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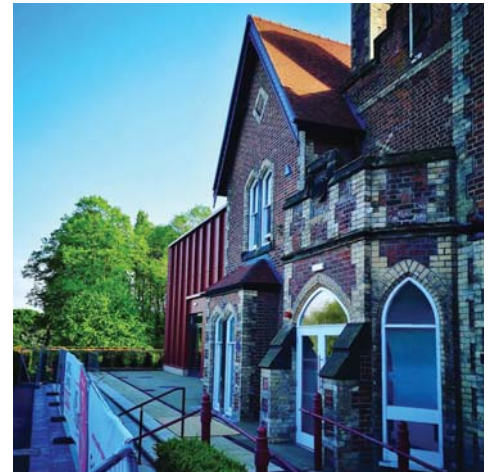


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*Heartfelt thanks to our funders and to all our partners and supporters.
Thank you to our volunteers, school partners and all our brilliant freelance team.*

THEATRE
PORTO

OUR NEW VENUE



The Whitby Hall transformation project, funded by Cheshire West and Chester Council, and Arts Council England, has created a new venue and cultural centre for children, young people and families in Ellesmere Port.

The new theatre designed by the award-winning architects, Bennetts Associates, includes **a state-of-the-art 150 seat flexible auditorium** for **performances** and **film screenings including NT Live; rehearsal spaces; workshop rooms** and **a new café and outdoor terrace**.

Theatre Porto will provide a creative space for artists and educators as well as children, young people and families. It is the only specialist venue of its type for children and young people in Cheshire and on Merseyside.

WHO ARE THEATRE PORTO?



Theatre Porto (formerly *Action Transport Theatre*) creates original and imaginative theatre, '**for, by, and with**' children and young people.

We are inspired by the child-centred qualities of *curiosity, play* and *fairness* in order to make theatre which both challenges and delights.

Our work is:

- **child and young person centred**
- **inclusive** – everyone is welcomed and valued; difference is celebrated

- **collaborative** – we work with artists, educators, children and young people to make work which is authentic and important
- **experimental** – we explore new ways to tell stories
- **enquiry led** – we provide space for learning, including our own

We provide opportunities for local children and young people to work with us throughout the year through our free, inclusive engagement programme.

Our professional work is made collaboratively with children, schools and other companies/artists.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



10TH – 20TH AUGUST

*Extravaganza weekend
(13th & 14th August)*

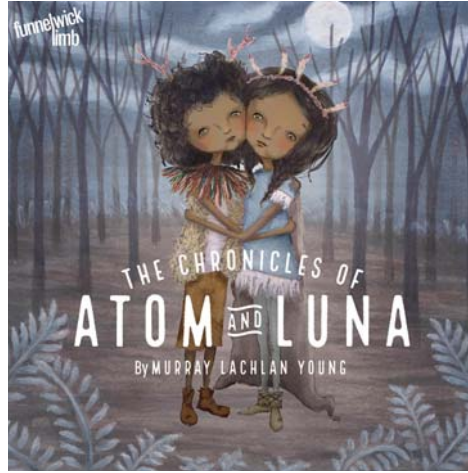
Once Upon A Time

A magical arts trail and series of surprising installations created especially for Whitby Park - in the heart of Ellesmere Port. Join us for special performances and a party in the park over the extravaganza weekend to celebrate the opening of our new venue.

Age guidance

All ages & their families

Price FREE



FROM 20TH OCTOBER

Funnelwick Limb in association with Theatre Porto and Eastern Angles presents

The Chronicles of Atom & Luna

Join our heroes Atom and Luna as they seek out the mysterious Old Mother Redbeard, to save their larger than life childminder Iffy Sney. To do so they will journey deep into a magical forest and go on a life changing adventure.

Created by BBC 6 Music's poet in residence and children's author Murray Lachlan Young.

Age guidance

7+

Price £6 upwards



THIS DECEMBER

*A Christmas Show for everyone.
Co-production with Teatro Pomodoro.*

Star of Wonder

A delightful new show, based on the idea of three wise figures following a star. Our three heroes fall-out, get lost, overcome obstacles and finally find what they are looking for.

Based on our trademark visual style, *Star of Wonder* is made with children at St. Bernard's RC Primary school, in collaboration with the international team at Teatro Pomodoro.

Age guidance

All ages & their families
All performances relaxed

Price £6 upwards

For more information on our programme please visit our website www.TheatrePorto.org

THEATRE PORTO

As a registered charity, we rely on the generosity of our funders, individual supporters, trusts and foundations to help us to reach the widest possible number of children, young people and families.

Your support helps keep much of our work FREE and our ticket prices affordable.

In addition to our core funding, we aim to generate upwards of £100,000 every year to deliver our programme. In 2022 we will be launching a special fundraising drive to raise £50,000 towards our local engagement work.

Theatre Porto is a recognised national leader in children and young people's theatre and is part of **Arts Council England's National Portfolio**.
We are also supported by **Cheshire West and Chester Council**.

If you are interested in supporting our work and would like to find out more please email caz@TheatrePorto.org

We are proud to be an **Artsmark Partner**, meet **Family Arts Standards** and are a **Local Living Wage** employer.

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