



**AUTIN**  
DANCE THEATRE



## Street Games in the Square

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3PM - 7:50PM

Victoria Square, Birmingham



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**Hello!** We are looking forward to welcoming you to **Street Games in the Square!**

This pack will give you more information about the event and what to expect ahead of your visit!

### **About us:**

Autin Dance Theatre is an independent arts organisation established in Birmingham since 2013. Under the helm of Director/Choreographer Johnny Autin, the Company produces innovative and aspirational artistic performances and provides extensive learning and participation programmes in the community. We work with exceptional local and national dance artists to deliver our work across the Midlands and beyond. More information about the company can be found on our website [www.autindt.co.uk](http://www.autindt.co.uk) or our social media pages **@AutinDT**.



## What to expect:

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by **volunteers in yellow t-shirts** and **3 Games Hosts Sean Noone, Hank Bamberger and Gemma Pilgrim.**

**EIF Sound and Music** will play music throughout the whole event.

If you have any questions, you can ask our Producer **Annalise Cowan** (she has blue and purple hair, so you won't miss her!)

There will be 2 BSL Interpreters on-site **Rachel Tipping and Emma Dunleavy-Dale.**

The event will happen in **Victoria Square in Birmingham City Centre**, behind Floozy in the Jacuzzi. You will find:

- **A stage where our 3 Games Hosts will be leading the Street Games and 2 Sound Designers who will be playing music throughout the event.**
- **A large screen which will show images and names of each game we will play. The screen will be used later at 8PM to watch the LIVE Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games!**
- **A painted concrete floor that we will be playing all of our Street Games on!**
- **A surprise appearance from our 13-foot-tall Sea Giant called Eko. Don't worry, even though he is very tall, he is super friendly and just wants to be your friend.**

As the event is taking place outside and in the city centre, you can expect a **busy but fun atmosphere** with access to chairs if you need them. There are also plenty of benches, walls, and ledges around if you wish to sit down.

We want to create a **multisensory experience** for participants.

There will be **colourful painted concrete** that will fill Victoria Square as well as images, videos and words that will be appear on the large digital screen.

The event will be **quite loud** with music playing throughout and our Games Hosts speaking through microphones.

Each participant will receive a **bandana to use as part of the games.**

There are 4 colours available: **Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow.**

**Please return them to the volunteers in the yellow t-shirts when the games are over.**

There will be an **interactive digital game** called Piing that you can play from your own smart phone if you would like to.

This will take around 15 minutes before we start the Street Games.

**The event will be BSL Interpreted by Rachel Tipping and Emma Dunleavy-Dale.**

The space is **accessible for wheel chair users** and is designed for you to **move around freely.**

You can enter and exit as many times as needed.

Eko the Sea Giant will make an appearance during the games and the music set. He is **colourful, friendly, and made from soft foam!**

**Feel free to take pictures and videos throughout the event.**

## About Street Games in the Square:

Street Games in the Square is the the official Festival Site warm-up party to the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony!

It is an inclusive and accessible afternoon of street games, music and dance with BSL performance by one of our Game Hosts Sean Noone and BSL interpretation.

You can expect games from around the world that everyone can get involved in, music from our house DJs EIF, and a very special guest: Eko the Sea Giant from 'Out of the Deep Blue'!

The event will be approximately 5 hours with the Street Games and Music divided into time slots. After the event, you can stay in Victoria Square to watch the Opening Ceremony LIVE from 8PM!

[CLICK HERE FOR BSL VIDEOS ABOUT THE EVENT](#)



# The Games:

## **Piing**

A virtual game that brings people together. Play a high-speed game, using your phone as a controller, with the action played out on the big screen. There's no app to download, so you can get involved straight away. Donations to charity can be made and proceeds will be split equally between Comic Relief and registered charities United by Birmingham 2022 Legacy Charity and Commonwealth Sport Foundation.

## **Bula! (Hello!) - Fiji**

The game host will call out numbers between 1 and 10 to the beat of the music. Each time a number is called out, there will be an action associated with that number.

For example: 1 = jump / 2 = arms wave / 3 = clap three times)

This game is about moving around Victoria Square in different directions and following the numbers. 3 is our special number where we raise both hands to shout "Bula!", Fijian for "Hello!" The numbers won't always be called out in the correct order, so you will have to try and remember which action goes with each number!

## **Elonti Belonti (Musical Statues) - Bangladesh**

Freestyle to the rhythm of EIF's original beat. When the music stops, you freeze. When the music speeds up, you move faster. When the music slows down, you move slower. Watch out for Eko the Sea Giant, he will be moving around and dancing with everyone!

# The Games:

## **Pillow Game - United Kingdom**

Fold your Street Games Bandana into a small triangle and balance it on the back of your hand for as long as you can! With one hand behind your back, face your partner as you both try to make each other's "pillow" drop off. You have 30 seconds and not allowed to make contact, GO!

## **River Bank - Sri Lanka**

2 long pieces of fabric (blue and pink) will be stretched out and laid on the floor, creating a river. The game host will call out instructions for all to jump 'in the river' or 'on the bank'. It can be easy to get confused and jump the wrong way. Can you do it right every time?

## **Whano Whano - New Zealand**

The aim is to jump up and finish in a different landing position than the leader. Clap for 1, 2, 3 and shout 'Whano!' (pronounced Fano) as you jump up together! If you land in the same position as the leader, you're out! Can you beat the leader?

## **Pon De Road - Barbados**

Learn an upbeat and fun dance routine using your bandanas! The steps are simple and repetitive. Smile, have fun and join the dance!



# Running Order:

**3PM - 3:15PM:** Welcome to Street Games in the Square!

**3:15PM - 4:25PM:** EIF Sound and Music Set

**4:25PM - 5:15PM:** Street Games with our 3 Games Hosts + special guest 'Eko'

**5:15PM - 5:30PM:** Time to play 'Piing' (Digital Games on the BIG SCREEN)

**5:30PM - 6:45PM:** EIF Sound and Music Set

**6:45PM - 7:35PM:** Street Games with our 3 Games Hosts + special guest 'Eko'

**7:35PM - 7:50PM:** Time to play 'Piing' (Digital Games on the BIG SCREEN)

**8PM:** LIVE OPENING CEREMONY ON THE BIG SCREEN!



# Getting To The Event

**Address:** Victoria Square, Birmingham

The square will look slightly different on the day as there will be a painted floor as well as a stage and screen set up!



## **By Car + Parking:**

Town Hall Car Park - Brunel Street, B1 1TA

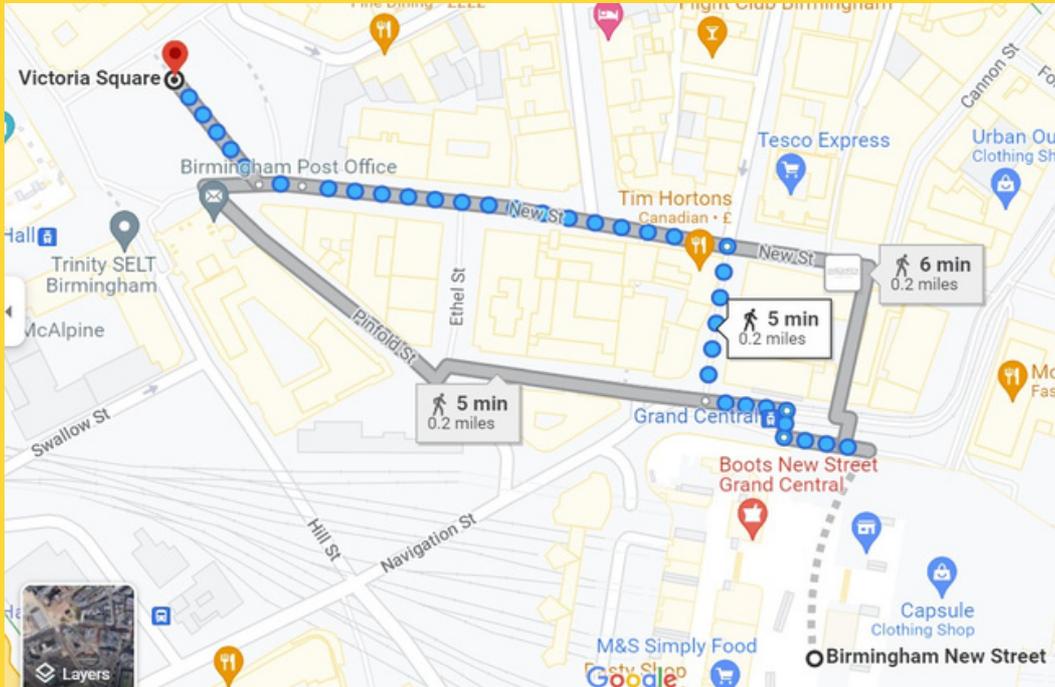
Navigation Street Car Park - Navigation Street, B5 4AD

## **By Bus:**

9, 10, 12, 12A, 13, 13A, 23, 24, 35, 45, 47, 61, 63, 82, 87, 89, 101, 126, 822, 829,  
X1, X2, X8, X10

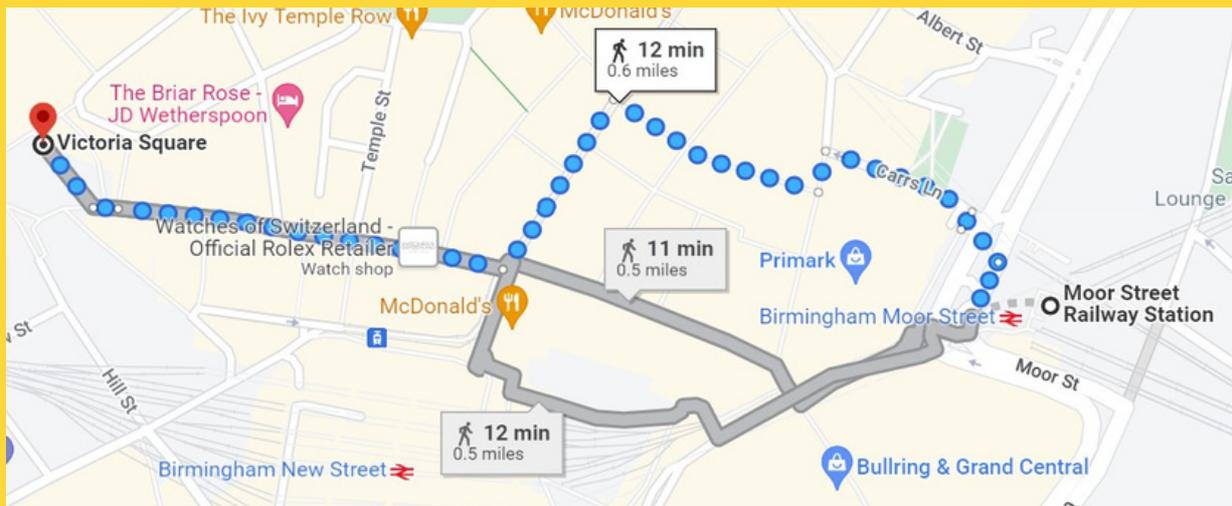
## By Train:

From Birmingham New Street - 5 minute walk from Stephenson Street / Navigation Street Exit (past Boots + Greggs)



## By Train:

From Birmingham Moor Street - Approx. 10 minute walk from the Main Exit



Plan your journey:

<https://moovitapp.com/index/en-gb/public-transportation-Victoria-Square-West-Midlands-site-8352141-2108>

**We hope you found this information pack helpful!**

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