

Cultural eXchanges @ Riverside Festival 2025

Schedule of events

Saturday 7 June

All performances are in the Campus Centre

12:00: DMU DANCE/Moving Together

Ragtrade Rave is a collaborative piece between DMU Dance and the Keep Moving Collective that playfully combines movement, music and props into a vibrant tribute to Leicester's hosiery and footwear industries.

12:15: Sookie (Shu Yu)

Hi, I'm a final year Arts and Festivals Management student who loves musicals, plays piano, and sings. I enjoy traveling and exploring the world, I dream of working in theatre in the future.

12:30: Ingeus Got Talent

Ingeus' mission is to enable better lives. Our justice services support people in prison and on probation rehabilitate through inspiring confidence and fostering personal growth for positive change.

13:15: Creative Writing

Come and be inspired by readings from Leicester Centre for Creative Writing at DMU. Our members will share a range of writing at different stages of development.

13:30: Ricky (Yonghao Zhou)

Final year Arts and Festivals Management student from China, Yonghao will be singing classical and traditional songs.

13:45: Eleanora (Jiali Hou)

I am a final year Arts and Festivals Management student, and a classical pianist from in China with a blend of classical and traditional genres. I am really excited to take part in the first cultural exchanges partnership with Riverside festival!

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14:15: Curve Youth Dance Group

A dynamic dance piece exploring how connection and community have shifted from social dancing to social media, questioning whether these changes have truly brought us closer or pushed us further apart.

15:00: Tawanda Nyamadzawo

A final year student studying Music Technology at DMU. Tawanda will be performing a fusion of R&B and rap at the festival.

15:15: Joshua Chamberlain

Final year Music Technology student. Joshua plays piano and guitar and has written, recorded, and released two albums.

16:00: DJ KTZ

Leicester-based DJ blending hard techno, industrial, acid, and groove. Resident at various city centre clubs. Expect relentless energy, heavy bass, and mind-bending rhythms.

17:00: Marcus Joseph

Marcus Joseph is a dynamic saxophonist, spoken word artist, and composer blending jazz, reggae, and hip-hop influences. His music uplifts communities, celebrating Afro-Caribbean heritage with infectious grooves and positive energy.

Sunday 8 June

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12:00: Steel Pans Contrast Steel Band

Contrast Cadets, the youth division of Contrast Steel Band are a group of talented young musicians from across Leicestershire.

13:15: CDCA Academy

CDCA is a community dance group, based in Leicester City Centre. CDCA is guaranteed to get young people moving, having fun, and making friends, boosting their self-esteem and confidence.

15:00: Honest Dave

Expect the usual luscious blend of tender falsetto vocals, 12 string acoustic guitar and loop pedal layers + collaborations with an eclectic mix of musicians and visual artists.

16:15: Palms

We're a band based in Leicester, playing live across the city with multiple other local bands. Our tunes blend the grit of Oasis and Arctic Monkeys with the gleam of Blur and Radiohead.

All weekend (Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 June)

This performance is held in Chantry Building on both days*

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14:00: Knitted Skies*

Whether you're a seasoned knitter or have never picked up a needle, this workshop is for you! An event to connect, unwind, and be part of something bigger. Through the simple act of knitting, we will explore what "home" means to each of us and how our stories weave together.

19:00 - 20:00 (Saturday 7 June): The 3rd Sign**

18:00 - 19:00 (Sunday 8 June): The 3rd Sign

The 3rd Sign by Paul Gosling. A supernatural one-act play from Crooked Hand Productions, presented with an immersive sound experience created by Music Technology students. (Tickets are purchasable at the door for £6 each).