed 'how to guide', link to an online video tutorial, templates, materials and fairy lights. You just need scissors, a pencil, and tape or drawing pins to hang your window display.

This activity is suitable for all ages and abilities although under 12's will require the help of an adult. Their activity packs will be delivered by our Elves the week beginning 30th November.

DOORSTEP GIGS

Elton Wrong - A rock/pop icon who will bring a 'drive' through musical performance at a speed of 4mph belting out songs from Elton's 50 year repertoire like a Rocket Man. An instant stadium gig everyone will love! Available for bookings on Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December.

The Baghdaddies Band - An exuberant and rampant brand of world music which is an exhilarating cocktail of Balkan melodies, ska and latin grooves and sizzling brass played with furious energy and theatrical humour guaranteed to get you dancing on your driveway. Available for bookings on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December.

Rockin' Robins - these delightful festive birds will flock to your doorstep with festive magic and fancy footwork. On their quest for a swinging nest they will spread Christmas cheer and share their joy of jiving. Available for bookings on Saturday 12th & Saturday 19th December.

Nordic Storytellers - Our team of travelling storytellers and musicians will bring some festive cheer for the family delighting children and adults alike with some wonderful Christmas tales of Santa and his many helpers. Available for bookings Monday 14th to Friday 18th December, 3pm til 7pm, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th December.

Runaway Samba Drumming Elves - Fast-paced, high-energy, foot-stomping musical fun from our in-house elf samba band who will bring you some carnival style festive cheer in the lead upto Christmas. Dates still to be confirmed but if your interested in a booking please let us know as our elf drummers are really popular!

Raiiju - The legendary arctic fox who has made a few appearances at Crook Winter Light Parade, has somehow found itself in the service of a hapless dog trainer and his (vastly over-qualified) apprentice. Will they be able to convince this old fox to learn some new tricks? Brilliant for children and families. Dates still to be confirmed but if your interested in a booking please let them know as they anticipate this act will be popular!

Their **Doorstep Gigs** are open to all but they are particularly keen to reach those who have been shielding, are carers, isolated, in need of cheering up with a song, a dance or a story, as well as key workers and care home staff and volunteers who have gone above and beyond to support our community during the Covid-19 crisis.

They still have some places for Storytellers to read their favourite Christmas story on-camera for our online **Storytelling Advent Calendar** film series. No experience required - just enthusiasm to tell a good story. Beginning December 1st they will be releasing a story every day until the grand finale on Christmas Eve. To take part please email annie@jackdrum.co.uk with your name, age if under 18, mobile number, and title of your favourite story.

Their activities are provided for FREE thanks to funding from County Durham Community Foundation, Durham County Council Community Arts & Culture, Virgin Money Foundation & Spirit 2012.

Please do consider making a donation to Jack Drum Arts, helping to ensure we are still here next year, supporting our community as we have been for the last 33 years. You can do this via Paypal at this link [Donate here](#)

We look forward to sharing some festive fun and cheer with you in December.