

LIGHT UP FEST

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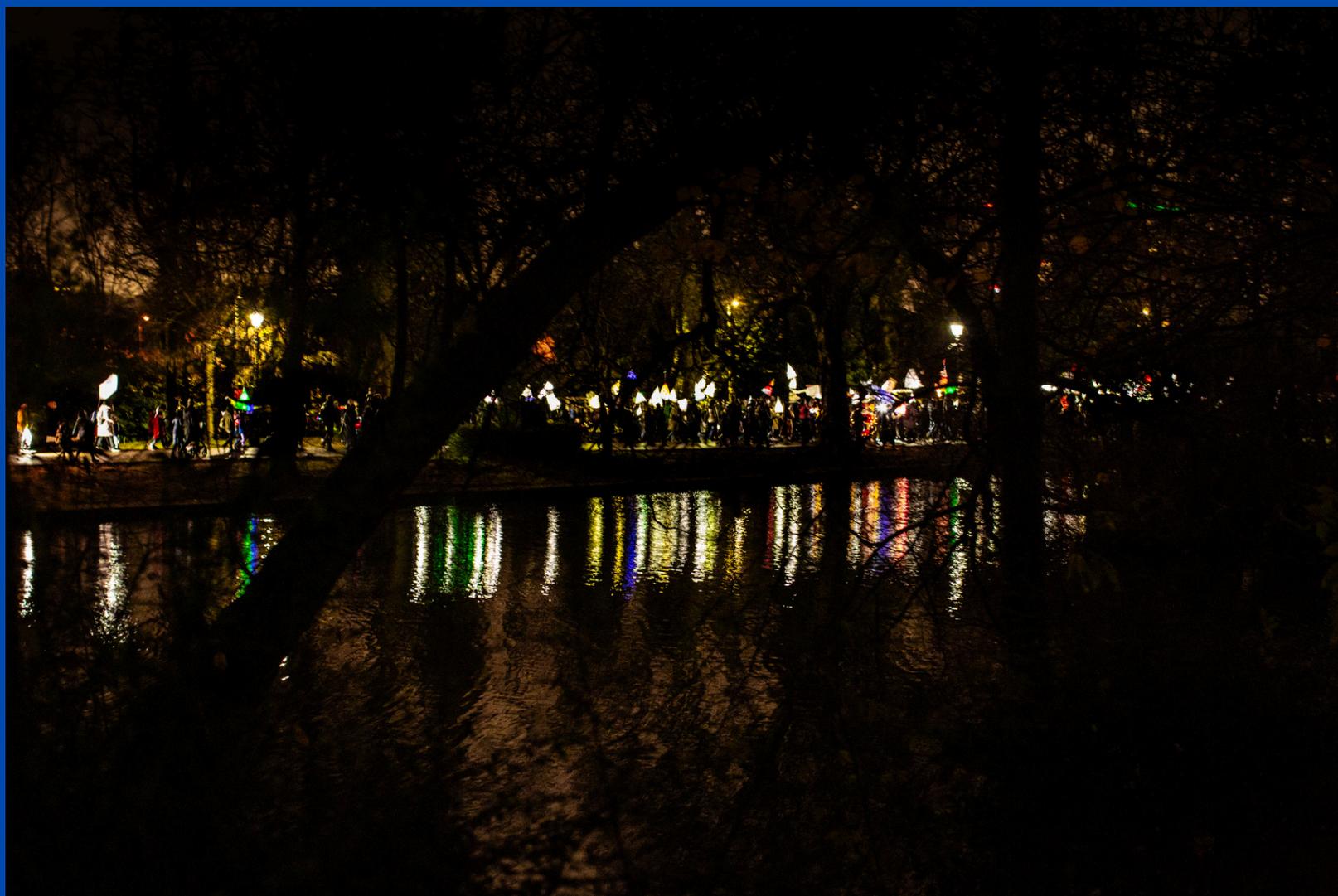
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ABOUT

Light Up Fest is a vibrant, community-driven celebration presented by Autin Dance Theatre, co-commissioned by Midlands Arts Centre and kindly sponsored by Eversheds Sutherland.

Returning on **Saturday 21 February 2026**, Light Up Fest invites audiences of all ages to gather for a magical winter celebration of creativity, community and light.

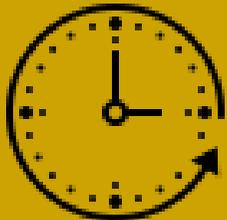
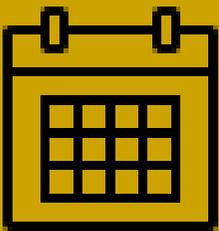


Autin Dance Theatre is an award-winning, innovative dance company and registered charity based in Birmingham, UK, under the artistic direction of acclaimed choreographer Johnny Autin.

PERFORMANCE

INFORMATION

Light Up Fest will take place on
Saturday 21st February.



The **free outdoor parade** will gather from
4.30pm outside MAC (park side) and sets
off at **5.15pm**. The event will **finish by**
6pm.



You will need to **book a ticket** on the
Midlands Arts Centre's website.

Tickets are **FREE!**

Click [HERE](#) to reserve a ticket!



You can find the fun at
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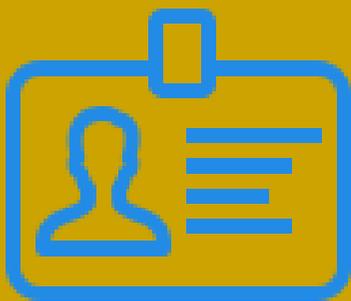
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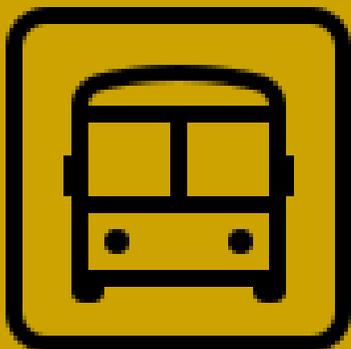
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Paid parking is available at the **Queen's Ride** car park, the **Pershore Road** car park next to the Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park (BWCP) and the smaller **Russell Road** car park.



Charges **do not apply** to Blue Badge holders and the Queen's Ride car park provides a number of **access parking spaces**.



Receive **25% off NX WM Day Saver ticket** when travelling by bus!

To unlock this special discount, **simply book your ticket to Light Up Fest** and receive the offer via email, telephone or at our Welcome Desk.



Several bus routes take you to MAC:

- 1 – Stop on Edgbaston Road (0.3 miles)
- 35 – Stop on Willows Road (0.5 miles)
- 41/45/47 – Stop on Pershore Road (0.5 miles)
- 61/63 – Stop on Bristol Road (1 mile)

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For more information on **how to get to the MAC**, please visit their website:

<https://macbirmingham.co.uk/visit/getting-here>



Olivia Whitter will be the **BSL Interpreter** at this event.



We encourage all attendees to **dress appropriately for the weather.**

Some **food, drink**, and Autin Dance Theatre **merch** will be available to buy **outside of MAC**, on the terrace.



As the event is taking place **outside**, you can expect a **busy but fun atmosphere**.

There will be **music** playing throughout the parade.



To help keep the **space safe**, we will have **security** around the festival site.



Light Up Fest will be **photographed and recorded** for marketing, monitoring, and evaluation purposes.

If you or your children **do not** wish to be included in any recordings, **please inform a member of staff**.



If you need **any help**, or have any questions, you can ask a member of staff in a **high-vis vest**.

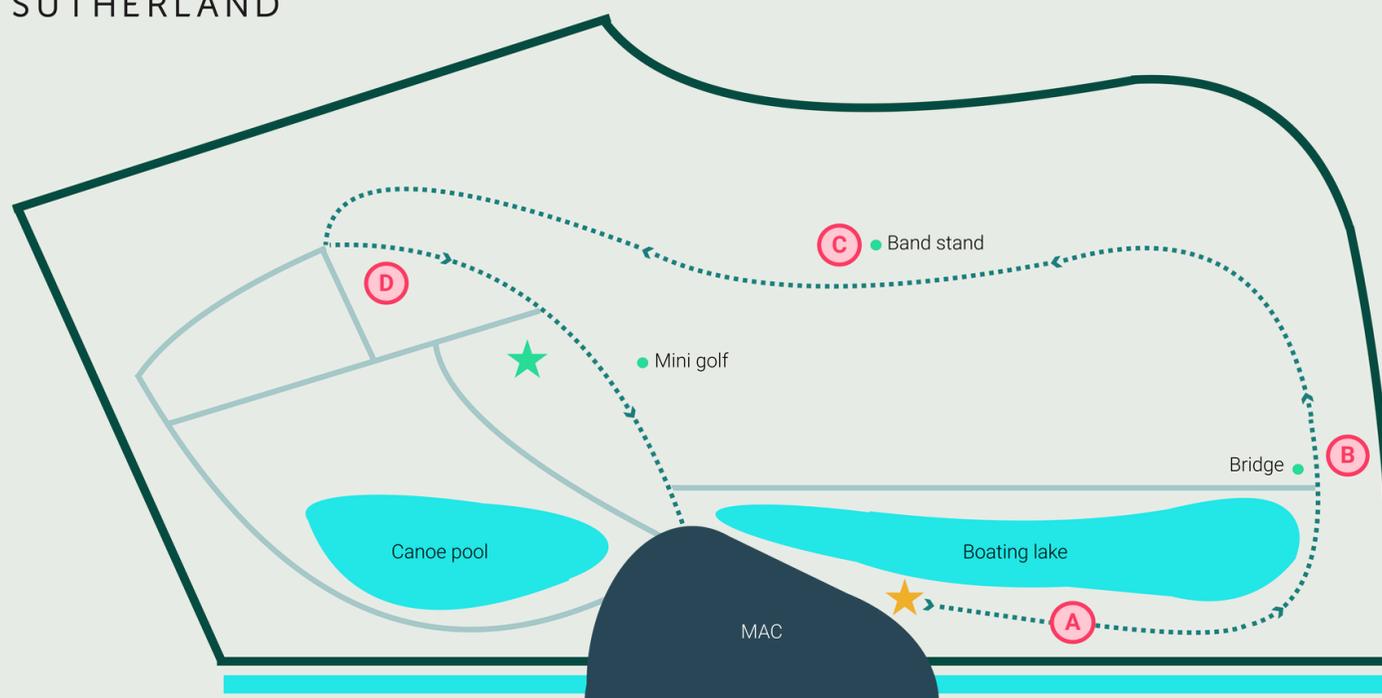
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MAP

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● Spectator zones ★ Start point / participant gathering area
... Parade journey ★ End point



There will be **4 x Audience Zones** around the park labelled **A, B, C & D**.

Zone **A and D** is recommended as the **most accessible** viewing areas.

When the parade has **passed your zone**, you will have the **option to join** at the back and **follow to watch the finale** performance.

There will be a short **5-minute** performance with Birmingham Opera Company at the **end of the parade** to end the event.