



School of the Arts Festival



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Welcome to our community

Welcome to the School of the Arts Festival at York St John University. This diverse body of work represents a year where students have been developing their own individual creative voices, working with live briefs from industry and working in collaboration with each other and with visiting artists. They are putting on large shows and performances (Musical Theatre, Acting, Drama, Music, Dance), screenings and sharings (Graphic design, Animation, Product Design, Game Design), exhibitions (Fine Art, Illustration, Photography) and award ceremonies and celebrations sharing recordings and films (Music production, Media Production, Film and TV) to share their portfolios, art works, live works and installations. You are very welcome to experience all this work and to join our York St John artistic community.

Helen Minors, Head of School



York St John Creative Centre

In 2021 we opened a brand new Creative Centre on campus.

It's a new home for our performance and computer science courses. It also contains specialist spaces for theatre, drama, creative writing and media production. The Creative Centre is a space to be creative and bring ideas to life.

It includes:

153 seat theatre with a large stage and new lighting and sound systems

Critical listening room with Dolby Atmos sound system and glass rear projection screen

Recital room

Specialist music and media studios

Editing suites

Computer science laboratories



Specialist facilities

The Theatre

The Creative Centre Theatre and Auditorium is the main stage for performances at the University. It is complete with a large stage, and brand new lighting rig and sound systems. The theatre hosts live student performances, community events and high profile conferences.

Music and performance spaces

The Creative Centre provides a new base for music, drama and dance students at York St John. Facilities include specialist teaching spaces and acoustically protected practice and performance rooms.

Computer science

A whole floor of purpose built teaching rooms offers the latest high specification hardware for computer science, software engineering and games development. We work with the Institute of Technology for Yorkshire and the Humber to deliver teaching and research side by side.



Art

Undergraduate courses

Fine Art BA (Hons)

Illustration BA (Hons)

Photography BA (Hons)

The artistic and creative journey of a Fine Art, Illustration and Photography student is not linear. If it were a map it would follow Yoko Ono's instructional event score from 1963 in which she advises "Make a Map to get lost". Although that's not the whole story, paradoxically, as many artists can attest, getting lost is an exciting and generative process of discovery. We find things out when we don't know what we are looking for, in fact our students learn to be resilient in the not knowing of things and use this as a tool to make radical new forms. As poet Ann Lauterbach reminds us, 'to experiment means you must put what you know at risk to what you do not yet know'. And so, between these spaces of knowing and unknowing, losing and finding, mapping the territory and discovering new universes, we locate the artistic practice of a remarkable cohort of students.

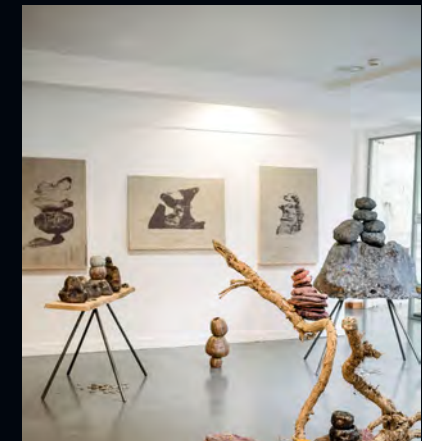
Postgraduate courses

Fine Art MFA

Illustration MFA

Photography MFA

Our students are intelligent makers, they value intuition, material knowledge and productive repetition. Sometimes distracted by side quests that result in dead ends or arriving back where they started, our students know the art of getting lost. They have been practising it whilst studying creative subjects that enable them to be experts in their field. This is visible throughout this year's Degree Show that marks the close of study whilst simultaneously opening a new navigational system that goes beyond campus, to weave future lives, future loves and future artworks into the world. Join us to get lost in the creative works of this exhibition.



Design

The Design students have been working hard to bring their exciting creations to life.

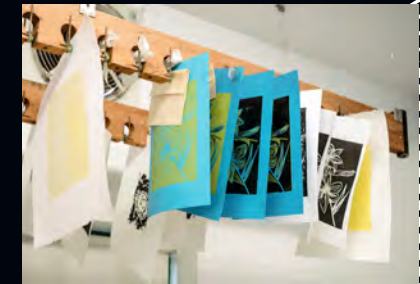
They strike a balance between innovative designs, artistic merit and easy practical application. Working together, we seek to answer questions such as “what is this problem and how can we solve it?” and “how can this be better?”

Design is a form of visual communication. Whether animation, video games or interiors, the students have infused their work with their personal experiences and stories.

Through this event, you will engage with the next generation of innovative product creators and designers. They have unleashed their creativity and pushed the boundaries of existing design norms.

Courses

- Animation BA (Hons)
- Games Design BA (Hons)
- Graphic Design BA (Hons)
- Interior Design BA (Hons)
- Product Design BA (Hons)



Performance

Drama

You are warmly invited to join us for the final theatre performances from our graduating Drama students. Third years from Theatre, Dance, and Drama: Education and Community, will showcase their final pieces, addressing the social, personal and political issues relevant to people today. All topics have been carefully chosen by the students and investigated through research and practice. The result is theatre that prompts audiences to see issues and ideas with new eyes, encouraging new thinking and questioning through their entertaining and engaging approaches to the form.

Expect a diverse and engaging range of performances, from large ensembles to intimate solo works; new writing for the theatre to complex devised performance; from autobiographical work to satirical comedy. Please come and see the theatre makers and performers of the future!

Music

Compose. Create. Collaborate.

Our cohort of students are diverse, creative and talented. When they work together, the results are inspired and transformative. We encourage these musicians to infuse their work with their culture and lived experiences.

Our concert is a showcase of musical ability. It will feature bands, choirs, drumming groups, and more, and showcases the wide range of musics found in our community.

Courses

- Acting BA (Hons)
- Drama and Dance BA (Hons)
- Drama and Theatre BA (Hons)
- Drama: Education and Community BA (Hons)
- Music BA (Hons)
- Music: Community Music BA (Hons)
- Musical Theatre BA (Hons)



Production

Our students are creators and producers of media, film, music, audio and journalism. Working solo and collaboratively, they produce media and music that informs, entertains, or challenges us.

Working closely with industry partners and professional producers, media and music production students at York St John University develop both industry ready skills and their creative and critical abilities to engage audiences and share their passion for their medium. Join us in celebrating their achievements.

Courses

Film and TV Production BA (Hons)

Journalism BA (Hons)

Media Production BA (Hons)

Music Production BA (Hons)

Music Production and Music Business BA (Hons)

Sports Journalism BA (Hons)



Timetable


Performance

Acting, Drama and Dance, Drama and Theatre, Drama: Education and Community
Music, Music: Community Music, Musical Theatre

Event	Date and time	Location
 Musical Production Musical Theatre	Thursday 2 May Friday 3 May 7.30pm	Creative Centre Auditorium
 Dance Trail Drama	Tuesday 14 May 1.00pm	York St John University Campus and York City Centre
 Art Gallery Performance Music and Drama	Thursday 23 May 2.00pm and 3.00pm	York Art Gallery
 Artist as Witness Drama	Wednesday 29 May 7.30pm	Dance Studio
 Concert and Musical Theatre Showcase Musical Theatre	Tuesday 4 June 7.30pm	Creative Centre Auditorium
 Concert and Musical Theatre Showcase Music	Wednesday 5 June 12.30pm	Creative Centre Auditorium
 Celebratory Gala Evening	Wednesday 5 June 6.00pm	Creative Centre Auditorium and Arts Workshop Atrium




Production

Film and TV Production, Journalism, Media Production, Music Production
Music Production and Music Business, Sports Journalism

Event	Date and time	Location
 Production Awards Night	Friday 14 June 6.00pm	Creative Centre Auditorium





Art

Fine Art, Illustration and Photography

Event	Date and time	Location
 Degree Show VIP Opening Event	Thursday 30 May 5.30pm	Creative Centre Atrium, Phoenix, McGregor, South Quad Foyer
 Degree Show Exhibition	30 May to 6 June 12.00pm – 6.00pm	Creative Centre Atrium, Phoenix, McGregor, South Quad Foyer
 Awards Night	Thursday 6 June 5.30pm	Creative Centre Auditorium

Design

Games Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Product Design and Animation

Event	Date and time	Location
 Opening Degree Show Launch	Friday 7 June 6.00pm	Design Centre, Quad North, Quad South Hall and Creative Centre Auditorium
 Animation Screening	Friday 7 June 7.00pm	Creative Centre Auditorium
 Design Degree Show Exhibition	10 to 13 June 10.00am - 4.00pm	Design Centre, Quad North and Quad South Hall
 Design and Animation Awards Night	Thursday 13 June 7.00pm	Creative Centre Auditorium

Head to our website for the most up to date information about
times and locations: yorks.ac.uk/school-of-the-arts-festival



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in advance



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