



Family Fun

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Family Fun at the MAC

Your guide to a great day out

Hello

We're the MAC, a cultural hub in the heart of Belfast. We're on a mission to inspire everyone through art, theatre and tons of other fun stuff.

We especially enjoy welcoming families through our doors – sparking imaginations and encouraging the next generation to think bigger.

Hang out in our Family Room

Home to kids of all ages and stages, our Family Room is the perfect place to get lost in a book, indulge in serious play time or just take it easy. Open daily from 8.30am, best of all, it's totally free.

Secrets of Space

3 – 13 Oct, various times

£8 child / £12.50 adult

7+ years

Explore the **Secrets of Space** with young dreamers, Suni and Mae as they travel far beyond our solar system on an interactive journey across the galaxy.

Brought to you by award-winning children's theatre company, Cahoots NI, this out-of-this-world show uses magical illusions and digital technology to introduce young learners to the dazzling wonders of the cosmos, unveiling amazing facts about space and inspiring the next generation of astronauts.

Shh Fest

14 – 18 August

3+ years

To celebrate the return of **Shh! We Have A Plan**, we're hosting a sensory summer Shh Festival. Plan the perfect summer day out for little kids (and big kids too). Here's some of the activities we have planned...

MAC Sensory Garden

10am – 3:45pm

Free but booking is essential

3+ years

Chill out in the MAC Sensory Garden to discover the smells, sounds and textures of Summer. The buzz of bees, the splashing of water, the grass beneath your feet - little ones will love this sensory experience of discovery.

Nature in a Jar

11am & 12:45pm

£7 per child, accompanying adult goes free

3+ years

Delve into nature and get creative making beautiful butterflies in this crafty kids' workshop. Don't let your creation fly away, catch it quick and keep it safe in a jar so you can admire it again and again.

Shh! We Have A Plan

Various show times

£8 child / £12.50 adult

3+ years

Cahoots NI return to the MAC with Shh! We Have A Plan - a poignant, non-verbal tale, perfect for your little adventurers. Be enchanted and amazed by magic, music and puppetry as

our explorers search for the most beautiful bird in the forest.

SHH! We Have a Plan Copyright © 2014 Chris Haughton.

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Visit themaclive.com for more Shh Fest family fun.

Halloween at the MAC

Our hour-long workshops are only £7 per child; accompanying adult goes free.

Creepy Crawly Petting Zoo

26, 27, 30 & 31 Oct, 10am – 3pm

£2 per person, book your 15 min slot

Back by popular demand, it's our creepy, crawly, slinky, slimy Halloween Petting Zoo. Get up close with insects, spiders, frogs and rats. You could even meet and hold the biggest snake you've ever seen – if you've got the nerve!

Bizarre Beasties

26, 27, 30 & 31 Oct, 2pm

4 – 11 years

There's lots to do in this Bizarre Beasties workshop. Create your own mini beast zoo and curious caged creatures to take

home, as well as a beastly eye mask to help you blend in with the beasties.

Try your hand at our menacing monster game... but don't feed the animals, they're hungry!

Baby Boo

26, 27, 30 & 31 Oct, 10am

0 – 6 months

Play peek-a-BOO with baby in this multi-sensory workshop.

Explore spooky sights, sounds and textures with your little monster to spark wonder and curiosity.

Creepy Crawlers

26, 27, 30 & 31 Oct, 11:30am (not walking)

6 – 12 months

There'll be creeping and crawling as babies are on the

move in this spooky sensory workshop. Watch your creepy crawlers develop the confidence to grab, crawl and stand.

Spooktacular fun, not to be missed.

Terrible Tots

27 & 31 Oct, 1:30pm (walking), 12 – 24 months

26 & 30 Oct, 1:30pm, 2 – 3 years

Shake, rattle and roll like a skeleton, shuffle like a zombie, fly like a bat or wrap yourself up like a mummy. It's all happening in this all-singing, all-dancing Halloween workshop. Your little ones will have a HOOT – make sure they're dressed for the occasion!

Visit **themaclive.com** for more Halloween happenings

Christmas at the MAC

Our hour long workshops are only £7 per child; accompanying adult goes free.

Baby Wrap

30 Nov & 1 Dec, 10am

0 – 6 months

Bring along your little bundles of festive joy and explore Christmas colours, sound and textures in this magical baby sensory workshop. Get all wrapped up in Christmas fun with your little one.

Baby Wrappers

30 Nov & 1 Dec, 11:30am & 1:30pm (not walking)

6 – 12 months

Babies will experience the magical sights and sounds of Christmas as they journey through textured tunnels of gift wrap

and knock down the Christmas parcels in this multi-sensory workshop. Perfect for little ones who love to crawl.

Tinsel Tots

7 – 8 Dec, 10am (walking), 12 – 24 months

7 – 8 Dec, 11:30am & 1:30pm, 2 – 3 years

Enjoy this interactive fairy-tale adventure as you prepare your little elf for the magic of Christmas. Join some festive fellows in a treat for all the senses, complete with storytelling, song and dance.

Tick Tock Christmas Clock

14, 21 & 22 Dec, 11am

4 – 11 years

Forget 'Bah Humbug', it's the countdown to Christmas. It's time to get creative and make your own bah-jewelled Christmas

clock. Wind back time to Christmas past or fast forward to Christmas future, you'll be sure to enjoy this Christmas present.

Holly Jolly Singalong

15 & 24 Dec, 11am

4 – 7 years

Deck the Halls! The Holly Jolly Singalong is back. Put on your favourite festive jumper because it's Jingle Bells all the way. Join in the fun and sing out loud to your favourite Christmas carols.

Visit **themaclive.com** for more winter workshops

A Christmas Carol

27 Nov – 5 Jan, various times

£12.50 – £11* child / £25 – £12.50 adult

This Christmas we're excited to present a fun-filled version of the classic Dickens fable, A Christmas Carol. In this MAC production, we'll be visiting Christmases past, conjuring up Christmases yet to come and finding out if our friend Scrooge can learn from previous mistakes.

Expect toe-tapping tunes, laugh-out-loud capers and of course the special, memorable experience you've come to expect from the MAC Christmas shows – with lots of fun along the way.

Relaxed, Signed and Audio Described: Fri 13 Dec, 6pm

Relaxed Performances: Sun 15 & Sun 29 Dec, 1pm

For full show times, visit **themaclive.com**

*£11 early bird child ticket available until 30 September

Feed the Family at the MAC

Sit back, relax and enjoy a tasty lunch at our Café Bar. There are lots of yummy options for little kids (and big kids too), with breakfast, lunch and kids' menus available from 8.30am – 4pm daily.

Planning your visit

Check out the **Plan your visit** section of our website, packed full of great ideas for a day of family fun at the MAC. From there, you can book tickets to shows and events.

You can also book by phone* on 028 9023 5053

or in person at our Box Office.

*a £1 transaction fee is applied to all telephone bookings

Coming Soon...

Under The Hawthorn Tree

Spring 2020

The story of family, history and hope returns to the MAC stage next year. Tickets on sale soon!

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